



Sermon Title:

Emmanuel

Date: December 17, 2023

Key Scripture:

- Matthew 1:18-25

Emmanuel - God with us

In the darkness God gives us hope of His presence.

Matthew 4:16 ... *"the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."*

The Deity of Jesus Christ

- 1) As God, Jesus has the authority and power to conquer death and secure our salvation.
- 2) The sacrifice of Jesus was a sacrifice made by God Himself.

The Humanity of Jesus Christ

- 1) Sin entered the world through one man and had to be removed by a righteous man.
- 2) The humanity of Jesus means God understands and sympathizes with our struggles.

From the Resources

“For the Word, perceiving that no otherwise could the corruption of men be undone save by death as a necessary condition, while it was impossible for the Word to suffer death, being immortal, and Son of the Father; to this end He takes to Himself a body capable of death, that it, by partaking of the Word Who is above all, might be worthy to die in the stead of all, and might, because of the Word which had come to dwell in it, remain incorruptible, and that thenceforth corruption might be stayed from all by the Grace of the Resurrection.”

Athanasius. *On the Incarnation of the Word*

Nicene Creed 325 AD

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages.

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father;

and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit.