

Immanuel: **God with us**

SJSM Christmas Sermon 2025
Isa 9:6-7; Matt 1:18-23



How can we
experience Jesus in
our daily lives as

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Make no mistake: Judgment is real...

- Heb. 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...
- Matt. 25:31-32 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne... he will separate... the sheep from the goats.
- Rev. 20:14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Immanuel's Agenda is to save

- **God sent His Son not to condemn the world**
 - John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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- **Messiah (Christ) comes to be on our side**
 - Isa 9:6 his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor...**
- **“Jesus” (Hebrew “Yeshua”) means “God saves”**
 - Matt. 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will **save his people from their sins.**
- **Jesus came as Immanuel to save**
 - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but **have eternal life.**”

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Immanuel's Bigness

- **Messiah (Christ) reveals to us how big God is**
 - Isa 9:6 his name shall be called... **Mighty God, Everlasting Father...**
- **And yet, He thinks about us, cares for us and pursues us**
 - Psa. 139:17-18 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.
 - Psa. 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
 - Psa. 139:7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

The hands of
Immanuel that
hold together
the whole
universe are
**surely big
enough to take
care of us**



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Immanuel's Compassion

- Christ, the Suffering Servant, **stood in our shoes**

- Isa 53:2-3 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had **no beauty or majesty** to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was **despised and rejected** by mankind, a man of **suffering**, and familiar with **pain**. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was **despised**, and we held him in **low esteem**.

stressed **heavily burdened** **unappreciated**

misunderstood **despised** **rejected** **alone**

in pain **suffering** **uncertain future**

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- Christ brings us His peace
 - Isa 9:6 his name shall be called... Prince of Peace.
 - John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
 - Matt 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



A dramatic painting depicting Jesus walking on the water. Jesus, on the left, is shown in a white robe with a hood, his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing or command. He is surrounded by a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. In the foreground, two men are seen from the chest up, looking out at Jesus. The man on the left has dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue tunic. The man on the right has a long dark beard and wears a white head covering with a blue band. The background is a dark, stormy sky with a few distant, dark shapes that could be other boats or land. The overall mood is one of awe and divine power.

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**“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
(Matt 14:27)**

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SHALOM:
Being well in every
way, trusting in
**God's provision
and presence**

Live in His presence

Psa. 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.