

GOD WITH US!!!
The Birth of Jesus Christ
Matthew 1:18-25

- I. JOSEPHS DILEMMA: 'It's not my baby' (18-19)**
 - A. Mary found to be with child...unknown to Joseph, by the Holy Spirit (18)**

 - B. Joseph's difficult, but righteous response:** He desired not to shame her, but to divorce her secretly **(19)**

- II. GOD'S FAITHFUL INTERVENTION: An angel commands Joseph to take Mary as his wife, because God is taking on human flesh to save His people from their sins (20-21)**
 - A. Don't fear...Marry Mary (20a)**

 - B. Why? God is taking on human flesh to save His people from their sins (20b-21)**

- III. AN EXPLANATION FOR US: It is Prophecy fulfilled (God with us) (22-23)**
 - A. The Lord's Word** spoken through Isaiah **is fulfilled (22)**

 - B. The Prophecy** from Isaiah 7:14 which **was fulfilled (23)**
 - 1. Virgin shall conceive and shall bear a Son (23a)

 - 2. They will call Him Immanuel (God with us) (23b)

- IV. JOSEPH OBEYS...taking Mary as his wife, keeping her pure, naming her Son Jesus (24-25)**