

They Will Call Him Immanuel

Matthew 1:18-25

Key Verse: 1:23

1. Read verse 18. Who was Joseph? Who was Mary? As an engaged couple, what might have been their hopes and dreams about their future together? What happened to change things?
2. How was God working out his purposes through Mary's pregnancy? (Ge 3:15; Heb 4:14,15)
3. Read verse 19. When Joseph found his fiancée pregnant--not by him--what did he decide to do? What was the law? (Dt 22:20,21) What was his dilemma as a righteous man? What does this show about him?
4. Read verse 20. What word of God came to Joseph? What did he do? (24,25) Why was this difficult for him? What shows him to be a man of pure heart?(Isa 53:4a; Mt 5:8) How did God use him as an environment maker?
5. Read verse 21. What the name of Mary's baby? What does this name mean? What was the situation of "his people"? What is mankind's real problem? What is God's purpose in sending the Messiah?
6. Read verses 22-23. What does Jesus' other name mean? How does this fulfill prophecy (Isa 7:14)? What does "Immanuel" suggest about the way God saves us from sin?
7. What did Immanuel God mean to one man, Abraham (Ge 12:2,3; Heb 11:11)? What did Immanuel God mean to the people of Israel? Think about his purpose for them (Ex 19:5,6)When and how was God with them? (Mt 1:17; Isa 43:2)
8. What did it mean personally to Matthew, the former tax collector, that Jesus was Immanuel God?(Mt 9:9-13; 6:33) What does it mean that Immanuel God came into this world as a baby? (Isa 9:6) What does Immanuel God mean to you?