



## Emmanuel “God with Us”

Matthew 1:23

### Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>NIV</sup> **Matthew 1:18** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

### Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

### Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").  
<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.  
<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### Outline

- **The Miracle of Emmanuel’s Conception**
  - “The virgin will conceive” (v. 23)
- **The Meaning of the name “Emmanuel”**
  - “which means ‘God with us’”

### The Miracle of Emmanuel's Conception

- **The proof that Mary was a "virgin."**
  - The proof that Mary was morally pure at the time of her conception of Jesus is found in her response to the angel's message.
  - Gabriel had just announced that she would conceive and bear a son whose name was to be Jesus (Luke 1:31).
  - "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34).

### The Miracle of Emmanuel's Conception

- The phrase "I know not a man" is the normal expression to express sexual purity.
- Gabriel does not question the truthfulness of her statement.
- The fact that he had just announced her favored status with God confirms her statement (Luke 1:28, 30).
- **Conclusion:** Mary, according to her own testimony, was a virgin at the time of Jesus' conception.

### The Miracle of Emmanuel's Conception

- **The proclamation concerning the conception.** (Luke 1:35)
  - Gabriel answered Mary's question with the proclamation that the child would be conceived by means of divine power:
  - "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

### The Miracle of Emmanuel's Conception

- By means of a miraculous conception, the **deity** of the child is secured. Jesus will truly be the Son of God.
- In addition, the **depravity** of the human race, caused by Adam's fall (Romans 5:12) and passed on to all human descendants through the father (Psalm 51:5), is by-passed.

### The Miracle of Emmanuel's Conception

- Jesus does not partake of inherited depravity. He is born without sin.
- And because Mary is the mother, the **humanity** of Jesus is also secured (cf. Luke 2:7, "her firstborn son").

### The Meaning of the name "Emmanuel"

- **they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").** (v.23)
  - For the Christian, wherever we go, or whatever happens to us, we are always to remember: "God is with us."
  - **How and When is God with Us?**
  - **God is "with us" in our battles to strengthen us and uphold us.**

### The Meaning of the name "Emmanuel"

- "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).

### The Meaning of the name "Emmanuel"

- He is "with us" in the floods and fires of life.
- "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2).

### The Meaning of the name "Emmanuel"

- God is "with us" in our brokenness.
- He cares about the bruised, hurting person.
- "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth" (Isaiah 42:3).

### The Meaning of the name "Emmanuel"

- He has come to heal the broken hearted.
- "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

The Story of a Man who had gone through the severe trials and disappointments and how Emmanuel, "God with Us" helped him persevere in his faith.

The Story behind the Song  
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head:  
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, goodwill to men.