

# IMMANUEL IS COMING

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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“Some people might feel sorry for our lives. Don’t. We haven't been deprived of anything. Emily brought us so much joy that is difficult to put into words.”

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## Matthew 1:21-23

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him **Jesus**, for He will **save** His people from their **sins**.”

## Matthew 1:21-23

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall name Him **Immanuel**,” which means, “God with us.””

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- God was not human,  
He was high and holy.
- The Jews didn't even have idols  
or graven images.

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- The Jews would not even say  
Yahweh's name.
- When they read Torah,  
leaders would wrap it in a cloth.

# The Doctrine of Incarnation was Blasphemy.

- God was so magnificent no human could lay eyes on Him and live.
- The Holy of Holies was the most sacred place.
- "Jesus is God with us" was blasphemy.



The fact that the earliest Christians,  
a critical mass of Jews,  
concluded Jesus was God  
is a powerful apologetic for Jesus.

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Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God...

Revelation 22:20-21 - "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

# The gods



# Jesus



God with us so we can  
be with God forever.

Does anybody want me?

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The only reason you exist  
is because God wants you.

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## The Means

How Does God  
Save Us?



God Becomes  
With Us

## The Motive

Why Does God  
Save Us?



God Wants  
To Be With Us

What do you think Jesus thinks about the dark places of your life that only you know?

- Overdependence on alcohol
- Opioid use
- Explosive anger
- Shady business deals
- Need for approval
- Dishonesty

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- Biblical compromise
- Secret resentment
- Crippling envy
- Discontentment and ingratitude
- Selfishness with money
- Self-centeredness

What do you think Jesus thinks about the dark places of your life that only you know?

- Weaponization of victim-mindset
- Hatred for "those people"
- Habitual use of pornography
- Secret affair
- False religiosity

# Doctrine of the Advocacy of Christ

1 John 2:1-2

But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

What do you think Jesus  
thinks about you right now?



# Doctrine of the Intercession of Christ

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through Him, since He always lives to make **intercession** for them.

Do you know  
what brings Jesus joy?

## Hebrews 12:1-2

...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

God wants to be with you.  
Do you want to be with Him?

“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes—and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer