

## IMMANUEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Key verse: 23

1. How was the birth of Jesus written in history? What role did the Holy Spirit play? (18; Ge 1:2; Ps 104:30; Job 33:4)
2. What does it mean that Joseph was “faithful to the law”? (19a; Ps 119:9-11) How did Mary’s situation become a test to his faith? (19b) How did God help him? (20) What was his decision? (24-25)
3. What did the angel tell Joseph about the baby to be born? (21) Why is Jesus’ name important? (Ac 4:12; Ro 6:23) Do you confess Jesus’ name?
4. How does Jesus’ birth point to God’s involvement in human history? (22; Ge 3:15) What is the meaning of the virgin birth? (23; Isa 7:14) What is the meaning of Jesus’ name “Immanuel”? (Col 2:9; Isa 9:6) What does Christmas mean to you?