

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' – which means, 'God With US!'"

-Matthew 1:21-23

- Once, we were with God. Genesis 2
 - -beauty and wonder v. 8-14
 - -mission and duty v. 15
 - -truth and justice v. 16-17
 - -love and acceptance v. 18,22-25

- We forfeited our closeness to God. Genesis 3
 - -rejected God's truth v. 6,11
 - -felt God's justice v. 24
 - -surrendered God's presence v. 23

We never lost God's desire for us "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel

-Isaiah 7:14

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-Matthew 1:21