



DECEMBER THEME



"Glorious Distinctions of Jesus"

Week One

Monday ~ **READ**

READ Matthew 1:20b-23 and Colossians 1:15-20 & then 13-14

*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view various translations/paraphrases of Scripture.

Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY Matthew 1:20b-23 and Colossians 1:15-20 & then 13-14 in your preferred translation or paraphrase.

Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

Jesus is Immanuel, God with us, but we often don't realize all that His presence means. Using the prompts below, ponder the glorious distinctions of His presence:

- **IDENTIFY**– What glorious distinctions of Jesus do you see in Colossians 1:15-20 & then 13-14? Using your copy of the verses, underline each distinction as you read through your copy again. You should find 15.
- **LIST** – Using what you underlined, make a list in your journal of Jesus' 15 distinctions, leaving space under each one & giving each one a title. ex. v.16, *"by Him all things were created"* – His title would be "Creator".
- **CONSIDER** – Look at each distinction and ask yourself 2 questions: 1. Does the passage itself tell me more about this distinction? If so, record it in your journal in the space under each one. 2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing upon my heart as I consider this distinction of Jesus? Journal your thoughts.
- **PERSONALLY CONSIDER** – Pick one of the 15 glorious distinctions for each of the following:
 - **Past** – which one of these glorious distinctions of Jesus have you already experienced in your life? How did this distinction of Jesus impact you then? Journal your thoughts.
 - **Present** - which one of these glorious distinctions of Jesus are you presently experiencing in your life? How is it impacting you? Journal your thoughts.
 - **Future** - which one of these glorious distinctions of Jesus would you like to learn more of and experience in the coming days? Why? Journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into the Truths of Matthew 1:20b-23 and Colossians 1:15-20 & 13-14.

- **PRAISE GOD** for coming as Immanuel, God with us in the person of Jesus!
- **PRAISE GOD** for each one of these glorious distinctions that His presence brings into your life!
- **THANK JESUS** for His presence specifically in these ways in your past, and present days.
- **ASK JESUS** to reveal these distinctions of His presence more and more in your coming days, for both you and others He impresses upon your heart to pray for.
- **DECLARE** that Immanuel, Jesus is with you, and that you have the privilege of experiencing His presence!

Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on Colossians 1:15-20 & 13-14 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 - Pick one of these glorious distinctions of Jesus to share with a friend, being mindful to ask the Holy Spirit to help you choose the one that would bring the most encouragement for your friend in this season.