

**IMMANUEL-"God With Us"**  
**"Names Mean Something"**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. In the Bible NAMES mean something!!
  - a) There are some 85 names of God in the Bible, all to give us a description of Him because no one name can define Him!!
2. This morning I want to focus on one of those names.
  - a) **Matthew 1:23**
    - 1) **"They shall call His name Immanuel"**
  - b) **Vs 22-23**
    - 1) **Matthew 1:23** is a fulfillment of **Isaiah 7:14**
    - 2) **"Immanuel"** - means **"God with us"**

**I. THE PROPHECY**

**A. THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPHECY**

1. **Matthew 1:23** is a fulfillment of **Isaiah 7:14**.
  - a) **"Immanuel"** - means **"God with us!"**
2. So what does it mean to call Jesus Immanuel?
3. In **Isaiah 7:14** God's people were being attacked by the enemy!!!
  - a) AND God showed up and said to King Ahaz, **"I'm going to give you a Sign of Victory."**
4. The birth prophesied was to be a sign to King Ahaz specifically.
  - a) This child who was to be a sign that Judah would not be conquered by the Israel-Aram alliance, was most likely the son soon to be born to Isaiah and the **"prophetess"** 8:3
5. So one of the things we must understand about Immanuel is that no matter what you are going through, or what you have gone through, (the good, bad, and the ugly), **He is the same Immanuel**.
  - a) He is **"God with you."**
8. So when Matthew quotes the verse - **Isaiah 7:14** he does so because things aren't going so well.

## B. GOING DEEPER

1. The New Testament declares over and over again that Jesus is God.
  - a) ***Colossians 1:15***
  - b) ***Hebrews 1:3***
2. The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He made Himself equal to God.
  - a) ***John 1:1***
3. The writers of the New Testament declared Jesus to be God.
  - a) ***John 14:8-9***

## C. THE NAMES OF JESUS

1. In the O.T. **Elohim** is the creator God
  - a) In the N.T. it says everything that was created was created by Jesus Christ.
2. In the O.T. God is called **Jehovah** - the "**I AM**"
  - a) In the N.T. Jesus said to the Jews - "**Before Abraham was 'I AM'**"
3. In the O.T. God is called **Adoni** - Master over all (The Boss)
  - a) In the N.T. it says we must **confess Jesus as Lord** (Our Boss)
4. In the O.T. God is called **Jehovah Nissi** - "**Your banner of victory.**"
  - a) In the N.T. Jesus said "**I have overcome the world.**"
5. In the Old Testament God is called **Jehovah Rohi** - ***the Lord is my Shepherd.***
  - a) In the N.T. Jesus said "I am the good Shepherd and my sheep hear my voice."
6. In the Old Testament God is **Jehovah Tsaba** - "**The Lord of Hosts**"
  - a) In the N.T. Jesus could have called 10,000 angels.
7. In the O.T. God is called **El Elyon** - "**The Most High God**"
  - a) In the N.T. Jesus sits on the right hand of the Father.
8. In the O.T. God is called "**El Shaddai**" - ***Almighty God***
  - a) In the N.T. It says that Jesus is "**Lord Almighty**" - **Revelation 1:8**
9. **VERY GOOD:** So if you get confused about the names of God all you have to do remember the name "**Immanuel**" - "**God with us**"

## II. HOW GOD GOT TO BE WITH US

### A. HIS NATURE

1. Because God is transcendent in nature - which means He is Holy Other.
  - a) **That is, He is outside of our realm** - meaning He is infinitely distinct from His creation.
2. God wanted to be with us dwelling among us.
3. So how did this occur? The prophecy tells us.

### B. UNION OF TWO NATURES

1. **Matthew 1:2-3**
  - a) **"a virgin shall conceive and bear a son"**
2. So how in the world does this happen?
3. It's what's known as the **"Hypostatic Union"**
  - a) That is the union of 2 natures, in one person, unmixed forever.
4. That's why Jesus is sometimes called the **Son of God**, because he has the nature of deity.
  - a) .... and other times, The **Son of Man**, because he has the nature of humanity.
5. How does that occur? A virgin would have a baby.
  - a) **Luke 1:30-34, 35**
6. **Philippians 2:6-7**
  - a) Before the birth of Jesus, He existed as part of the God-head.
7. **Isaiah 9:6**
  - a) **"Unto us a child is born"** - Christ's humanity
  - b) **"unto us a Son is given"** - Christ's deity.
8. Even though a child was born, a son had to be given, WHY?
  - a) Because the Son existed before the child was born..
9. **Philippians 2:7**
  - a) **"but he emptied himself"**
  - b) **"by taking the form of a servant"**

c) "*being born in the likeness of men*"

10. **Why did He do that??** So that He could be with us.

a) Jesus went through the entirety of human development yet without losing His deity.

11. *Col 1:16*

12. *Hebrews 10:5-7*

### III. HEIR TO THE THRONE

1. The O.T. prophets, prophesied, that one day a Messiah would come.

a) That He would have to become the LEGAL chronological lineage of David.

2. WOW!!! The whole O.T. said that a King was coming.

a) AND that this king would be God in the flesh.

b) AND THAT this king would come through the Tribe of Judah via the lineage of David.

3. **NOW WATCH THIS:** In 70 AD Titus, the Roman General destroyed Jerusalem.

a) He destroyed the City as well as the Temple.

b) Which is important to know because all the genealogical records of the Jews were located in the temple!!

4. There are TWO genealogical lines in Scripture.

a) One is the record of Joseph

b) AND the other is the record of Mary

5. These 2 genealogies PROVE that Jesus was and is the Messiah prophesied in the **OLD TESTAMENT**.

a) That Jesus is from the lineage of David biologically and legally.

6. *Matthew 1:6-9, 16*

a) "by whom"

7. So God moved heaven and earth to get them to fall in love and get engaged.

8. And then had to get them to Bethlehem - *Micah 5:2*

a) So that the prophecy could be fulfilled.

9. *Luke 2:1-7*

10. ***Hebrews 4:14-16***

a) Jesus felt loneliness, betrayal, crucifixion and death.

11. So we could have a personal relationship with Him.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. What will you do with this information?

2. ***Philippians 2:9-11***