

Emmanuel

Jesus shows us that God is with us.

God is with us to Forgive
Matthew 9.9-13

Jesus came to us so that we could come to God.

The Christmas Journey

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 celebrates the journey of God being with us.

9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector’s booth; and He *said to him, “Follow Me!” And he got up and followed Him.

10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?”

The things we value will eventually become a standard by which we judge others.

12 But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means:

‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Christmas journey is a journey to Forgiveness, it is a journey to God.

The Journey Of Life

But the reality of our journey is at some point we need God to forgive us.

To God, your forgiveness and salvation are worth the cost of the cross.
And there is no cross without Christmas.

The journey of life is a journey of sin

It can be a journey of forgiveness