

IMMANUEL



Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14)

I took this precious photo at Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris in France before the church fire in 2019. This is a very long panel with illustration of Jesus' life from birth to death. Each section of the artwork is a description of a period in Jesus' life. There are 6 different languages displayed to describe the scene for each section. This photo only covers the beginning of a long panel. The beginning portion is the birth of Jesus, and from it I think of these two verses. There are 3 key points from the two verses:

- 1. The Prophecy on coming of the Christ was fulfilled - It is so important for the world to know that God is faithful and His Word is always true. Fulfillment of prophecies in the Bible is one of the way that has shown the validity of the Bible.*
- 2. Christ came in human form is for our salvation - Jesus birth, life on earth, death and resurrection is God's complete plan for our salvation. Only through Jesus, we can have eternal life. (see John 3:16-17)*
- 3. Immanuel means God with us - Jesus, in fullness of God, lived in human form. Through His life on earth, we can know about God: His love, grace, truth, righteousness, commands, humbleness, etc. God was and is with us!*

