

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Witness the Child
November 29, 2009

Text: Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14

Christmas Concept #1: God is with us in our conflict and confusion.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband, Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. –Matthew 1:18-19 (ESV)

Christmas Concept #2: God is with us in our anxiety and fear.

But as he considered these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” –Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV)

Christmas Concept #3: God is with us in our commitment and obedience.

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. –Matthew 1:22-25 (ESV)