

Emmanuel

Jesus shows us that God is with us.

God is with us for Salvation  
Matthew 1.18-25

Jesus came to us to save us.

The Who of Christmas

All of us sin by nature and by choice. It is our ultimate problem.  
All of us, because of our sin, are in rebellion against and are separated from God.  
All of us need someone to deliver us from our sin and bring us to God.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

The birth of Jesus is God's saving work and revelation made known in historical events. The supernatural does not contradict the historical.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Neither Mary nor Joseph deserved to be the parents of Jesus. But God chose them because He knew they would be the right parents.

22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

Christmas is the revelation that God did something He never did before; He became one of us to live with us.

## The Why Of Christmas

21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

There came a point in time where God became involved with us.

There must come a point in your life where you become involved with God.