



# The Wonders of His Love

God with Us - Immanuel

WEEK 1 - December 5/6, 2020



## OVERVIEW

Have you ever thought about what it really meant for God's son to become a human? How exactly was Jesus both fully God and fully man? This week we will reflect on the idea of *Immanuel* - God with us - and consider the jaw-dropping love of a God willing to empty himself of divinity to bring salvation to the world.

*He gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.*

**Philippians 2:7**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Isaiah 7:14. Why do you think God gave this prophecy through Isaiah hundreds of years before Jesus was born? What might it have been like for the Israelites as they tried to hold on to their faith through years and years of waiting? What might have been their first thought when they found out their savior came...as a baby?
2. Barry states that "the Son of God, full of divine power, infinite in knowledge, chose to give it all up in his radical love for humanity. He "emptied himself"...to bear the penalty for our sin." What is the most "costly" thing you have given up for someone else? Or that someone else has given up for you? How did that make you feel?
3. When was the last time someone SHOWED you how to do something? What was it? How was "showing" you how better than just telling you? In Philippians 2:6-7 Paul writes that Jesus "gave up his divine privileges" to become one of us. Barry said that Jesus did this to take our place on the cross and to SHOW us a new way to live. How does Jesus as Immanuel "showing" us how to live compare to a prophet or someone telling us how to live?
4. How important is it to you that God understands what it means to be human?



## RESOURCES

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