



Encounter these verses today:

(circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...)

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV) "Prophecy Fulfilled"

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

John 1:1-17 (NIV) "The Word Became Flesh"

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:1-4 (NIV) "God's Final Word: His Son"

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 12.27.2010

Passage: Matthew 1:22-23

Immanuel, God with us was a promise from the prophet Isaiah brought directly to Joseph's doorstep. How does your conduct celebrate Immanuel?

Pray for: *Families: Miller & Mills*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 12.28.2010

Passage: John 15:1-17

Throughout this passage, Jesus speaks of being with us and us with Him. In what circumstances are you aware of Jesus being with you?

Pray for: *Families: Minton & Monroe*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 12.29.2010

Passage: Hebrews 1:1-4

However we may have imagined God, the writer of Hebrews says that we need to know about God so that we can find Immanuel, God with us. How does your understanding of Jesus challenge your mental picture of God the Father?

Pray for: *Families: Murchie & Nancarrow*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 12.30.2010

Passage: Ezekiel 37:1-14

We switch gears today and begin to look toward Sunday. Pastor Terry will be teaching from this passage which would have landed on my top 10 things to have experienced in scripture! Can you imagine this seen of skeleton's coming back to life again? But let's be honest ... haven't you felt really dead before? Haven't we all felt like we had lost our hope? Which character are you in this story? The prophet? Or the corpse?

Pray for: *Families: Nelson & Novotny*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 12.31.2010

Passage: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Same story today. Did you notice anything different as you read it a second time? Consider this ... who is the one putting life in the dead bones? Who's power commands the bones to snap together, the flesh & bones to surround them, and the breath to fill these bodies? In other words, what role does the prophet play in this if God's the final authority?

Pray for: *Families: O'Brien & Ogles-Campbell*

Reflections: _____

Reflections on this week: _____

