

The Promised King: God with Us

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Matt 1:18-25

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 Immanuel"- which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

1. JESUS WAS PROMISED

Genesis 12:1-3

1 The LORD had said to Abram... 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you... 3 ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Matt 1:22-23

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..." (Isa 7:14)

2. JESUS IS GOD

Matt 1:18, 20, 23

18 ... [Mary] was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.
20 ... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
23 "... and they will call him Immanuel"-which means, "God with us."

John 1:1, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word (logos: Divine Expression, i.e. Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...

Matt 16:16

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 20:28

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

3. JESUS CAME TO SAVE ME AND YOU

Matt 1:21

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."

John 3:16-17

16 "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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Gal 3:26-29

26 You are all sons (and daughters) of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.