



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

CALL HIM IMMANUEL

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The Most High God. That is His name.

God said to Moses,
"You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."
(Exodus 33:20)

As Solomon dedicated the temple, he prayed,
"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest
heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built."
(1Kings 8:27)

"For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far
above all gods." (Psalm 97:9)

Imagine the shock, the awe, the wonder, when the angel spoke to Joseph
about naming the child Mary was to bear. This child would fulfill what the
Lord had spoken through Isaiah,

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son,
and they shall call his name
Immanuel"
(which means, God with us).

God with us! Joseph was called to steward God's greatest gift, the gift of His
Son. Yet Joseph was in as much need of this gift as anyone else. God would
come in stark humility. The Everlasting Father came as a child. The Mighty
God arrived as an infant, wrapped in swaddling cloths. The Wonderful
Counselor would accept Mary and Joseph's care. The Prince of Peace
stepped into Joseph's personal and political world of turmoil. God with us!

Jesus is God with us. Bask in the wonder. Soak up this truth. God with us.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 7 - 8; Matthew 1:18-25

Names carried significance concerning the character or role
of the person.

Call his name Jesus: Yahweh Saves!

Jesus is God! Yahweh is Salvation. He will save his people.

Why the name Jesus? Because He will save.

Save from what? Sin

Who will He save? His people.

OT reference is to Ps 130:8

"Wait" and "hope" drive Ps 130:5-7

Jesus was always focused on forgiving sin.

Yahweh saves. Jesus saves. Jesus, and only Jesus, saves.

How does this apply to me?



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