



O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Pt. 4 Christmas Play List

Matthew 1:18-23

UNDERSTANDING IN CONTEXT:

- FOR MARY TO CLAIM JESUS WAS GOD WAS _____.
- THE JEWS _____ IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE.
 - _____ BELIEVE EVERYTHING IS DIVINE.
 - _____ BELIEVE IN MANY GODS.
- JOSEPH ACCEPTED THE MESSAGE AND HE ACCEPTED _____.
 - JESUS MEANS: GOD _____. *WHICH ANNOUNCES WHAT HE DOES.*
 - EMMANUEL MEANS: GOD _____ *WHICH ANNOUNCES WHO HE IS.*

APPLICATION:

- YOU CAN'T EXPERIENCE _____ UNLESS YOU COME TO GRIPS WITH HOW FAR AWAY FROM GOD YOU REALLY ARE.
- THE _____ FOR GOD BEING "WITH US" IS SO HE COULD BE WITH US FOREVER.
- EMMANUEL IS GOD WITH US, IT DOES NOT SAY GOD WITH _____.
- YOU CAN BE IN GOD'S _____ BUT NEVER KNOW HIM.



KEY CONCEPT:

God has done everything to get close to you...what are you doing to

_____?

Questions for Reflection

1. As you read Matthew 1:18-23, what stands out to you as most stunning? Explain why.
2. Reflecting on your own life, when was the last time you experienced a profound sense of relief? What led to that moment?
3. The angel's message to Joseph emphasized both Jesus as "God saves" and "God with us." How do these dual aspects of Jesus' identity impact your understanding of His mission?
4. The sermon mentions that "God became us to be with us." How does the concept of incarnation (God becoming human) affect your perception of God's love and closeness?
5. What barriers or distractions in your life keep you from experiencing the nearness of God? What steps can you take to prioritize a closer relationship with Him?