

**Behold Him: Immanuel, God
with Us**

December 11, 2016

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**At Christmas we celebrate the birth of
Jesus, God becoming a human, in order to
be with us, in order to save us.**

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John 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Hebrews 1:1-3a

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

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- **Jesus, the baby, is the only one who can save us from our sins.**

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“Since neither as God alone could he feel death, nor as man alone could he overcome it, he coupled human nature with divine that to atone for sin he might submit the weakness of the one to death, and wrestling with death by the power of the other nature, he might win victory for us.”

John Calvin, Institutes, 2.12.3

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