

21. *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*
22. *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,*
23. *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

I) The Method of JESUS' Coming:

A) Physical birth:

- 1) Mary “*shall bring forth a son...*” (**Matthew 1:21, 23**).
- 2) Christ would be in the flesh: “*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth*” (**John 1:14**).

B) Miraculous conception:

- 1) “*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son...*” (**Isaiah 7:14**).
- 2) The sign referencing Old Testament prophecy was “*a virgin shall be with child*” (**Matthew 1:23**).

II) The Name of JESUS:

A) The meaning of His name: “Jehovah is salvation” or “Jehovah is the Saviour.”

- 1) Jehovah /God
- 2) Saviour

B) The standing of His name:

- 1) “*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name*” (**Philippians 2:9**).

C) The recognition of His name:

- 1) “*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (**Philippians 2:10-11**).

III) The Identity (“Jehovah”) of JESUS:

A) The name Emmanuel/Immanuel:

- 1) “*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*” (**Isaiah 7:14**).

B) The Meaning of Emmanuel:

- 1) “*they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us*” (**Matthew 1:23**).

C) “God with us” means:

- 1) JESUS is God the Creator:
 - “*And he is before all things, and by him all things consist*” (**Colossians 1:17**).

- 2) JESUS was God in human flesh, so He is fully God and fully Man:
 - *“And being found in fashion as a man” (Philippians 2:8).*
- 3) JESUS was the visible Incarnate God:
 - *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father)” (John 1:14).*
 - *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9).*
- 4) JESUS is a relatable and personal God:
 - *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).*

IV) The Mission (“Saviour”) of JESUS:

- A) Why JESUS was sent for this mission:
 - 1) *“he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).*
- B) The Mission to be accomplished:
 - 1) JESUS was a servant to the will of God:
 - *“But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men” (Philippians 2:7).*
 - 2) JESUS was obedient to God’s plan of redeeming man:
 - *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).*
 - 3) JESUS conquered the death and the grave:
 - *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3).*
- C) The benefits of accomplishing the mission to the believer:
 - 1) Man’s sins are forgiven:
 - *“the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).*
 - 2) Man’s temporal fellowship with God is restored:
 - *“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another” (1 John 1:6-7).*
 - 3) Man’s eternal fellowship with God is restored:
 - *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God” (Revelation 21:3).*
 - 4) Man’s purpose is now used for God:
 - *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works” (Ephesians 2:10).*
 - 5) Man’s access to God is opened through the Spirit:
 - *“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father” (Ephesians 2:18).*
 - 6) Man’s eternal assurance:
 - *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).*