IMMANUEL: THE PLAN

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GOD THE PLANNER

"Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish." Isaiah 46:10, NLT

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Galatians 4:4-7, ESV

THE PLAN TO SAVE

Following Creation and the Fall of Man, God enacted a plan leading to salvation.

1/ The Law of Moses

This reveals our inability to save ourselves through righteous works.

…it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! Romans 7:7-8, NLT

2/ The System of Sacrifice

As a means of forgiveness, God made a temporal way.

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22, ESV

3/ The Alignment of Humanity

4/ The Birth of the Christ Child

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God… For nothing will be impossible with God."

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And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:30-38

5/ The Life of the God-Man

6/ The Suffering and Death of the Lamb

7/ The Resurrection of the Messiah

8/ The Ascension of the Son

9/ The Outpouring of the Spirit

10/ The Birth of the Church

11/ The Return of the King

THE INCARNATION
Incarnation: becoming flesh (Latin)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

1/ The incarnation is the manifestation of the eternal Son of God.

Jesus is not a created being. He is the eternal God.

2/ The incarnation involves adding human nature, not subtracting the divine nature.

…Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8, NIV

3/ The incarnation takes place through the virgin birth.

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4/ The incarnation involves the Triune Godhead.

5/ The incarnation provides a new covenant head for us.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus… 1 Timothy 2:5, NIV

6/ The incarnation reveals how Jesus is like us and unlike us.

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