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The Wonder of His Name

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"HIS NAME IS EMMANUEL"

MATTHEW 1:18-25 (NASB)

I. EMMANUEL MEANS MIRACLE (Isaiah 7:14).

Insights from the O.T. about His miraculous birth:

1. A virgin would bear a man-child and still be a virgin (Genesis 3:15).
2. The child would pre-exist as God the Son (Isaiah 9:6, John 8:18, 58).
3. The miracle of two natures in one man

II. HIS BIRTH WAS MYSTERIOUS (1 Timothy 3:16).

TRUTH: It matters that Jesus was born of a virgin.

1. The Bible says He was born of a virgin and if that's not true, then the Bible isn't true (Matthew 1:25).
2. If Jesus isn't virgin-born, then He's simply a man and not a savior (Psalm 49:7-8).

TRUTH: If Jesus isn't God, the Bible's not true, He's not our Redeemer and we can't be saved, because there's no savior.

TRUTH: If Christ came off the Cross there'd be no one to believe in because there'd be no savior.

III. WHAT IT ALL MEANS

- A. God is for us (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- B. God is upon us (Acts 1:8).
- C. God is in us (John 4:7).

TRUTH: The burden of a life without Christ is an empty heart.

TRUTH: Christmas for many is a time to gorge on spiritual junk food.

TRUTH: When Christmas is over, millions globally are emptier than ever.

D. God is with us.

TRUTH: Loneliness is heightened at Christmas more than any other time of the year.

TRUTH: If Christ is yours, you are never alone.

TRUTH: If Christ is yours, you won't die alone!