



EMMANUEL

GOD WITH US

SERIES OVERVIEW

“Emmanuel.” In Hebrew it means “God with us,” and we sing about it every December. But have we missed the main point by limiting Emmanuel to Christmas carols? This Advent season, we’ll discover that the biggest problems in our lives – and in our world– trace back to the same source: our lack of Emmanuel. And we’ll see how the story of Scripture, from the Garden of Eden to the stable of Bethlehem and beyond, is really the story of God with Us: how we lost his presence, how we try to get it back, and how what happened that first Christmas is the turning point in the whole story.

DECEMBER 3 “THE GARDEN” (GENESIS 3)

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed the presence of God...until they rebelled and rejected his presence. Their sin foreshadows ours, but we find hope in the promise of Gen 3:15—an ancient prophecy of Christmas.

DECEMBER 10 “THE TEMPLE” (HEBREWS 9:1-10)

In the Temple worship system, God provided a way for people to enjoy his presence. But it was temporary and imperfect, pointing to the need for a better way—which we find in the incarnation and final sacrifice of Jesus.

DECEMBER 17 “THE STABLE” (LUKE 2:1-18)

At the stable of Bethlehem, we hear the good news of Christmas: that God so desires a relationship with us that he showed up in person. His physical presence made him accessible to everyone and set the stage for the ultimate reconciliation of the cross.

DECEMBER 23 & 24 “GOD WITH US”

