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Dear Friends,

“And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.” Matthew 1:23.

Emmanuel. God with us. **Living and experiencing all that it means to be human.**

What did this incarnation look like? At times it looked small, inferior, excluded, weak, and poor in every way. It looked like an infant completely dependent on his parents to feed, change, and clothe him. Like a child who was scolded by those same parents after he wandered away from them in the big city. Like a young man who wept at the loss of a dear friend. Like someone who desperately wanted his cup of suffering to be removed, while at the same time praying, “thy will be done.” Like someone whose closest friends all ran away from him when things got tough. Could the incarnation get any more human than that?

Emmanuel. God with us. The very human life that Jesus lived is in complete solidarity with the lives we live. In our weakness, poverty, grief, disappointments, doubts, and fears, we too experience Emmanuel. When we experience “God with us”, we can’t help but experience resurrection and life.

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In Christ,

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