

# “O Come, Emmanuel”

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Sunday, December 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Matthew 1:18-25*

**BIG IDEA:** God came to us at Christmas.

*“See, the virgin will become pregnant  
and give birth to a son,  
and they will name Him Immanuel.”  
Matthew 1:23 (Quoting Isaiah 7:14) (CSB)*



**God is for us!**



**God is with us!**



**God is in us!**

**BIG IDEA:** God came to us at Christmas.

**Read:** *Re-read Matthew 1:18-25.*

**Think:** Try to think about Jesus Christ coming to us as God on the first Christmas, and then ask yourself the following questions: *Do you know how or why your parents picked your name? What thoughts and feelings did Joseph experience when hearing the news that Mary was pregnant? How does the angelic visitation either encourage or discourage Joseph? What does the name “JESUS” tell you about God’s commitment to you and the rest of humanity (v21)? What does the name “EMMANUEL” tell you about God’s commitment to you and humanity (v23)? What does the Holy Spirit’s involvement in the incarnation tell you about God’s commitment to you and humanity (v18, 20)? How is the Holy Spirit’s ministry different in our lives today then from what Joseph and Mary experienced? When you read (v25) that Joseph named the baby “JESUS”, what do you learn about faith from Joseph? What did it mean to Joseph & Mary that God was FOR them, WITH them, and then IN them? What does it mean to YOU that God is FOR you, WITH you, and IN you?*

**Do:** In all honesty, what difference does following Jesus make in your everyday life? A great deal? Quite a lot? Some? Not a whole lot? None at all? Tell one other person this week how God has demonstrated He is FOR, WITH, and IN you. If you haven’t done so yet, why not give God your heart...that is the first step to experiencing the presence of Jesus in your life.