Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Trinitarians use this verse to try and prove Jesus is God.

Firstly, the same phrase, "God with us" could also be translated "God is with us" as it is in the NAB, HCSB, NJB, and NRSV.

Secondly, If one wants to take the name literally, then Elijah is God Jehovah because that is what his name means.

Calling Jesus "Immanuel" is similar to the names of some OT saints. For example, Israel, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Michael, Ezekiel, and Joel contain "el," meaning "God;" yet the names given was not a declaration that these people were God.

The significance of the name is symbolic. God was not literally Christ nor Christ literally God, but in His Son, as 2 Cor. 5:19 states:

"That God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself."

It is written God was IN Christ, NOT God was Christ.

Matt. 1:23 does not prove the Trinity doctrine nor that Jesus is God.