

MATTHEW 1:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Sermon text next Sunday: Lamentations 3:19-27

JESUS CHRIST, IMMANUEL

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We need a _____

Matt. 1:18-21
2 Sam. 7:12-16

We need a _____

Matt. 1:20-23
Isa. 7:5-17

We need _____

Matt. 1:23
Isa. 8:3-10
Rev. 21:1-8

TALK IT OVER

Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus: Take the message with you into your week. Talk it over with your friends, coworkers, family, or Grow Group. (More ideas at npberean.org/group-resources, or visit npberean.org/grow-groups to connect.)

- ♦ When God's Son was born on Earth, He was called Jesus, Christ, and Immanuel. How does understanding the meaning of each name reshape how I respond to difficulties or mistreatment, and/or how I talk with others about Him?
- ♦ Does everyone long for "God with us"? Why or why not? What hinders me from deeply and consistently longing for God to be with me? What are some specific changes I can make to increase this longing both for myself and for others?