

Immanuel - God With Us

Intersection of God's Story and Man's Story

Key Text: John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

1. God's Story of Love

- **Creates Man In His Image**
- **Man falls because of disobedience**
- **Grieved over the condition of Man**

- Gen. 6:6

So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

- **Finds A man that will believe Him**
- **Choses a People**
- **Provides a temporary covering for man**
- **Promises a Saviour through His Prophets**

- **Isaiah 7:14**

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

2. Man's Story

- **Man created good in God's eyes**
- **Enjoyed unbroken fellowship with God**
- **Man sinned and wanted to hide from God**
- **Tried to make a covering for his shame**
- **Man's sin brought corruption to his nature and the world around him**
- **Man's sin brought condemnation**
- **Man wants to be the God of his world instead of submitting to God**
- **Man finds an emptiness in his soul and tries to fill it with empty pursuits**

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- **The Right Time Came**

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

- **Mary and Joseph become a part of God's Story**

Matthew 1:21-23

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." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Uki0dkthzl>

- **Word Becomes Flesh**

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

- **We Saw His Glory**

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **Jesus Came From the Father to Show the Way to the Father**

John 14:5

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

- **The Way is Open for Everyone**

John 1:9-13

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- **Our Journey With God**

John 17:15-18

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

- **A Peek at the End of Our Story**

Revelation 21:1-4

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Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is

now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."