



Immanuel!

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Text: Luke 2:1-7

Passage Summary: As we take time to marvel at the manger this Christmas season, comfort and joy begin to flow as we, like Mary, ponder the profound nature of it all in our hearts; _____, God _____ us!

“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 1:23, cf Isaiah 7:14

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the comfort and joy that lie at the heart of Immanuel are the byproduct of a growing understanding of the _____ of God in the _____ of Christ! (2:1-7)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the sovereignty of God in the birth of Christ, we see it with regard to...

- _____ the _____ of Christ took place! (v.1-4)

“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.”

Luke 2:4

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Micah 5:2

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- _____ the _____ of Christ took place! (v.5)

“He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”

Luke 2:5

“‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May it be to me as you have said.’”

Luke 1:38

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

Luke 2:19

Remember: When it comes to the sovereignty of God, remember Immanuel, for comfort and joy begin to flow as we recognize that what we often consider as _____ or out of order is oftentimes a Divine _____, with a purpose that is greater than we can see in the moment!

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine this Christmas season that Immanuel will be the priceless _____ you choose to _____ daily; for the manger is real, and so are the comfort and joy that flow from it, for all those who believe in the Name of Jesus!

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:6-7

“The prophetic message of Christmas is the good news of God’s answer to all the confusion, chaos, complexities, and conflicts of life. It is the gift of the newborn infant who is also the Father of all eternity. He is an innocent child, yet He is a wise Counselor and mighty King. He is God with us. Immanuel.”

John MacArthur