

Emmanuel
Our God is with us

Matthew 1

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:
After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with child of
the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just
man, and not wanting to make her a public example,
was minded to put her away secretly. But while he
thought about these things, behold, an angel of the
Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

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"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you
Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of
the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you
shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His
people from their sins."

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So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
*"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Emmanuel,"* which is
translated,
"God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of
the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did
not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son.
And he called His name JESUS.

Isaiah 7

"Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,
"Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God;
ask it either in the depth or in the height above."
But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"
Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it a small
thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?*
Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
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