

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”
Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT2)

God could have _____ His love from Heaven.

Instead He _____ it to us on earth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us....
John 1:1-2, 14a (NIV11)

¹⁹ ... be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20b (NLT2)

Always

Love isn’t something God does. Love is _____

¹⁶ “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (NLT2)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ¹⁸ No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.
John 14:16-19 (NLT2)

My Next Step Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 28:20b
- Make room for Jesus in the everyday rhythm of my life.
- By faith ask God to fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I can know Jesus more fully.
- Ask Jesus into my life so that I can learn what it is to have God with me in every season of life.