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“UNEXPECTED LOVE – IMMANUEL”

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(which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:22-23

Scripture’s Stated Outcomes:

- ★ Jesus will _____ His people from their _____ (Mt. 1:21).
- ★ Believers will be _____ into the _____ of Christ (Rom. 8:29).

Unexpected Blessings of Having “God with Us”:

- ◆ Blessing = a special _____, mercy, or _____.
1. Jesus _____ with us in our weaknesses. He knows what it is to be _____ in all _____ as we are. (Heb. 4:14-16; Mt. 11:28-30).
 2. Jesus knows what it means to be _____ (John 8:41).
 3. We should expect _____ (Jn. 15:18-25; Mt. 5:10-12).
 4. Jesus _____ real _____ about us (Jn. 11:17-44; Lk 13:34-35).

5. Jesus showed us that His top priority was the _____ (Lk. 19:1-10; Mt. 26:26-29).
6. The guarantee that since Jesus was _____, we, too, will be _____ (Rom. 6:5; 1 Cor. 15:20-22).

Reflection Question:

- ◆ Who are you going to _____?
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

REMEMBER: We walk by _____, not by _____ (2 Cor. 5:7).

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- ◆ Blessing = a special favor, mercy, or benefit.
1. Jesus sympathizes with us in our weaknesses. He knows what it is to be tempted in all points as we are. (Heb. 4:14-16; Mt. 11:28-30).
 2. Jesus knows what it means to be mistreated (John 8:41).
 3. We should expect persecution (Jn. 15:18-25; Mt. 5:10-12).
 4. Jesus feels real emotion about us (Jn. 11:17-44; Lk 13:34-35).

5. Jesus showed us that His top priority was the gospel (Lk. 19:1-10; Mt. 26:26-29).
6. The guarantee that since Jesus was resurrected, we, too, will be resurrected (Rom. 6:5; 1 Cor. 15:20-22).

Reflection Question:

- ◆ Who are you going to trust?
Myself?, Friends?, Internet?, “Experts”?, God?

REMEMBER: We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).