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**“WHEN GOD MADE IT PERSONAL”**

(John 1:1-14)

The Christmas story begins in the heart of God who “so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son.” Who is God and what is God like? Jesus makes the answer to those questions personal.

*“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down”* (Isaiah 64:1, NIV).

*“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 1:23, NIV).

*“...I am with you always, to the very end of the age”* (Matthew 28:20, NIV).

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14, NKJV).

*“The heavens declare the glory of God”* (Psalm 19:1, NIV).

*“Do not fear, for I am with you”* (Isaiah 41:10, NIV).

*“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me”* (Psalm 23:4, NIV).

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*“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:5-11, NIV).*

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