

God With Us

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John 1:1-3,14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

I. We could not _____ to God, so _____ to us.

Isaiah 59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you...

II. God With Us proclaims that Jesus _____ and _____ with us in our _____.

Hebrews 4:15-16 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

III. God With Us declares Jesus has come to _____ and _____ the _____.

Luke 19:10 ...the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Romans 5:8 but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 1:21 ...you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are there any distractions that might be preventing you from drawing closer to God during the Christmas season?
2. In your own words, explain how Jesus' humanity and divinity are both equally important to rightly understanding Christmas.
3. Does it matter to you that Jesus experienced human emotions, weaknesses, and limitations?
4. Reflect on the thought that Christmas means "You matter to God." How does this change your perspective on Christmas?

Next Week: Immanuel - Part Three