



**Immanuel**  
*Advent*

Matthew 1:18-23: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.' <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel', which means 'God with us.

Proverbs 14:31: Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Micah 6:8: And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly.<sup>[a]</sup> with your God.'

Jeremiah 22:15,16: Did not your father have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. <sup>16</sup> He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me? declares the LORD.

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