

The Divine Trinity in Matthew Chapter 1

Series:
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Matthew

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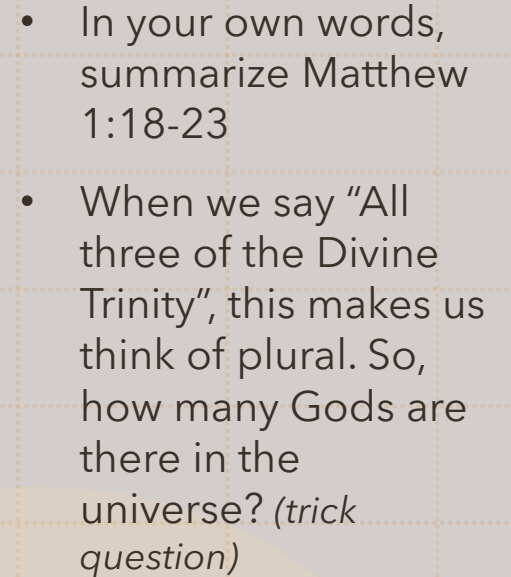
Matthew 1:20

The Divine Conception

All three of the Divine Trinity are present at Jesus' birth, the Divine Conception

Matthew 1:18-23 Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit. **19** And Joseph her husband, being righteous and not willing to disgrace her openly, intended to send her away secretly. **20** But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. **22** Now all this has happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, **23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

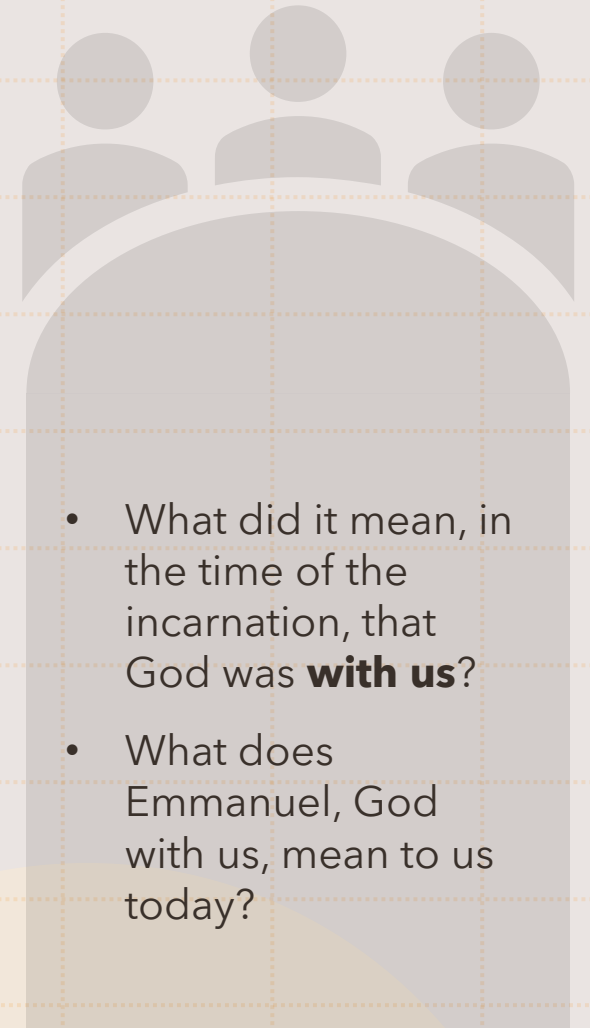
- In Matthew 1 **the Holy Spirit** (vv. 18, 20), **Christ (the Son—v. 18)**, and **God (the Father—v. 23)** are present for the producing of the man Jesus.
- "The Holy Spirit brought the essence of the Triune God into this human virgin, and the divine essence was mingled with the human essence to produce a Triune God-man in the universe. This is wonderful!"
(*Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 4, Ed Marks*)

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- In your own words, summarize Matthew 1:18-23
 - When we say "All three of the Divine Trinity", this makes us think of plural. So, how many Gods are there in the universe? (*trick question*)

The Issue

Emmanuel, God with us, is the issue

- In the Divine Conception, The Divine Trinity was not only present, but active to produce something.
- *Issue* means what comes out, what the result is.
- The active Trinity is also seen clearly in Luke 1:35.
- **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.



- What did it mean, in the time of the incarnation, that God was **with us**?
- What does Emmanuel, God with us, mean to us today?

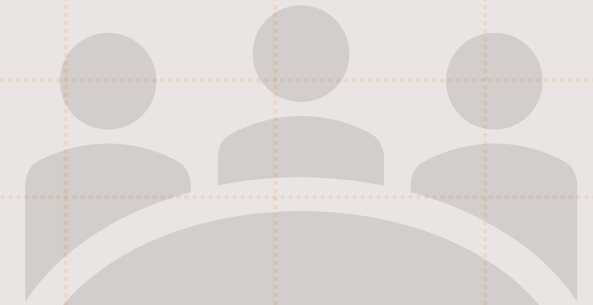
The Embodiment of the Triune God

Jesus is the very embodiment of the Triune God. What does this mean?

- **Col 2:9** For in Him **dwells** all the **fullness** of the **Godhead bodily**,
- This points to the physical body that Christ put on in His humanity, indicating that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ as One who has a human body. Before Christ's incarnation, the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Him as the eternal Word, but not bodily. From the time that Christ became incarnate, clothed with a human body, the fullness of the Godhead began to dwell in Him in a bodily way; and in His glorified body (Phil. 3:21) now and forever it dwells. (*footnote on Colossians 2:9 from the Recovery Version of the Bible*)

When we contact Jesus Christ in prayer, all the fulness of the Godhead is there, not one third of God.

- Godhead - The deity of Christ
- Fullness - Not only the riches but the expression of what God is.
- Dwells - Jesus is the place, the house, of God, God's permanent residence.
- Bodily - in the man Jesus. In the physical body that Christ put on in His humanity.



- When you believed in Jesus Christ, which of the 3 of the Divine Trinity came into you?
- The footnote mentions "His glorified body". What is this glorified body of Christ?