



**SERIES: November – December – Walking with Jesus**

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**Scripture: Matthew 1:18-23**

**TITLE: Jesus the Promised One**

To love someone you must know that person. To know a person you must spend time with them. You need to walk with them and talk with them. To trust someone you must know them. When they ask you to follow them, they are asking you for their trust. And trust should not be blindly given but earned.

That's why we are going to spend two months walking with Jesus. Many people claim to know Jesus. They call Him their Savior. They call Him their friend. They say they can trust Him. But most people don't know how to really know Jesus. They don't spend time talking with Him. They don't spend time listening to Him. They don't walk with Him through His Word.

Well, we want to change that starting today. So let's go back to the beginning of it all. Let's turn to Matthew 1:18-23 (CSB).

“The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

“But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

“Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated ‘God is with us.’”

Today, we don't have time to look at all aspects of the birth of Jesus. So today, we want to know that Jesus was and is God-in-the-flesh.

Mary, the mother of Jesus was a young girl who was engaged to Joseph. Mary was a virgin but yet the passage tells us that she would become pregnant from the Holy Spirit. This was a miracle. But this was also a prophesied miracle. 700 years before this moment the prophet Isaiah declared that the Messiah, the Savior, would be born of a virgin.

There are 350 prophecies fulfilled without error in Jesus Christ.

Jesus would be called Immanuel. Now, Isaiah didn't mean to literally call him Immanuel, but instead to recognize who He was. This Messiah was the one-true God in the flesh come to save people from their sins. This is Jesus. This is who we will walk with. This is who we will really know.

So this is my challenge for you today: be honest. Some of you watching or listening today do not know Jesus. You're not His follower. I'm glad you're here. I want you to feel welcome and enjoy the journey. So I'd like you to create a list of questions you'd like answered. Put them in a journal or a notepad. And if you're brave, put them in the comments below.

We all can know Jesus better. So let's know Him better together. And it all begins by being honest with our questions about Him. When we get to know this prophesied Messiah, we will win the day.