

**JCI #167 December 2015**  
**Just Checking In**  
**Emmanuel - God With Us**

**GOD - His Person With - His Presence Us - His People**

**Jesus is God!**

Emmanuel is an ancient Prophetic Name of Jesus that means "**God** with us."

The prophet Isaiah, 750 years before it would happen, prophesied in chapter 7 verse 14, "...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

This miraculous, virgin conception would be necessary for the all holy God to become a sinless man to save us. It was fulfilled in the Gospel of Matthew 1:18-25. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

**GOD WITH US - Emmanuel**

Jesus is God, God with us. His humanity does not diminish his deity. His deity does not displace his humanity. He is Emmanuel ... as human as Adam before the fall, divine as the Father, Lord of all!

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1, 14

Think of it...

**Before all time and space would be**  
**The Godhead planned eternity**  
**The Word predicts, the prophets tell**  
**The coming of Emmanuel**

**And step by step the story's told**  
**Creation, fall, and rescue bold**  
**As God, to rescue souls from hell**  
**Becomes a man, Emmanuel**

**Jesus is man!**

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The prophet Isaiah, 750 years before it would happen, prophesied in 9:6-7. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."

**God with us.** The word "**with**" speaks of His coming to live **among** us, **as one** of us, **here**.

John 1:14 reminds us, "The Word was made flesh and lived among us and we saw His glory..."

He was with us! He is with us! He will ever be with us and we with Him!

Philippians 2:5-8 ... "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!" Emmanuel!

Hebrews 2:14-17 ... "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil.... For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people..."

Jesus is God **with** us. Greatest of all miracles is this! That God **could** become a man. That God **would** become a man. That God **did** become a man. That God became a man **forever**.... For us!

Think of it...

**He spoke and made the worlds of naught  
The seas and mountains He has wrought  
His eyes upon one mountain fell  
His Calvary, Emmanuel**

**The iron ore in rocks He placed  
T'was no mistake, yet Adam's race  
Would make the spikes and spear to fell  
The Son of God, Emmanuel**

**Jesus is the God/man with us!**

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The prophet Isaiah, 750 years before it would happen, prophesied in chapter 53...

"...he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all... he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken... After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

God with **us**! The word "**us**" speaks of His coming to rescue **us sinners** from eternal judgment.

**For every one of "us" for whom He came are sinners.**

Every one of "**us**" for whom He came are **undeserving**.

Every one of "**us**" for whom He died are **law-breakers**.

Every one of "**us**" He loves *have gone astray* and wandered in the desert of disobedience and death.

Every one of "**us**" He calls and claims as His own are **hell deserving rebels** rescued only by His death.

**He is God with us sinners!**

...I came not to call the righteous, but **sinners**...

...Christ Jesus came into the world to save **sinners**

... While we were still **sinners**, Christ died for us

...when we were still powerless, Christ died for the **ungodly**

...when we were God's **enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son

Think of it...

**He made the forests and the trees  
For centuries producing seeds  
That one might grow both strong and well  
To be His cross, Emmanuel**

**The breath of life He breathed in man  
Imparting life both pure and grand  
Yet wrath would fall and anguish swell  
He breathes His last, Emmanuel**

**Jesus is God with us, God in us, God for us!**

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Jesus is **God** - One with the Father.  
Jesus is **man** - One with His redeemed people.  
Jesus is God **with us** - the Word made flesh

### **Jesus is God in us - the hope of glory**

John 14:20 Jesus said: I am in my Father, and you are in me, and ***I am in you.***  
Colossians 1:27 God has chosen to make known this glorious mystery, which is ***Christ in you, the hope of glory.***  
Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but ***Christ lives in me.***

**Jesus is God for us** - the Author and Finisher of our Faith who never fails or forsakes His own

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life ***for us...***

Jesus entered heaven itself, now to appear in God's presence ***for us ....***

Jesus always lives to intercede ***for us***

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If ***God is for us***, who can be against us?

**Jesus, God with us, God in us, God for us!**

Think of it...

**Now risen glorified, He stands  
To intercede at God's right hand  
That we might ever with him dwell  
Tis God with us, Emmanuel**

**Self Check**

1. Am I awestruck by the majesty and mercy of Emmanuel?
2. Am I confident and content in the completeness of my life in Christ and Christ in me?
3. Am I filled with the glory of Emmanuel's grace and telling others to come to Him?

**For Further Study**

Jesus is God... John 1, John 5, John 8, Colossian 1, Hebrews 1, Revelation 1

Jesus is Man... Philippians 2, Hebrews 2, 1 John 4

Jesus is Ours... Colossians 2, Hebrews 4:12-16, John 14-16

*"Father, I praise You for giving Your only Son to become man, that we, through Him, might be your sons and daughters forevermore. I read of His glory, power, wisdom, and sovereignty and know He is God. I read of His humility, sufferings, temptations and death and know that He is man. I read of His grace, compassion, forgiveness and resurrection and know that He is with us. I long to see Him, long to bow at His feet, long to sing His praise among His redeemed people forever. O Emmanuel, God with us, You alone are worthy; You alone are the sin-removing Lamb, the dark dispelling Light, the unrivalled Lord of all. Be glorified among us, now and forevermore. AMEN."*

**Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.**

**Living with leaving in view.... John 9:4**

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Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable,  
changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible  
with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows,  
spending our time on eternity,  
owning nothing yet possessing everything  
that matters and lasts.  
We are Pilgrims in Paradox.  
Welcome to THE JOURNEY