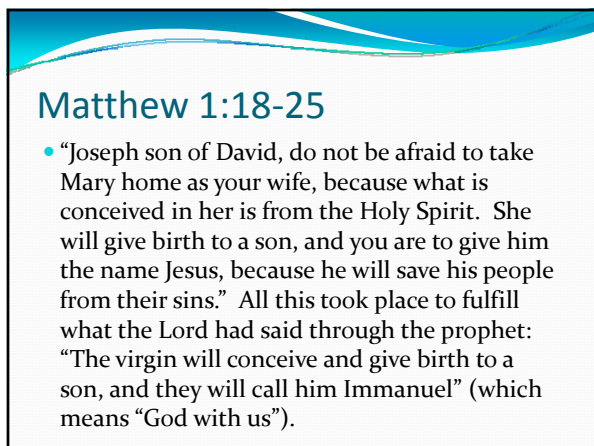


Matthew 1:18-25

- 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. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,



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

Matthew 1:18-25

- When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.
- Jesus was born under unapologetically miraculous circumstances. (Dickens)
- Jesus had a miraculous birth because of who he is: He is Immanuel, God with us.

Immanuel: God with us

- When you grasp who Jesus is, Immanuel, it has the potential to produce significant positive change in your life. (Joseph)
- It changes the way you process difficulties. (Where is God? Does He care?) (grief; pain)
- It changes the way you process sin, and failure. The angel told Joseph to name him Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins."

Immanuel: God with us

- When you grasp who Jesus is, Immanuel, it has the potential to produce significant positive change in your life.
- It changes the way you process sin, and failure. (deny, excuse, justify, blame, cover up, compare, works) (minimize)

Immanuel: God with us

- When you grasp who Jesus is, Immanuel, it has the potential to produce significant positive change in your life.
- It changes the way you process sin, and failure.
- Jesus said, “You have heard it said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’”
- “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”

Immanuel: God with us

- When you grasp who Jesus is, Immanuel, it has the potential to produce significant positive change in your life.
- It changes the way you process sin, and failure.
- Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’”
- “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Immanuel: God with us

- When you grasp who Jesus is, Immanuel, it has the potential to produce significant positive change in your life.
- It changes the way you process sin, and failure. (Courage)
