WITHGOD, pt. 2 God with us. February 12, 2023

Review: WITHGOD

 Matthew 19:26 = "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

God with us.

- Isaiah 7:1-14
 - 734 B.C. Everything was in turmoil. Your country's ally to the north has gone off the rails. Leadership is in flux – they have gone away from the worship of the true God and are seeking after idols.
 - It has gotten so bad that your family to the north has allied themselves to those who are not even the people of God and have arrayed themselves for battle against you!
 - You are on the edge of collapse... what will you do?
 - "Be careful. Keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart over these burnt-out do nothings."
 - o "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."
 - o Ask for a sign. "I will not test the LORD."
 - Ok. The LORD will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Seven hundred years later...

- Matthew 1:23 The final fulfillment: God with us!
 - Jesus came to earth to be with us.
 - o Spirit of adoption Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6-7
 - Spirit sealing and indwelling Ephesians 1:13-14

Keys:

- Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."

Application:

- WITHGOD What difference do it make?
 - God loves me.
 - God loves you.
 - God wants me to love you.