



## DECEMBER THEME



### *"Glorious Distinctions of Jesus"*

#### Week Four

#### Monday ~ **READ**

READ Matthew 1:20b-23 and John 20:19-29 in your preferred translation or paraphrase of Scripture.

#### Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY Matthew 1:20b-23 and John 20:19-29.

#### Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

In Jesus' interactions with His disciples in John 20:19-29, we see glorious distinctions of Jesus... some which specifically highlight the reality that He is Immanuel, God with us! Let's ponder them:

- **Consider Jesus desire to be with His disciples...** Why were the disciples hiding behind locked doors? What did Jesus do to get in? What did He show them? And what was their response? **Consider His desire to be with you...** Where might you be hiding and why? Can Jesus get to you? What might He desire to show you? And what would be your response? Journal your thoughts.
- **Consider what Jesus showed them...** What glorious distinctions did His hands and side reveal? Why did the disciples rejoice at these? Do you rejoice at them? Journal your thoughts.
- **Consider the peace that Jesus gave...** He gave it on both days, so it must be important to Jesus? Do you believe peace is something He always has with Him? Are you receptive to it? Journal your thoughts.
- **Consider how Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His disciples...** what is the significance of this and how does it mark His identity in our lives as Immanuel? Journal your thoughts.
- **Consider Jesus grace to Thomas...** Why did Jesus come specifically when He knew Thomas was there? How did He show Himself more fully to Thomas than to the other disciples? How did Thomas respond? Has Jesus ever sought you out in your doubt and shown you Himself? What was your response? Journal your thoughts.
- **Consider all the glorious distinctions of Jesus that you see in this passage and make a list of them in your journal.** (by glorious distinctions we mean things that distinctly set Jesus far apart from and above us)
- **Consider Jesus words to Thomas in verse 29...** clearly from this passage, Jesus wants to be with His followers and He wants them to experience the glorious blessings of His presence. How do Jesus' words to Thomas also speak to you? Journal your thoughts.

#### Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into the Truths of Matthew 1:20b-23 and John 20:19-29...

- **PRAISE GOD** for coming as Immanuel, God with us in the person of Jesus!
- **THANK JESUS** specifically for seeking you out to be with you!
- **ASK JESUS** to move and work in your life according to the glorious distinctions you see in this passage.
- **DECLARE** that you believe and live in the presence of Jesus... even though you have not seen Him.

#### Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on John 20:19-29 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

\*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

#### Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE – Share Jesus with someone who needs to hear of Him being Immanuel God with us!