## **SERMON NOTES**

December 22, 2024

## The Love of **Immanuel**, God with Us

Matthew 1:23

· -	shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall cal	l His name
	_,' which is translated, 'God with us.".	
A shepherd who is too far away, ca	an't protect the sheep. But He is	to us.
Immanuel, is	us and is	us."
God: Jesus is	than just a regular human being.	
1 Corinthians 15:13-19 "If there is	s no resurrection of the dead, then not even Chriist ha	as been raised.
And if Christ is not raised, then our	preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. Our fai	th is futile. If
our hope is in this life only, we are	of all people most to be pitied."	
Isaiah 7:14 says that a	giving birth would be a mi	iraculous sign.
A new	was being born.	
The	followed the star to pay homage to this Go	d- chosen
King. His name would be		<del></del>
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With: God with us is in the	tense. God	present.
2 Timothy 4:5-17 "At my first defe	nse no one stood with me, but all forsook me But th	e Lord stood
with me and strengthened me, so	that the message might be preached fully through me	e"
God is with you and for you when	you arey	your faith.
<b>Us:</b> God is not a respecter of person	ons in choosing who He calls.	
1 Corinthians 1:26 "Brothers and s	isters, think of what you were when you were	Not
many of you were wise by human s	standards; not many were influential; not many were	of noble birth
The Holy Spirit	you to receive the message of	Good News.

If you sense God calling you, it is the	doing the calling.
Come to Him.	
1 Samuel 16:7 God looks at the	not your outward appearance.
Romans 8:29-30 "And those he predestined, he d	also called; those he called, he also justified; those he
justified he also alorified "	

## Matthew 1:18-23

"Now 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. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But 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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 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 elmmanuel" (which means, God with us)."