

IMMANUEL IN THE BIRTH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

12/22/24

I. CONTEXT

A. The obedience of Joseph to the word of the Angel

1. Took Mary as his wife
2. Did not “know” her until Jesus’ birth

B. Prophecy of Jesus’ birth

1. God is communicating that He will be with His people

II. NAME DILEMMA – JESUS OR IMMANUEL?

Isaiah 9:6 – “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

A. The many names of Jesus represent His nature and His purpose

1. Immanuel describes Jesus’ nature as God
2. Jesus describes His purpose on earth

III. WHY THE NAME JESUS?

A. To understand Him as Immanuel we have to understand Him as Jesus

B. Jesus saves us from sin’s separation

Matthew 27:50-51- “And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.”

Exodus 26:31- “And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it.”

C. God did the work of restoring us to Him

D. God doesn’t dwell in temples...He dwells with His people

E. God uses Jesus to restore the Immanuel that we lost