

ADVENT # 2 – WHY JESUS CAME  
JESUS CAME TO BE WITH US  
*Matthew 1:22-23; Luke 2:26-33*  
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1. God with us – God's desire

**In Emmanuel we see the Father's longing for His prodigals to return**

Revelation 3:19-20

Deuteronomy 4:29

John 1:11

2. God with us – Our Need

**In Emmanuel we also see our need for reconciliation with God, and the security that brings.**

3. God with us – Our Security

**Emmanuel: the reason we can be at peace no matter what our circumstances**

The Christian faith is founded upon . . . a well attested sober fact of history; that quietly, but with deliberate purpose, God himself has visited this little planet. J. B. PHILLIPS

God in Christ is our contemporary, & if that is not good news, it would be difficult to know what is. J.B. Phillips

† **Emmanuel, God with us... in the midst of the storm**

Mark 4

Acts 27

† **Emmanuel, God with us... though our enemy rages**

David and Goliath

† **Emmanuel, God with us... to take away any fear of death**

Matthew 28:20

Matthew 18:20

Rev. 21:1-4

A Truth to Remember: Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. This is both a reminder and a promise!

A Challenge to Consider: Are you living in the reality of God's Presence with you, in the midst of hard times, in the midst of temptations, in the midst of priorities and decisions?

One thing I heard this morning was...

**Next Wk: ADVENT # 4: (Isaiah 9:1-7) JESUS CAME TO RULE US**