

Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog

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GOD WITH US!!!

ISAIAH 7:14

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

God entered creation to redeem, restore, and dwell with humanity, bridging the gap between the infinite and the finite, the holy and the fallen.

Matthew connects Jesus' birth with Isaiah's prophecy, stating that *all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel'* (Matthew 1:22-23).



Matthew 1:23

The name Immanuel, meaning **GOD WITH US**, shows us that in Jesus, God's presence is no longer distant or abstract but tangible, accessible, and redemptive.

In Luke's Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive *through the Holy Spirit* (Luke 1:35), emphasizing that Jesus' birth is entirely a work of God. Salvation is a divine act from its very inception.

In Galatians 4:4-5, Paul writes, *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.* Jesus' humanity is essential for redemption; by being born of a woman, He fully participates in the human condition, yet His divine origin through the Holy Spirit ensures sinlessness, qualifying Him as the perfect mediator between God and humanity.

Romans 1:3-4 emphasizes that Jesus was *descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead.* The virgin birth is foundational for Jesus' identity as Savior and theologically indispensable for the reconciliation of humanity to God.

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By entering history in this miraculous way, Jesus embodies the new creation and the promise of restoration foretold by the prophets. This divine-human nature allows Him to be both the perfect High Priest and the spotless Lamb.

1 Timothy 3:16 reflects on the mystery of godliness, highlighting that Jesus ***was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.*** The virgin birth initiates this mystery, showing that God's redemptive work is fully sovereign.

In Jesus, God enters the world, bridging the chasm between heaven and earth, offering redemption, hope, and eternal fellowship.

ASK GOD TO:

1. help you to live daily with the awareness that He is Immanuel – God with us.
2. help you never take the gift of salvation lightly.
3. use your life, words, and actions to point others to Jesus.



1 Timothy 3:16

Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
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