

Immanuel

Matthew 1:18-25

Key Verse: 23

1. Describe the events around Jesus' birth. (18-19) What does it mean that Joseph was "faithful to the law" (see also footnote a "righteous man")? What does this tell us about Joseph's struggle and character?
2. What was the angel's explanation of Mary's situation? (20) What does Jesus' birth reveal about his nature and purpose? (20b-21) Why is this good news for mankind? (Ro 3:23; Acts 4:12)
3. What is significant about Isaiah's prophecy? (22; Isa 7:14) How does the name of "Immanuel" express God's love for sinners? (Jn 3:16) What did this mean to Matthew, the author of this gospel? (Matthew 9:9) What can this mean to you?
4. How did Joseph respond to the angel's message? (24-25) What cost and blessing would Joseph face after making this decision? What can we learn about Joseph's faith?