

Theme: The great expectation that God will be with His people is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the God-Man.

I. Intro – Names, Nicknames and Titles

- A. My nickname in late high school - Rev
- B. Because I was talking about Jesus a lot
- C. Meant to reveal something about me
- D. Many of us have had something similar
- E. Isaiah gives us a title or nickname for the Child
- F. What is it? What does it reveal?

II. A Child Will Come

- A. Isaiah's prophecy of a Child to come
 - 1. Isaiah 7:14 - A Child - a sign
 - 2. Isaiah 7:15-17 - initial fulfillment in Isaiah's day
 - 3. Isaiah 8:3, 18 - Isaiah's sons are partial fulfillment
- B. A Divine Child will come
 - 1. Isaiah 7:14 - A Child - born to a virgin
 - 2. Isaiah 9:6-7 - Mighty God, Everlasting Father
 - 3. This can only be fulfilled in Jesus!

III. A Child Called Immanuel

- A. The Child will be called Immanuel
 - 1. Isaiah 7:14 - Will call him Immanuel

- 2. This is not a name but an identity
 - a. Not a single Hebrew word, but two - "with us God"
 - 1. Compound Hebrew names one word
 - 2. Elijah - My God is Yah; Isaiah - Salvation is of Yah
 - b. Isaiah's kids not named Immanuel (Isa 8:3-4)
 - c. He is called other things as well (Isa 9:6) - same phrase
 - d. Jesus not named Immanuel - Matthew 1:22-25

B. The message - God with us

- 1. Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)
- 2. This Child is assurance that God is with us

IV. Immanuel - God With Us

- A. The Child to come will be God Himself
 - 1. This is why He is called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)
 - 2. This is why He is born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
 - 3. This is why He is called Mighty God, Everlasting Father (Isa 9:6-7)
 - 4. It is God Himself Who comes to us!
- B. God comes to rescue us
 - 1. Isaiah 7:14-16 - Child comes; kings you dread fall
 - 2. The people were in trouble - God Himself rescues!
- C. God comes to rescue us - when we abandoned Him
 - 1. Isaiah 8:5-8 - people reject Yahweh; trouble comes!
 - 2. Isaiah 8:8c-10 - Immanuel - God will shatter the enemy!

D. God will rescue us from sin

1. Matthew 1:20-23 - Jesus will save us from our sins!
2. God is with us and saves us - look to Him!

V. **Applying the Word**

A. I proclaim the Gospel - Immanuel - God with us!

1. If you are cut off from God - look to Him!
2. If you are under the weight of sin - look to Him
3. If your life is full of struggles - look to Him
4. If you are weighed down with doubts & fears - look to Him!
5. God is not distant - He is with us in Christ!

B. Communion - Celebrating God With Us

Great Expectations - God Will Be With Us

Isaiah 7:14; 8:5-10
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Communion
2 Corinthians 13:14

15 He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. 16 **But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.** 17 The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah — he will bring the king of Assyria.”
Isaiah 7:15–17

3 Then **I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son.** And the Lord said to me, “Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz... 18 **Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.**
Isaiah 8:3, 18

6 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. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.
Isaiah 9:6–7

3 Then I went to the prophetess, and she **conceived and gave birth to a son.** And the Lord said to me, “**Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz.** 4 Before the boy knows how to say ‘My father’ or ‘My mother,’ the wealth of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried off by the king of Assyria.”
Isaiah 8:3–4

6 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.**
Isaiah 9:6

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and **they will call him Immanuel**” — which means, “**God with us.**” 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. **And he gave him the name Jesus.**
Matthew 1:22–25

20 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. 21 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.**” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**” — which means, “**God with us.**”
Matthew 1:20–23