

**Sunday – December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Series: “A Christmas Journey”**



When was the last time you felt true wonder? As children we have no problem with the idea of wonder in life. So many things we see cause us to gape in awe. Then we grow up- responsibility and reality hit and wonder becomes a luxury. This is especially true during this season. How can I live in the wonder of God's message, truth and gift of His son this Christmas?

**THE WONDER OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 7:10–16)**

Isaiah speaks to King Ahaz at a moment of fear and political crisis.

**“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”**

Why does God use a child as the sign?

**A. God's Wonder Often Arrives Where We Least Expect It**

God gives a sign not in the palace...  
not on the battlefield...  
not through armies or strategies...  
...but through a child.

God's answer to overwhelming fear was overwhelming grace.

**B. The Wonder Is Not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sign, but the Presence of God**  
“Immanuel” — **God with us.**

*“You are not alone—not then, not now, not ever.”*

**II. THE WONDER OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:18–25)**

Matthew takes us into Joseph's story—a story that begins in confusion and pain.

A. God's Wonder Often Begins with \_\_\_\_\_

Before Joseph hears from the angel, he is ready to quietly walk away.

B. God's Wonder Is Revealed Through \_\_\_\_\_

The angel says:

*“Do not be afraid... She will bear a son... You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

**C. Wonder Arrives When Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Story**

Christmas is not wondrous because of sentiment.

It is wondrous because of who Jesus is:

When Jesus enters Joseph's story, everything changes.

When Jesus enters *my* story, everything changes too.

How has Jesus entered my story? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. THE WONDER OF GOD WITH US \_\_\_\_\_**

It's easy to treat “Immanuel” as a theological word. But it is the heartbeat of Christmas.

A. God with Us in Our \_\_\_\_\_ *Matthew 1:20*

B. God with Us in Our \_\_\_\_\_

C. God with Us in Our \_\_\_\_\_ Lives

The manger was simple.

D. God with Us \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew begins with “Immanuel” and ends with Jesus saying: *“I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Wonder is not seasonal. It is eternal.

**CONCLUSION — REDISCOVERING THE WONDER**

Maybe this year God is inviting you to recover the *wonder* of Christmas, that Immanuel has come. Jesus has come.

**THIS TIME TOMORROW**

How has God come near to me today?