

WORD

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

ISAIAH 7:14

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, God promised to give His people a sign. It was an impossible feat—a virgin shall have a son, and the son will be God dwelling with humans as a man. Though this verse is one of the most quoted passages especially during Christmastime, we don’t always understand what it means. In this lesson, we will look at three lessons from God’s promise—fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

1 God keeps His promise.

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. **GALATIANS 4:4,5**

Though the prophecy was made hundreds of years ago, God kept His promise and fulfilled the coming of His Son—at just the right and perfect time. God always keeps His promise according to His timetable, not ours. What do you think *the fullness of time* means? Why did Jesus come at *the fullness of time*, not too early and not too late?

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2 God can do the impossible.

²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

MATTHEW 19:25,26

The virgin would have a son? Impossible. God would become man? Impossible. A holy God would save sinful man and take his place on the cross? Impossible. These are all impossible with man, but have all been made possible by God! How have you learned that *with God all things are possible*? How have you seen this in your own life?

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3 God is with us.

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). **MATTHEW 1:22,23**

The prophecy made by Isaiah was fulfilled with the birth of Jesus. Jesus is God, and yet He chose to become man and dwell with us. By calling Him Immanuel, we are being assured of God’s promise—that He is with us now and He will always be with us. Because God is with you, how will you live? How does the assurance of God’s presence in your life change how you live?

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