

## **GOD INVADES EARTH**

Matthew 1:18-25

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### **INTRO**

### **THE CONCEPTION OF MARY (v.18)**

### **THE REACTION OF JOSEPH (v.19)**

1. Joseph planned, out of kindness, to quietly “divorce” Mary.
2. Mary had been told by an angel (see Luke 1:30-37) and had likely told Joseph.

### **THE COMMUNICATION OF AN ANGEL (v.20-21)**

1. “Don’t be afraid; go ahead and marry Mary.”
2. “Name the baby ‘Jesus’, because He will save His people....
3. ...from their sins.” What is “sin”?

## **THE ASSOCIATION WITH AN OLD TESTAMENT TEXT (v.22-23)**

1. Why is the name in the quotation “Immanuel”, but the angel said Mary’s baby’s name was to be “Jesus”?
  - a) Context of the Old Testament quotation. The child, Immanuel, was to be a sign to King Ahaz that God would be with him.
  - b) Meaning of “fulfilled”: filled full, fleshed out, made complete. See Galatians 5:14 and Romans 15:14.
2. Point: The child in Isaiah’s day, Immanuel, was “God with us” in name only, a sign of physical deliverance. But the child born to Mary, named Jesus (not Immanuel) is “God with us” in reality, bringing eventual spiritual deliverance.

## **THE REACTION OF JOSEPH, PART 2 (v.24-25)**

Joseph did what God said to do:  
    he married Mary;  
    he named Jesus, Jesus.

## **RAMIFICATIONS/IMPLICATIONS-----TAKE-HOME LESSONS**

1. It’s not the norm for God to speak to us in dreams, but He has spoken clearly and sufficiently, in Scripture.
2. “God with us” proves it makes sense to trust God, like Joseph and Mary did, even in painful and/or unlikely situations.
3. Confidence about our eventual future salvation (being eternally with the Lord in the life to come) can have a decisive impact on us in our present life.
4. “God with us” demonstrates that God is true to His Word.

## **WRAP UP**