

GOD HIMSELF CAME
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INTRODUCTION

A. Did God actually come to earth?

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” — Matthew 1:23

B. Jesus is **unique**. He was God and human.

- How do we know that Jesus was God?
 - Jesus said He was God (John 10:30)
 - Others said He was God (Colossians 2:9)
 - He is worshipped as God (Matthew 14:33)
 - He does only what God can do (Mark 2:1-12)
 - He did miracles (Luke 18:35-43)
 - He forgave sins (Matthew 9:6)
 - He resurrected from the dead (John 10:17-18)
- How do we know that Jesus was a man?
 - He had a human birth (Matthew 1:23)
 - He showed human growth (Luke 2:52)
 - He had human experiences and needs (Luke 23:46)

I. JESUS' ARRIVAL WAS PLANNED

“She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus...” — Mathew 1:21

“He is Christ the Lord.” — Luke 2:11

A. The prophecies of the Old Testament point to God's plan (over 300).

- Eight prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' birth:
 1. Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23)
 2. A descendant of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 1:1)
 3. From the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:23)
 4. From the house of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1)
 5. Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4-7)
 6. Taken to Egypt (Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:14-15)
 7. Herod's killing of infants (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18)
 8. Heralded by the messenger of the Lord (John the Baptist - Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:1-3)

“Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets.” — Luke 24:44

II. IT WAS A PLAN WITH A PURPOSE

“He came to save people from their sins.” — Matthew 1:21

“...a Savior is born.” — Luke 2:11

A. Why do we need saving?

- Because we are separated from God

“But your sins have made a separation between you and God...” — Isaiah 59:2

- Because we can't save ourselves

There are ways that seem right to a person, but in the end lead to death.

— Proverbs 14:12

But God demonstrated His love for us in this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

CONCLUSION:

How to respond to Immanuel?

- **Accept** God's purpose (I John 1:9)
- **Ask** Jesus to be the leader of your life (Revelation 3:10)