



JESUS- WHY DID HE
COME? (3)
“GOD WITH US”

Matthew 1:18-25

1. God works

- Mary and Joseph “betrothed” – promised solemnly in marriage
- The promise of God through the angel (Luke 1) – “You will have a child....and call his name JESUS... and He will be great...”
- Mary’s emotion and reassurance that this is a work of God.
- This was promised – Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6
- Salvation is God’s work – Galatians 4:4-5
- Jesus Christ: Uniquely God and man in one person
- Jesus Christ: The only one who has never sinned (Hebrews 4:15)

2. God Speaks

- Joseph now considers the implications – what should he do?
- So God speaks again, through the angel... (v19-21) *“Do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit”*
- The angel’s words – *startling, and comforting*
- A **command** to Joseph to *“call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins”*
- A **reminder** that this was done so that *prophecy may be fulfilled.*

3. God *with us*

- Jesus Christ has come – so how do we react?
 - *Like the shepherds* – praising and worshipping?
 - *Like the wise men* – who set out on a journey to find and follow this King?
 - *Like Herod* – who was deeply troubled by the idea of another King?