

IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

Matthew 1:18-25

Key verse 23

Discussion questions:

- What are some struggles and rewards in Christian life that are revealed from this passage?
- How meaningful are the names “Jesus” and “Immanuel”?

Induction study questions:

1. Under what circumstances was Jesus conceived? (18-19) How would this pregnancy affect Mary’s life? What kind of thoughts might Joseph struggle with? What does his decision show about him?
2. What instructions did Joseph receive from the Lord? (20-21) What is the significance of Joseph being called the “son of David”? What do we learn about this child? What does the name “Jesus” tell us about his purpose in coming and our need for him?
3. What prophecy does the author mention is fulfilled in Jesus’ birth? (22-23; Isa 7:14) What does this prophecy mean? What connection can be made between the name “Jesus” and “Immanuel”? How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy? How might this have been meaningful to Matthew?
4. What did Joseph do when he woke up? (24-25) What does this show about him? How was he blessed because of his obedience?