

**IMMANUEL—GOD WITH US**

**Matt. 1:18-25**

1. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:30-37; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:9-17

*overshadow = episkiazo = to cast a shade upon, i.e. (by analogy) to envelop in a haze of brilliancy; fig., to invest with preternatural influence*

*make propitiation = hilaskomai = to conciliate, i.e. to atone for (sin)*

2. Joseph, as a reflection of our Father, displays both grace and mercy. Jesus came because of the mercy and grace of God. Matt. 1:19; Mic. 6:8; John 3:16; Phil. 2:7; Exo. 34:6-7; Eph. 2:8-9; John 1:14

*kindness = chesed = goodness, kindness, deeds of devotion and loyalty. In reference to God = covenant love, steadfast and merciful*

*emptied = kenoo = to lay aside one's privileges*

*gracious = channuwn = gracious. ROOT = chanan = to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow*

3. Jesus fulfilled all prophecies about Him. Matt. 1:20; Luke 2:4; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Eph. 1:3-12; Matt. 5:17
4. Jesus was sent to us to save us from our sins. Matt. 1:21; 18:11-14; 1 Tim. 1:15; Luke 9:56; John 3:16-17; Rom. 6:23

*Jesus = Jehoshua = Yahweh is salvation; the Lord saves*

*name = onoma = name, authority, character, nature, ways*

5. God the Father has orchestrated all of history that mankind might have the opportunity to choose salvation through Jesus. Matt. 1:22-23; Isa. 7:14; Gal. 4:4-6; Rom. 8:31-39

6. We have the opportunity to join the Lord in what He doing . . . by choosing obedience to His call on our lives. Matt. 1:24; John 14:15; 1 Sam. 15:22; Heb. 5:8; John 15:10, 14, 16
7. The Lord wants to involve us in introducing others to Jesus. Matt. 1:25; 2 Cor. 3:1-3; 5:18-21; Col. 1:27

*glory = doxa = glory (as very apparent); to manifest, give an estimation of*

### REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. *Will I remember both the humanity and the deity of Jesus when I think about Him this Christmas season?*
2. *Will I look at Jesus as a Gift of mercy and grace from a Father who loves me? Will I ask the Holy Spirit how I can extend the Lord's mercy and grace to others this Christmas season?*
3. *Will I meditate on the fact that Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies about the coming Messiah King? Will I praise Him for that this week?*
4. *Have I believed in Jesus to be saved from my sins? Will I thank Jesus for the gift of eternal life He offers?*
5. *As the Lord orchestrated the timing of Jesus' birth and ministry, will I trust Him as He orchestrates the details of my life? Will I look for opportunities to share about Jesus with others?*
6. *What is the Lord calling me to do that I might be used to produce fruit for His kingdom? Will I obey His calling?*
7. *How can I share the message of Immanuel, God with us? How might I introduce others to the reconciliation found in Jesus?*