

Matthew 1.23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

This verse is sometimes used to teach that Jesus is God dwelling with us. Firstly, the same phrase, "God with us" could also be translated "God is with us" as it is in the NAB, HCSB, NJB, and NRSV. If Jesus' name is "God is with us" then he, like the original Immanuel from Isaiah's time, was a baby born during foreign oppression who signaled that God had not deserted his people in their sorrow. People may have been asking themselves, "Is God with us or has he left us?" Jesus' birth definitively answers that God had not abandoned his covenant people and in fact he was about to do something huge.