

GOD WITH US | MATTHEW 1:22-25

Loneliness can be subtle. Although, it can be masked with entertainment or a change of scenery, it often slowly returns. COVID quarantines and isolation have only contributed to the problem of loneliness. Those in hospitals, retirement homes, and rehab centers have had periods where no visitors are allowed. Children have had periods where they have seen their friends on a computer screen, while they sit by themselves in their homes. Loneliness seems to wring out the loudest at Christmastime. You'd like to share these special moments with others, but for various reasons they are not there. It's in the midst of this pain that the angel's words to Joseph meet us, "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:22-23 (ESV)" If His name is Immanuel; if God is with us, then we are never alone! Amid our deepest pain, sorrow, and grief, He is there. When we have a special moment or something to celebrate, He is just a whisper away. What are the implications of a God who is with us?

1. God is with us because Jesus _____ one of us.
2. Because Jesus became one of us, He can relate with our _____.
3. Jesus became one of us, to _____.
4. Jesus is God with us _____.