



The Big Reveal – Christmas with Matthew

Part 3 - 1:22-25, Emmanuel

Matthew 1:20 “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. ²¹ “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.”

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²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

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Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

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Reflections upon the significance of Emmanuel:

- 1) Emmanuel sets the Christian faith apart as unique from all other religions.
 - (a) no God with us
 - (b) God is us
 - (c) a god with us

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2) Emmanuel reveals a God who understands.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... (John 1:1,14).

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3) Emmanuel is a way to live.

“When God seems absent, sometimes it’s up to us to show his presence. Often the world only knows the truth of Emmanuel, “God with us,” because of his followers.” – Phillip Yancey