# CONNECTING WITH GOD...
# THE CHURCH... YOUR PURPOSE

## For the week of: Sunday, December 4, 2022

**Teaching Series:** *Outrageous Christmas*

**Message Title / Pastor:** "God With Us" - Pastor Nate Lindseth

### *MESSAGE OVERVIEW*

This Christmas, we can experience the outrageous love of God given to us through the miraculous birth of Jesus. Why outrageous? Outrageous because of the virgin birth, the wise men coming from the east following a star, hundreds of year-old prophecies fulfilled, and... Emmanuel (God with us). All other religions claim we must earn our way to God, but Christian's believe the outrageous truth that God came to us. We celebrate this during the Christmas season, that He came to save us and restore relationship with us. He truly is God with us! Outrageous!

### *SCRIPTURE*

- **John 1:1-14**
- **Isaiah 7:14**
- **Matthew 1:22-23**

### *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. When you think of Christmas, what are the top 5 outrageous elements to you?
2. How does knowing that God came to us in the form of His Son, Jesus impact your daily life?
3. How did John the Baptist talk about Jesus in John 1 and what should we learn from him?
4. Read John 1:14 in The Message translation out loud. How does this translation impact your view of Jesus?
5. How can we apply John 1:14 to our everyday lives?

### *PRAYER*

*Father, thank You for sending Jesus to earth to save us, and transform us! We are so grateful to know that You are with us and through the Holy Spirit we are never alone. May we live in power and strength to be bold witnesses and shine the light of Jesus everywhere we go. Help us to love people well! In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen!*

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