

Gen. 1-2; John 1:14; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Rev. 21:1-4

Immanuel: God is With Us Again!

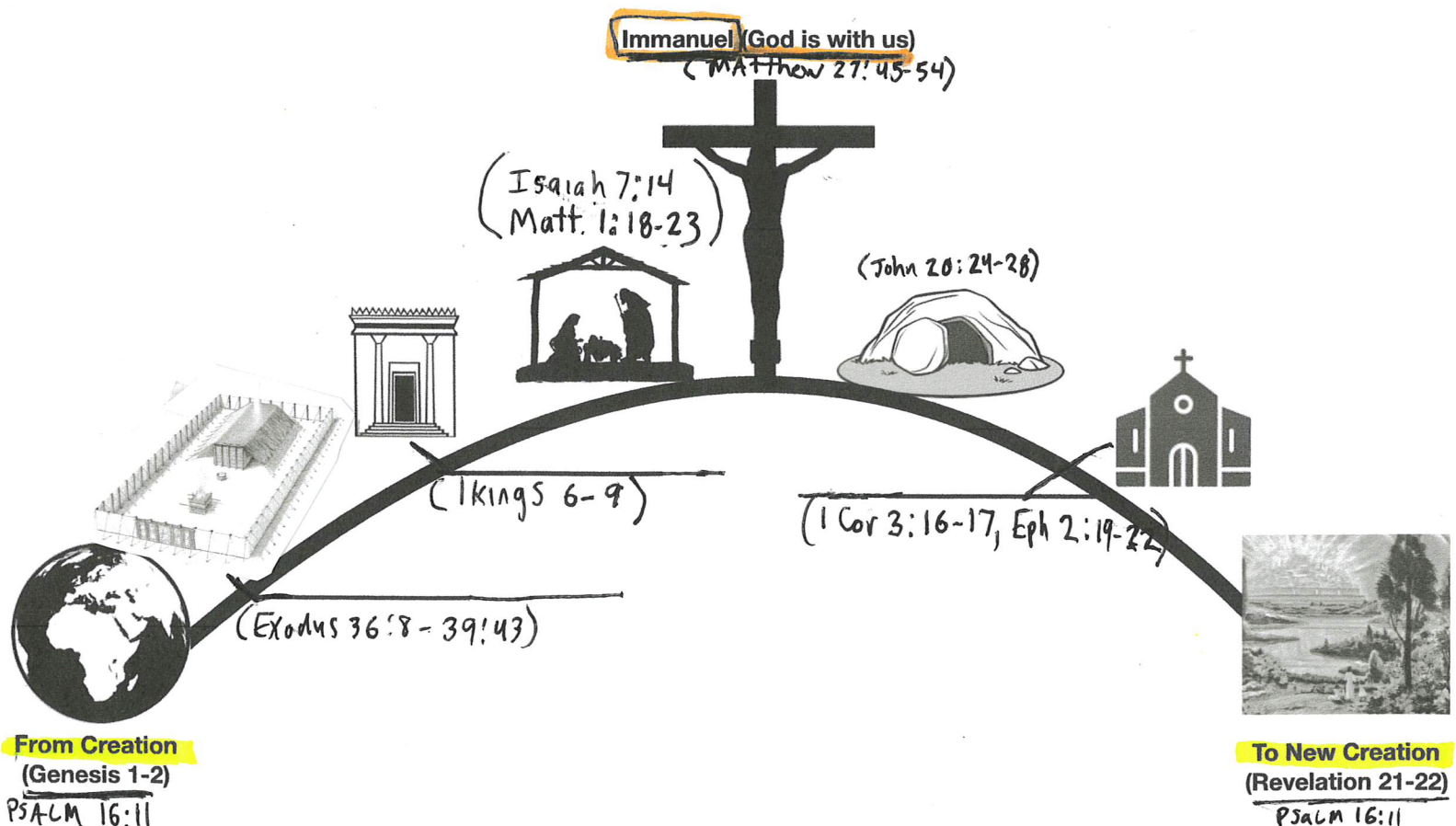
(Part 2)

INTRO: Christmas is MERRY because of the birth of Jesus Christ ("Immanuel")!

Just how important is the incarnation of Jesus Christ to the good news (gospel) message?

How was Jesus' birth totally unique?

The overarching storyline of the Scriptures and humanity's supreme joy can be summarized in one word: \_\_\_\_\_



**For Further Reflection/Application:** *We must be doers of the Word and not merely hearers*

Do you agree that the incarnation of Christ (God's Son taking on flesh) is one of the central miracles of Christianity?

"The redemption, restoration, re-creation, and reconciliation of sinners—depends entirely on the supreme fact that God, without ever ceasing to be fully who he is (truly Divine), became fully who we are in (truly human)...AND why did the "Word became flesh"? The principal reason underlying all the other magnificent purposes is this: *That by the Holy Spirit we may be united to Christ and so **enjoy** His fellowship with the Father forever.* This is eternal life (Jn 17:3).

Why is the virgin birth of Jesus so vital to the gospel we proclaim?

In what ways is the "Christmas narrative" (Luke 2) first a foremost a GOSPEL story? How is the birth of Christ sometimes portrayed by Christians (wherein the gospel is lost in translation)?

Your lost friends and family not only need to know that Jesus came (John 1:14) they need you to help them understand WHY He came (Luke 19:10; Mark 10:45; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)!

How can you use Christmas cards, gatherings, concerts with Christian Christmas carols, etc. to witness to unbelievers? Have you been intentional this holiday season? If not, why?

What are some of the past, present, and future day implications of Immanuel (God is with us)?

How does understanding the big picture (the MACRO) help us to more fully appreciate and celebrate the biblical details (the MICRO)?

**Related Praise Songs:** *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in order that we may go high!*

*Matt Redman-* "The Name of Emmanuel"

*Matt Boswell-* "Sing We the Song of Immanuel"

*Michael Card-* "Immanuel!"

*Austin Stone-* "Hallelujah What A Savior"- new lyrics to a classic hymn

*Stephen Miller-* "Rise Up"

**Related Scripture Passages:** *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Genesis 1-3; Ex. 35-40; 1 Kings 6-9; Psalm 16:11; 73:16-28; Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1, 14; John chapters 14-16; 17:3; 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Ephesians 2:19-22; Col. 2:9-10; Rev. 21:1-4

**Key Terms:** *Expand your biblical and theological vocabulary as you love God with your mind, proclaim Christ in the streets, and defend the faith in the marketplace of ideas!*

**Ichabod-** Means the "No Glory" or the glory of the Lord has departed (see 1 Sam. 4:21; 14:3)

**Incarnation-** The miracle wherein the Son of God took upon Himself the full nature of man and yet retains the full nature of God. Jesus is truly God and truly man in one person (see John 1:1-18)

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