



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Christmas Day: God with Us
Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor
Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14 // Matthew 1:22-23

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 1:22-23

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”^[a] (which means “God with us”).
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Sermon Outline:

Christmas reminds us that the God who created everything has become fully known. God doesn't have a face until Jesus Christ came into the world. Jesus shows us what and who God is. The reason we are here is because of Jesus.

The Word – Jesus is the Word of God. Jesus is the full, final, and clearest revelation of who God is.

Became Flesh – God becomes human not out of boredom but out of love. He wants to participate in the struggle of humanity and redeem us from our sin.

And Dwelt Among Us – God made his life accessible to us and wants to be close to us, moving toward us.

God refuses to be God without us.

God with us. God is not against you. He is for you and loves you with an everlasting love. The story of the Bible is about God's desire to be with humanity.

Us – God wants to be with those of us who are broken, sinful, weak, struggling with addictions and who don't have our act together.

The Good News of Christmas is that the Almighty One longs to be with us.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Christmas Day, Lead Pastor Richard Villodas preaches on the world-changing news that God became a human in Jesus Christ.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? Do any of the words resonate with you? If so, why?
2. Are you in place in your life right now where you feel as though God doesn't really care about you or love you? How do you feel when you hear that God is not against you but is for you and loves you with an everlasting love? Journal your answers to these questions, offering them up to God in your time with Him this week.

3. God became flesh because he loves us. He came for those of us who are struggling, sinful and weak. Make time this week to be with God asking for forgiveness in those areas of your life where you need to be forgiven, while also offering thanks to God for loving you with an everlasting love.