
A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families
December 25, 2022: Immanuel, God With Us

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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- What kinds of feelings do you tend to cycle through each Christmas? Why?
 - What have you found yourself most appreciating about God this Christmas?
 - What does Matthew tell us about Joseph? What does he plan to do? Why? (18-19)
 - What is the significance if the word that Joseph heard from the angel? (20-25)
 - What is the reason for the name and the birth of Jesus? (21)
 - Why is it necessary that Jesus is born of Mary? Why is Joseph's legal paternity important?
 - What kinds of feelings and thoughts might Joseph & Mary each have?
 - Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be God with us (23). How is God with humanity? How is God with you today?
 - The birth of Jesus was not the result of Mary's infidelity, but of God's faithfulness. Not a result of sin, but to save from sin. Pray together, thanking God for His faithfulness and the gift of His son.