

One Approachable Guy!

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Immanuel - God with us. What a profound statement and mind boggling! And here's a thought I never really contemplated until today. God not only became one of us, but He came as a very approachable person. Never once in the Bible does it ever mention someone being frightened of Him. He touched people and people wanted to touch Him, children came to Him and parents wanted Him to bless their children, and people followed Him everywhere, even inviting Him into their homes. Though evil spirits were afraid of Jesus, nowhere is there even a hint of one person being afraid to come near to Him! Some misunderstood Him, or were envious of Him, or mocked him. But even those who believed Him to be the Messiah were not afraid to touch Him - He was not too holy or too divine. Amazing!!



This big God, this holy God, this creator God left His heavenly perfection and comforts and came to earth and was one of us - not as a "superior" being - lofty and too good for our company. No, He was (and is) that guy who is comfortable around anyone and whom anyone is comfortable being around - He never rejected anyone nor does He reject anyone who comes to Him - in fact He wants us to come to Him! Wow!!

And this is the same Jesus we share with others. Who wouldn't be attracted to Jesus?! As I celebrate the birth of Jesus this year, I am so very thankful that my God, the God of the universe is such an approachable God! Thank you, Jesus! And may I continue to share the real Jesus with others so that so many more people can approach Him and get to know Him!

Matthew 1:23: "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." The name Immanuel means "God with us."

My Immanuel, thank You for putting aside Your divineness and becoming one of us. You are God yet You not only put up with a kooky crazy sinner like me, but You want me to draw near to You. Thank You for not rejecting me - thank You for even having a plan and a purpose for me. What an absolutely wonderful time of year this is - celebrating Your birth - Your entry into our little world! LORD, may many others this Christmas season be introduced to the real You - the approachable You - that they, too, may get to know You! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You!



Season: Advent

Video: 6. Mission to the Children

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Prayer: 19. Jesus, You came into this world to complete Your Father's salvation...

Super Girl: 144. One of our pastors comes over every week to give any of our three adult, living at home...

Scripture References: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 8:10; Isaiah 9:6, 7; Matthew 1:24; Romans 8:31

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