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God With Us





## **Matthew 1:23**

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'

## **Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

# **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

## **New Life Version**

God was in Christ. He was working through Christ to bring the whole world back to Himself. God no longer held men's sins against them. And He gave us the work of telling and showing men this.

# John 1:14

## New Living Translation

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

# Philippians 2:5-8

## New Living Translation

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

# 1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God manifested in the flesh.

# C.S. Lewis

## “Mere Christianity”

The second person in God, the Son, became human himself and was born into the world as an actual man. . . . The eternal being who knows everything and who created the whole universe became not only a man but, before that, a baby and before that, a fetus in his mother’s womb.



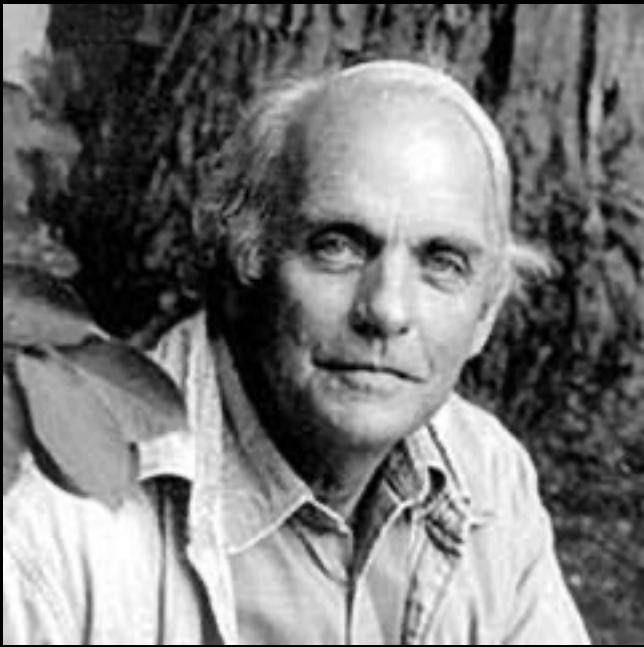




# Max Lucado

## “In the Manger”

When God chose to reveal himself, he did so through a human body. The tongue that called forth the dead was a human one. The hand that touched the leper had dirt under its nails. The feet upon which the women wept were callused and dirty. And his tears, oh, don't miss his tears. They came from a heart as broken as yours or mine has ever been.



## Frederick Buechner

The claim that Christianity makes for Christmas is that at a particular time and place, God came to be with us himself. In a town called Bethlehem, a child was born who, beyond the power of anyone to account for, was the high and lofty One made low and helpless. The One who inhabits eternity came to dwell in time. The One whom none can look upon and live is delivered in a stable under the soft indifferent gaze of cattle. The Father of all mercies puts himself at our mercy.

# **What does Emmanuel mean for us? How can we carry this truth into our lives?**

1. Because God is with us, it means that we have a God who understands our suffering, who shares our pain, who walks with us through the darkness.

**Hebrews 13:5-6** For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So that we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'

**Psalms 27:1** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Psalms 118:6** The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

**Isaiah 43:2** "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you," the words of the Lord, "and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. And when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, neither shall the flame scorch you."



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The 20-foot cross, two steel beams that had held together as the building collapsed, was discovered in the rubble of Ground Zero on September 13, 2001, by construction worker Frank Silecchia.

The 9/11 cross became a venerated object, and many of those who were searching for survivors and clearing debris from the "pit" took solace from its existence. October 4, 2001, it was moved to a pedestal on Church Street. It was treated as a shrine by visitors to Ground Zero for the next five years. 🙏❤️🇺🇸



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# Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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3. Because God is with us, we can embrace the demanding challenges of ministry.



**The End**