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**Sermon Series:** Irrefutable: Prophecies that Point Us to Jesus

**To be used with Session 1:** God with Us

**Sermon Title Possibilities:** The Life Among Us

**Scripture:** Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25

**Connection with Unit Theme:** To complement the small group study “*Irrefutable: Prophecies that Us to Jesus*,” this sermon shows us that Christ was communicated through a supernatural prophecy, Christ was conceived through a supernatural pregnancy, and Christ’s coming provided a supernatural presence.

## Introduction

Our first passage of consideration has a rich context. In Isaiah chapter seven, the prophet gives his audience a word of assurance (Isa. 7:1-9), a word about the Anointed-One (Isa. 7:10-16), and a word concerning ungodly alliances (Isa. 7:17-25).

In Matthew Chapter one, as Matthew wrote to the Jews to convince them that Jesus is the promised Messiah. he speaks of His relational background (Matt. 1:1-17), His spiritual birth (Matt. 18:20), and His missional business (Matt. 1:21-25). Today, think with me about: **The Supernatural Prophecy, The Supernatural Pregnancy, and The Supernatural Presence of Jesus Christ.**

### 1. Consider the Supernatural Prophecy. (Isa. 7:14)

The Book of Isaiah is filled with prophecies that point us to Jesus and show us that Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah. Time does not permit to explore every messianic prophecy in Isaiah—let alone the whole Old Testament—but there are three that must be mentioned in this message.

Isaiah 7:14 points us to Jesus by showing us that He will come through a miracle birth. Christ was not contaminated with the sin of Adam because He didn’t come from the seed of Adam; Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 9:6-7 points us to Jesus by showing us that Christ would be a mighty King. This miracle-child shall hold the government on His shoulder, He shall sit on the throne of David and His reign/authority shall have no end. Then finally, for our purposes, Isaiah 53:5-6 points us to Jesus by showing us that Christ would be the messianic-Savior. This miracle Child and mighty King would be the One who suffers and dies for the sins of the whole world. Thank God for Jesus and for Isaiah’s supernatural prophecy.

### 2. Contemplate the Supernatural Pregnancy. (Matt. 1:18-21)

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Matthew 1:1-17 speaks of Jesus' ancestry—He is a descendant of David, He is the seed of Abraham, and He is of the tribe of Judah. Matthew 1:18-20 speaks of His anointing—He was conceived without sin, without sex, and by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God impregnated a virgin girl chosen by God, to carry and give birth to the Son of God. Matthew 1:21 speaks of His agenda—He came to save his people from their sins. His ancestry shows us that Jesus is the right person, His anointing shows us that Jesus has the right purity, and His agenda shows us that Jesus came for the right purpose—to save us from our sins.

### **3. Connect with the Supernatural Person.** (Matthew 1:22-25)

Matthew explains that what was happening in Nazareth with Joseph and Mary was actually Isaiah's prophecy being fulfilled. The key phrase here is the interpretation of the name Emmanuel—God with us. You and I can rejoice because on the cross—Jesus is God for us, through the Spirit—Jesus is God in us, but before all that, when He was born and walked the earth—Jesus was God with us.

**Conclusion:** Is it a good thing to consider the supernatural prophecy and contemplate the supernatural pregnancy, but it is of utmost importance to connect to the supernatural presence. Jesus no longer walks on earth among men, now He walks on earth in men. He does this by indwelling in believers through the Holy Spirit. If you're not saved, trust Christ today so you can be sealed and filled with the Holy Spirit. And, if you are saved, make sure you're practicing the spiritual disciplines that help you grow spiritually and connect with Jesus' supernatural presence.

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