



Await
Awaiting His Birth
Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:18–25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). **24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, **25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

1 Question, 2 Signs, 1 Challenge

Do you trust God?

- “10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: 11 ‘Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ 12 But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.’ 13 And he said, ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?’” (Isaiah 7:10–13).
- Do you trust God?

God has given us signs

- “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).
- Sign=Single Meaning but Double Significance
 - Single Meaning: God is with us.
 - Double Significance:
 - Significance for Ahaz: This child would still be immature when Syria and Israel would have been destroyed
 - Significance for us: Jesus came to save us
 - “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).
- Will you at least acknowledge that God might be trying to get your attention?

Don't miss the sign!

- People all around Jesus missed the sign!
- But not everyone missed the sign!
 - “15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb” (Luke 2:15–21).
 - “9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way” (Matthew 2:9–12).
- Do you see the sign?

May the sign of Immanuel increase your faith in a trustworthy God.