

# Emmanuel

What does Emmanuel mean?

# Over 2000 years ago

## Jesus Christ, the light of the World, came into the World

- He came to shatter darkness (*John 3:19*)
- He came to conquer sin (*1 Peter 2:24*)
- He came to defeat death and give us eternal life (*2 Timothy 1:10*)
- He came to show us the Father (*John 14:9*)
- He came to reconcile individuals to God (*2 Corinthians 5:18*)

# Matthew 1:21-23

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.

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”)

# Isaiah 7:11-14

“Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

# Emmanuel

Is a Hebrew word that means “God is with us”

# Explore 3 questions

What did Immanuel really mean to Isaiah?

What did Immanuel really mean to the Apostles and the first Christians?

What does Immanuel really mean to you and to me?

# To Isaiah

## God with us is:

- A hope in a hopeless situation - live among wicked “God’s people” (*Isaiah 6:5*)
- Through the holy seed (*Isaiah 6:13*) which is this person that will be called Immanuel (*Isaiah 7:14*)
- A future event that Isaiah awaited eagerly
- A renewed Kingdom of God after severe judgement on Israel

# To the Apostles and the First Christians

## God with us is:

- A first hand experience of living, eating, seeing, learning from Jesus Christ
- A disheartening experience of seeing Jesus crucified, buried and raised on the 3rd day (*1 Corinthians 15:4*)
- Jesus appeared to them in a new body for 40 days taught them about the Kingdom of God (*Acts 1:3*)
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit (*Acts 2:1-4*)
- Renewed boldness and conviction that powered them to endure increased persecution but with great joy
- Eagerly awaited Jesus' return



# To Me

## God with us is:

- A progressively greater awareness of God in me
- A historical event that was shared to me and that I can read in the Bible
- A matter of faith ... believe in what I cannot see (*John 20:29*)
- A realisation that God is in me 24/7 leading to
  - How I see sin
  - How I live life
  - How I interact with God

# To You

What does Emmanuel (God with us) really mean to you?