

# His Name is Emmanuel

## Matthew 1:22-23

Sermon Series: *What's in a name?*



# Matthew 1:22-23 (NLT)

- <sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:
- <sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel,  
which means 'God is with us.'"



# Isaiah 7:10-12 (NLT)

- <sup>10</sup> Later, the LORD sent this message to King Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask the LORD your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want—as high as heaven or as deep as the place of the dead.” <sup>12</sup> But the king refused. “No,” he said, “I will not test the LORD like that.”



# Isaiah 7:13-14 (NLT)

- <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? <sup>14</sup> All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).



# Isaiah 7:15 (NLT)

- <sup>15</sup> By the time this child is old enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong, he will be eating yogurt and honey.



# I. The Miraculous Nature of His Name

- Isaiah 7:14, *"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son."*
- Everything about the telling of the birth of the Lord Jesus was a miracle.



# Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- Genesis 3:15 (NKJV):
  - *And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her  
Seed; He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.*



# Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- Isaiah 9:6, *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."*
- When it says Emmanuel and it is explained for us what that means, God with us, it brings us to the miracle of the existence of Jesus Christ before HE was born.



# Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- *There is a miracle in His prior existence.*



# John 1:1-3 (NLT)

- *In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God.  
<sup>3</sup> God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through  
him.*



# John 1:4-5 (NLT)

- *<sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.*
- *<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*



# The Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- *There is the miracle of His dual nature.*
- Philippians 2:6-7 (NLT):
- *Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.  
<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he  
took the humble position of a slave and was  
born as a human being.*



# The Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- Hebrews 4:15 (NLT), *“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.”*



# Miraculous Nature (cont'd)

- We are all born with a sinful nature.
- Romans 5:12 (NLT) says, *“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.”*



## II. The Marvelous Nature of His Name

- What kind of God do you believe in?
- Do you believe in a God who is distant or do you believe in a God who is nearby?
- Ask yourself the question, does my God love me?



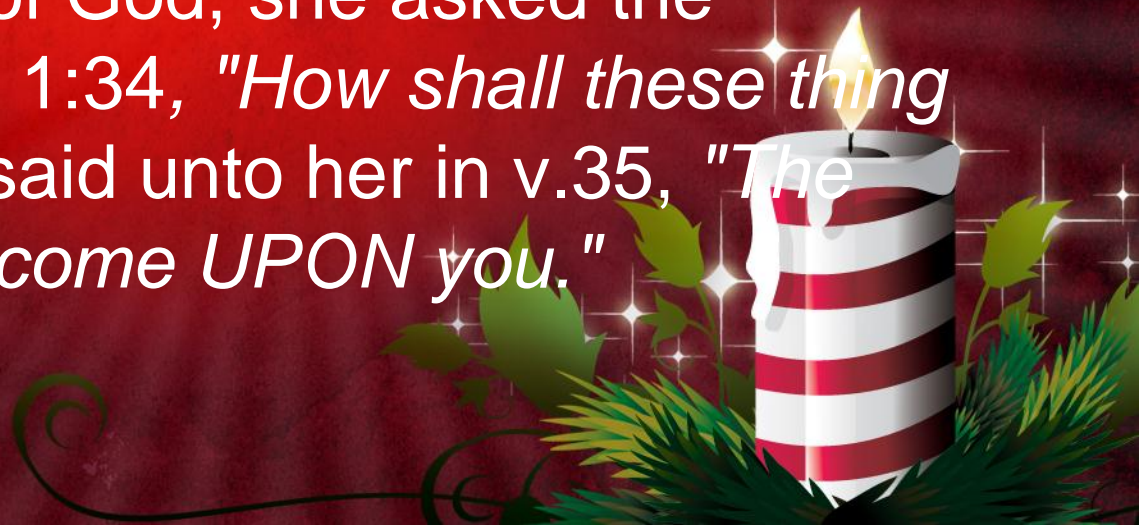
# The Marvelous Nature (cont'd)

- *God for us: He came to deal with our sinfulness.*
- *Romans 5:8 says, "God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died FOR us."*
- *Second Corinthians 5:17 says, "God made him who knew no sin to be sin FOR us."*



# The Marvelous Nature (cont'd)

- *God upon us: He came to deal with our weakness.*
- When Mary heard that she was going to give birth to the Son of God, she asked the question in Luke 1:34, "*How shall these things be?*" The angel said unto her in v.35, "*The Holy Spirit shall come UPON you.*"



# The Marvelous Nature (cont'd)

- Acts 1:8 says, *"You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come UPON you and you shall be witnesses unto me."*



# The Marvelous Name (cont'd)

- *God in us: He came to deal with our emptiness.*
- The birth of Christ means that when Jesus came it was God IN us. He came to deal with the emptiness of our lives. He can fill our lives with meaning. He can fill our lives with fullness.



# The Marvelous Name (cont'd)

- *God with us: He came to deal with our loneliness.*
- At Christmas loneliness is accentuated more than any other time of the year.



# 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NLT)

- *“They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.”*



# Revelation 21:3 (NLT)

- *“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.”*



# Invitation

