

Emmanuel: God Is With Us

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O Come, O Come, Immanuel

1 O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive
2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things
3 O come, O come great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, unto your own and

EMMANUEL MEANS—GOD WITH US.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ **"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel"—which means, "God with us."** Matthew 1:21-23

- **GOD WAS WITH YOU – IN YOUR PAST.**

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But **God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.** ⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, **but God.** He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Genesis 45:4-8

- **GOD IS WITH YOU: HERE IN THE PRESENT.**

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! **The Lord is with you.**" Luke 1:28

- **GOD WILL BE WITH YOU – IN YOUR FUTURE.**

³¹ You will **conceive** and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High... he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. **"May your word to me be fulfilled."** Then the angel left her. Luke 1:31-38

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me;** your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:1-4