



Message Reflections

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The Christmas story is full of God's use of the unexpected to change our world, beginning with the fact that He came to us. The events surrounding His birth fulfill Old Testament prophecy and show us that Jesus is, in fact, the promised Christ. He is Immanuel, God with us.

Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Isaiah 7:7-14.

- **“God is with us.”** Consider what God did to be with you. What difference does it make? How might this truth change your day to day life?

- What might be keeping you from experiencing the assurance of God's love and presence?

- What are 3 things you can do during this Christmas season to keep your hope focused on, and your trust in, Jesus?

Christmas is about the fact that God came to be with us. This is good news that causes (as we hear in the song “O Holy Night”), *“a thrill of hope ... the weary world rejoices.”*

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