

Introduction of the King

§ § 1-27

The Messianic identity of Jesus Christ is proved in his arrival, John's testimony, and approvals at his baptism and temptation

Section summaries based on J. Dwight Pentecost,
A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981)

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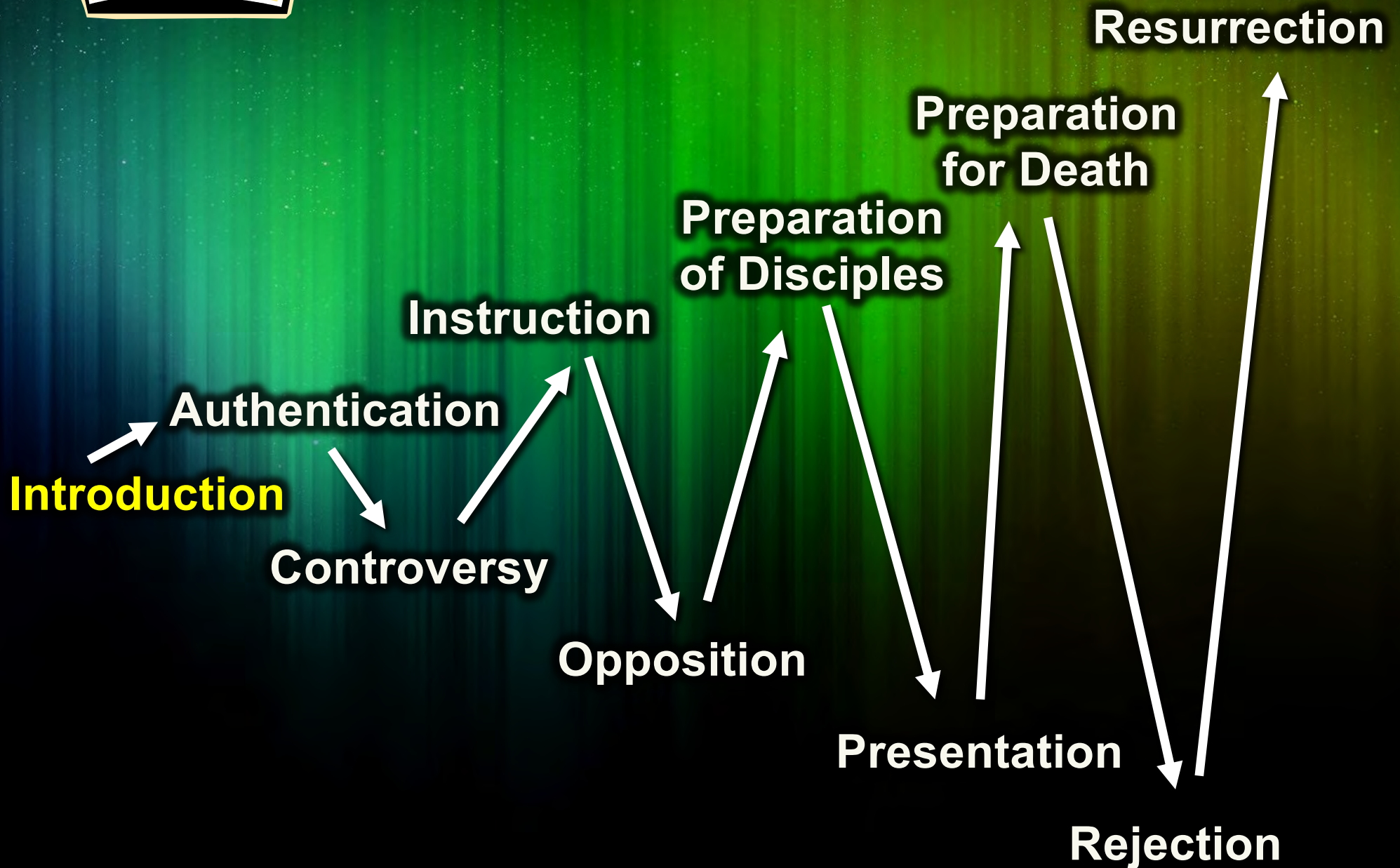


Pentecost Outline

- 1. Introduction of the King**
- 2. Authentication of the King**
- 3. Controversy over the King**
- 4. Instruction of the Twelve by the King**
- 5. Opposition to the King**
- 6. Preparation of the Disciples by the King**
- 7. Official Presentation of the King**
- 8. Preparation for the Death of the King**
- 9. Rejection of the King**
- 10. Resurrection of the King**



Increasing Polarization



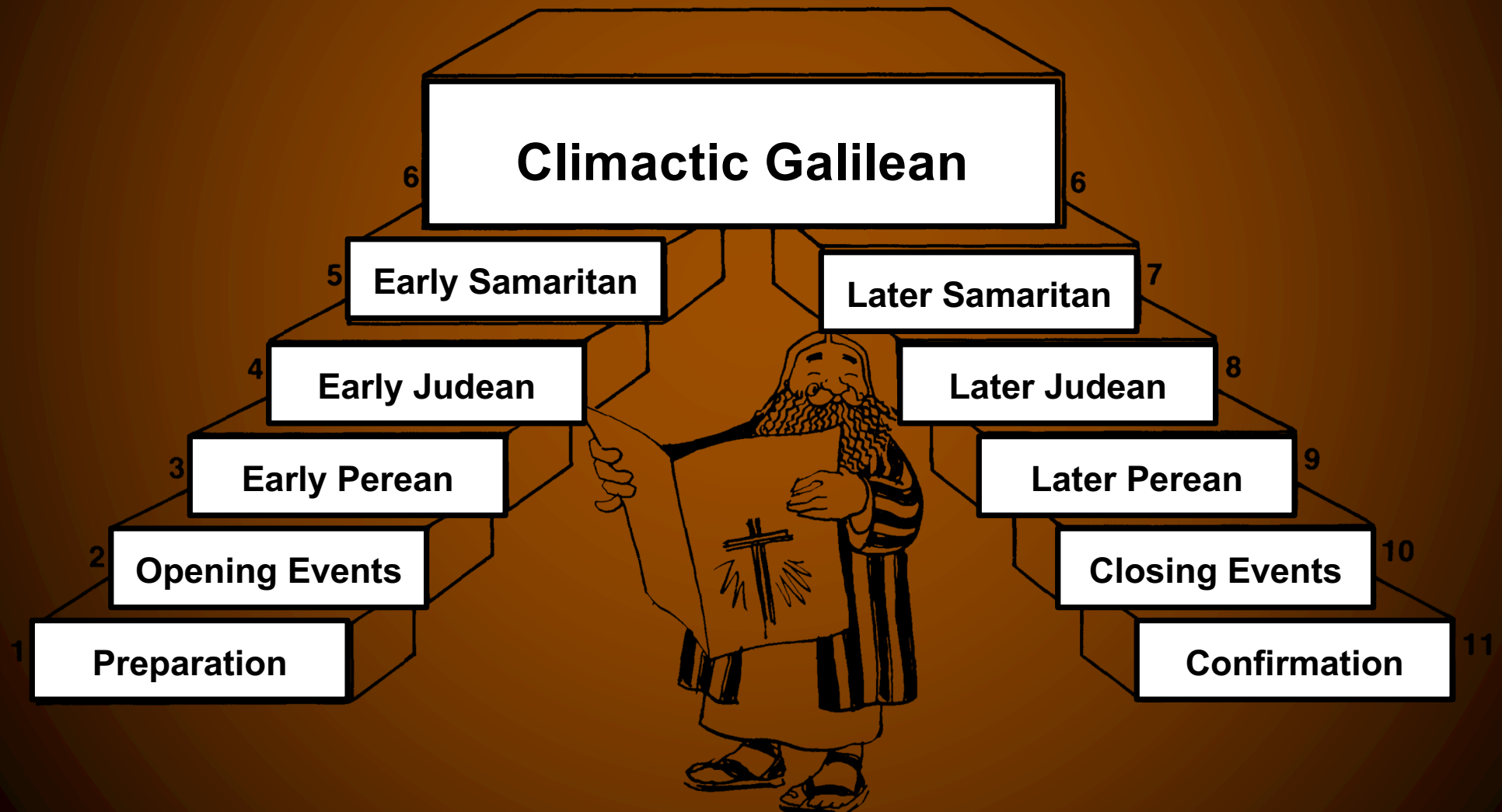
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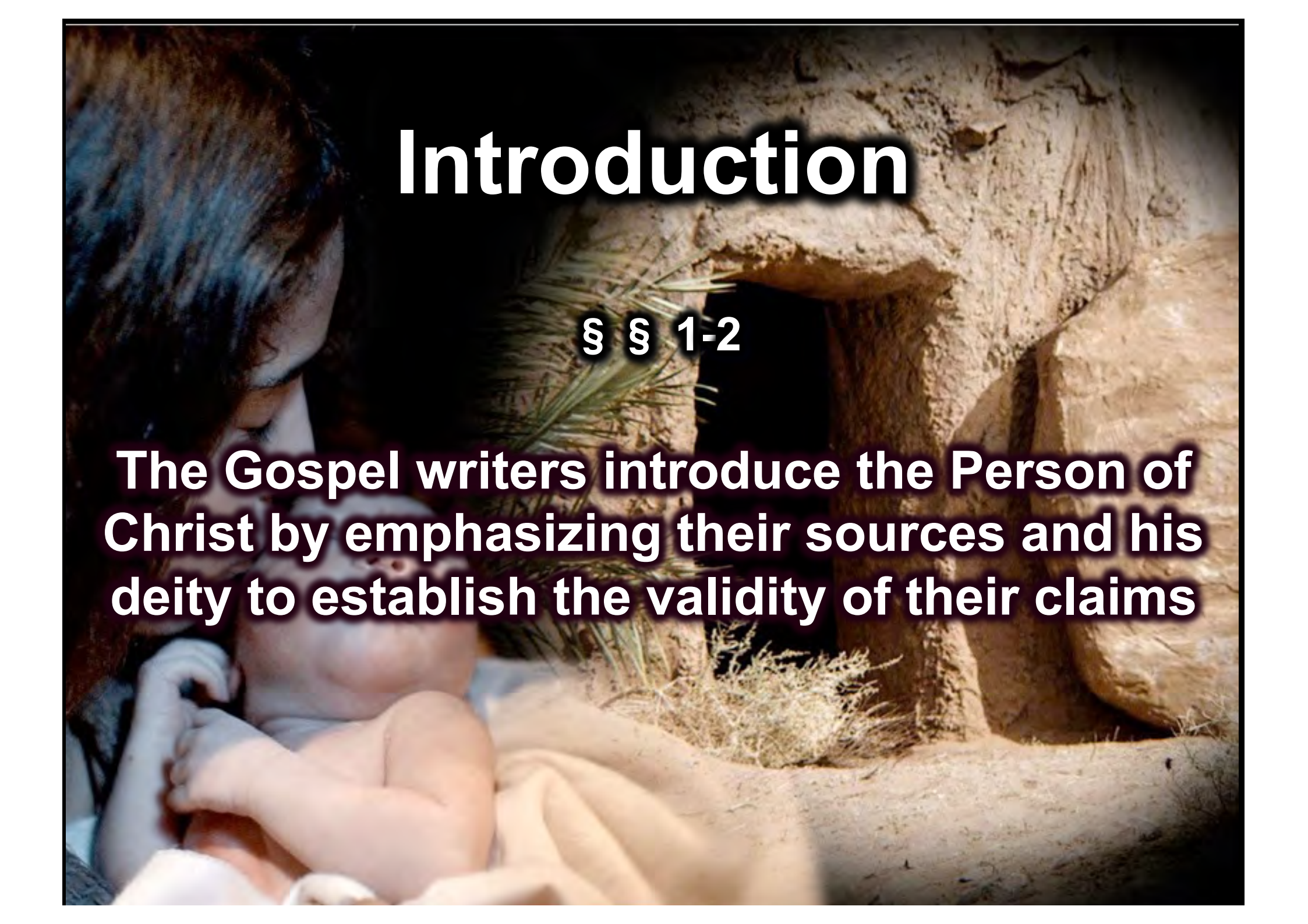
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Great Periods in the Life of Christ

“The Son of Man... came to minister and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45)



A woman with long dark hair is holding a baby wrapped in a light-colored cloth. They are positioned in front of a tomb entrance, which is a dark opening in a light-colored, textured rock wall. Some dry grass and a small plant are visible near the entrance. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the left, casting shadows on the woman's face and the rock wall.

Introduction

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The Gospel writers introduce the Person of Christ by emphasizing their sources and his deity to establish the validity of their claims

A. The Source of Knowledge

§ 1

Luke 1:1-4

**Luke's account is carefully researched
and authoritative so his readers can rely
on what they have been taught**

Who was Luke?

Medical doctor

Traveling companion of Paul

Articulate historian & writer

External Evidence

Church Fathers of the latter half of the 2nd century agreed that Luke, "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14), wrote this Gospel which bears his name:

The earliest evidence for Lukan authorship – Muratorian Canon and the Anti-Marcionite Prologue.

Further citations to Lukan authorship are given by Irenaeus, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Eusebius, and Jerome.

Internal Evidence

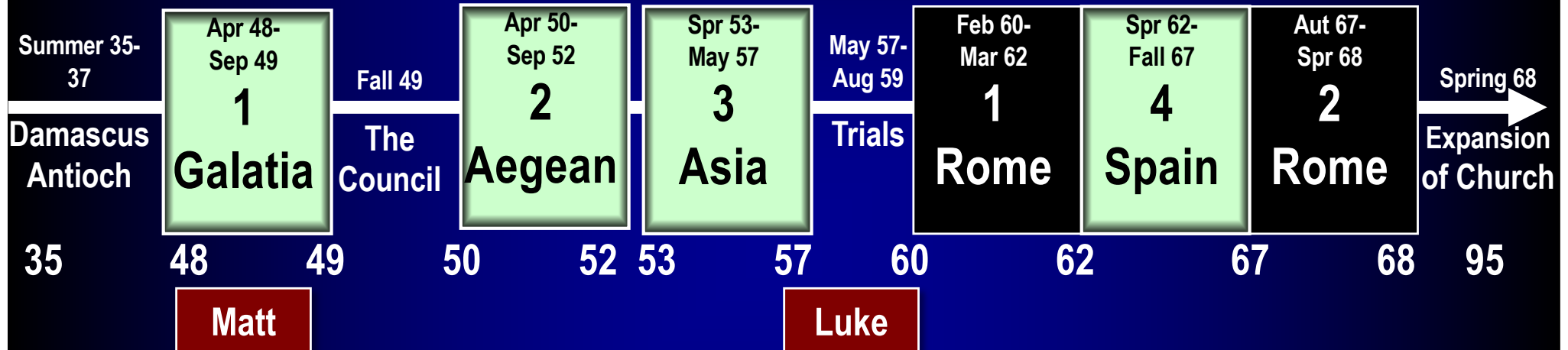
- 1. Several factors signify that Luke and Acts had the same author.**
- 2. The "we sections" in Acts**
- 3. Use of more technical medical terms is compatible with authorship by a doctor**

NT Overview (History)

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39-41

"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



Date

The Book of Acts ends with Paul's two-year imprisonment, ending in AD 62, and Luke was written before Acts. The best estimate is probably that Luke wrote his account during Paul's two-year imprisonment at Caesarea (Jun 57-Aug 59).



Who was Theophilus?

“Lover of God”

Believer in Jesus

Probably Wealthy Benefactor

Origin/Recipients



- Assuming the dating presented is correct, Luke wrote from Caesarea. He clearly wrote to Theophilus.
- The title of "most excellent" for Theophilus probably indicates that he was an official. As a man of high social standing, he may have assumed responsibility for publishing Luke and Acts.



In line with writing to Gentiles, Luke:

- **Translates Aramaic terms**
- **Traces Christ's genealogy to Adam**
- **Refers to Roman rulers for dating**
- **Avoids noting fulfilled prophecies**
- **Quotes the Septuagint**
- **Explains Jewish customs, and**
- **Explains Israel's geography.**

Undoubtedly Theophilus considered Luke a tremendous source to provide an orderly account of the life of Christ.

Luke wrote to strengthen the wealthy Christian's faith by showing that his faith rested on firm historical facts.

Perhaps even more significantly, Luke sought to explain to his wider Gentile audience how Christ died for the entire world after being rejected by Israel.

Purpose

Kingdom

Instructional / Edification

Ecclesiastical

Soteriological / Evangelistic

Narration of History

Apologetic

Conciliation

Characteristics

Superb Style

Prayer

Joy

Glory

Universal

Humanity of Christ

Money

Septuagint

Forgiveness

Temple

Redemptive Mission

Gentile

Holy Spirit

Abrahamic & Davidic Covenants

Secular History

Individual

Comprehensive

Emphasis on Women

Argument

Luke's Gospel is written *from* a Gentile mind *to* the Gentile mind to confirm Theophilus' faith but also to answer how the Jewish Savior could be a Savior for Gentiles. Luke performs this task masterfully by tracing the divinely directed kingdom message from Jews to Gentiles. Since Israel has rejected its Messiah, all men can receive salvation by simple faith. This message is continued in Luke's Book of Acts, which chronicles the kingdom message from its reception by Jerusalem Jews to Gentiles in the uttermost part of the Roman Empire.

Synthesis

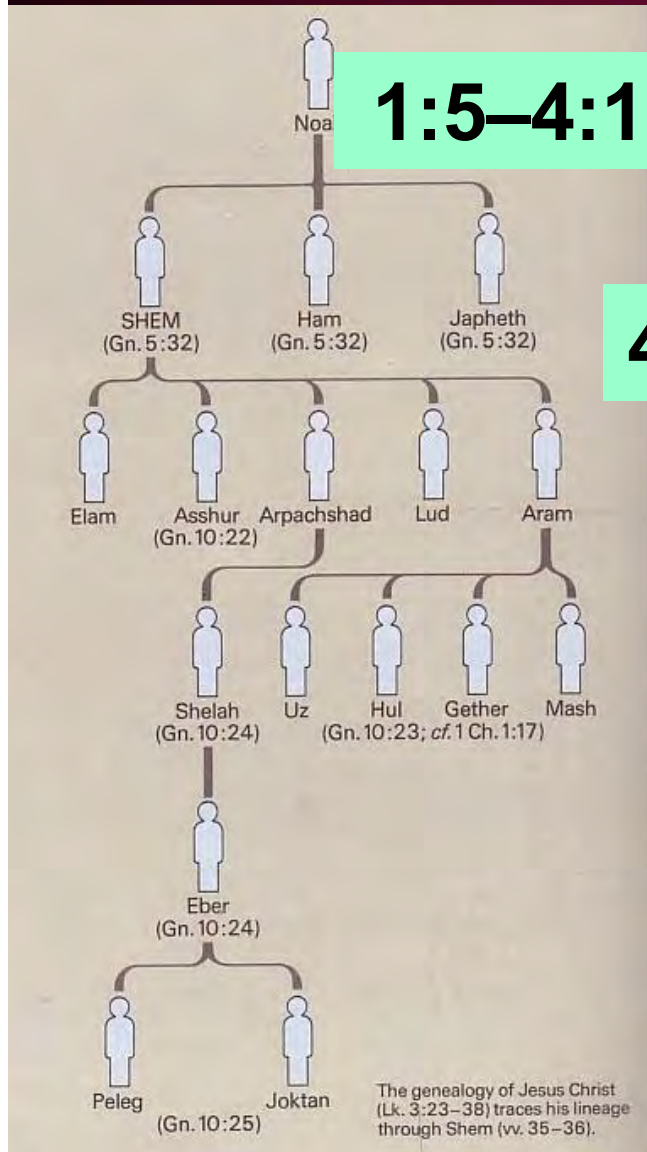
1:1-4 Sources

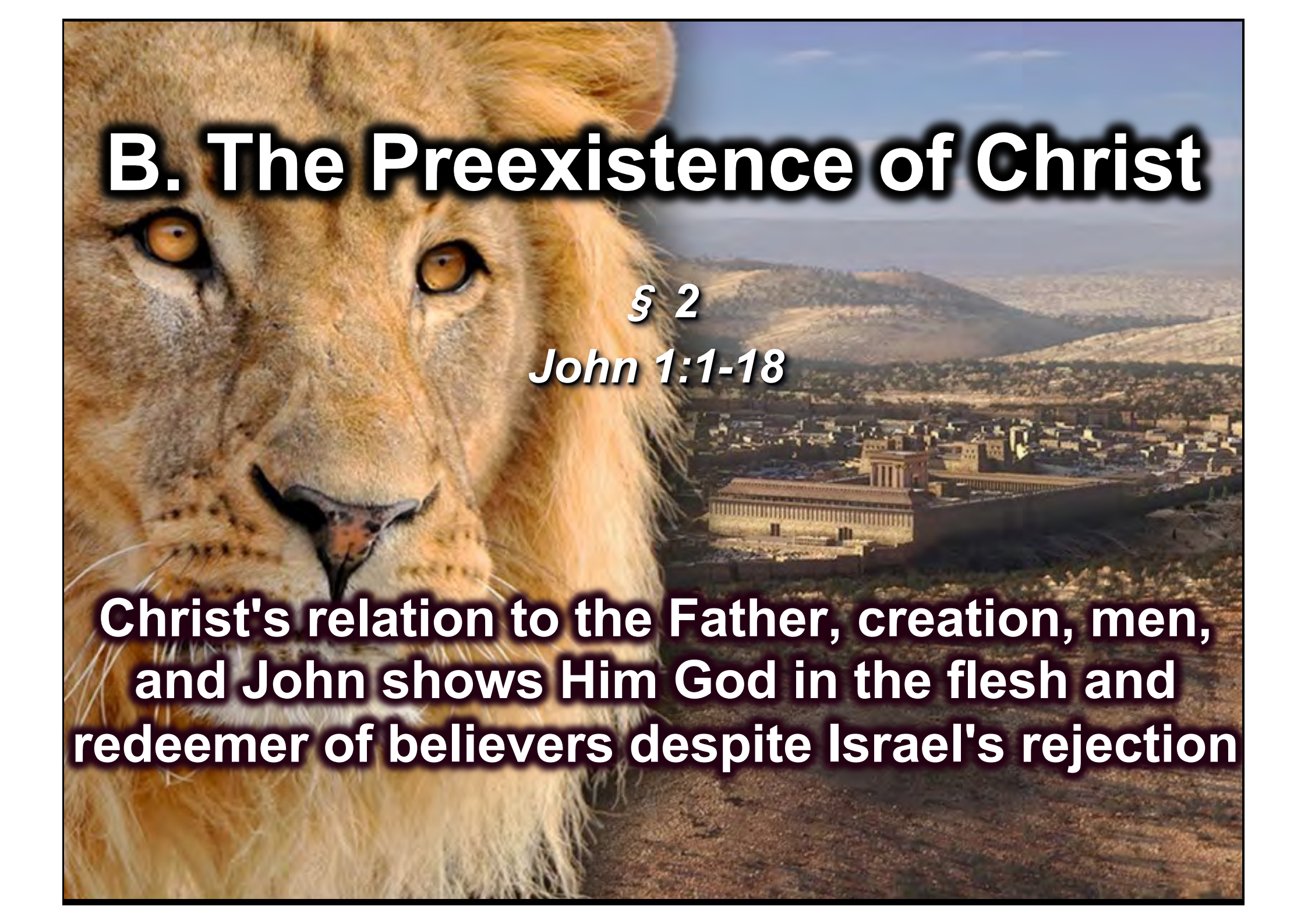
1:5–4:13 Pre-public Life

4:14–21:38 Ministry

22–23 Passion

24 Final Events





B. The Preexistence of Christ

§ 2

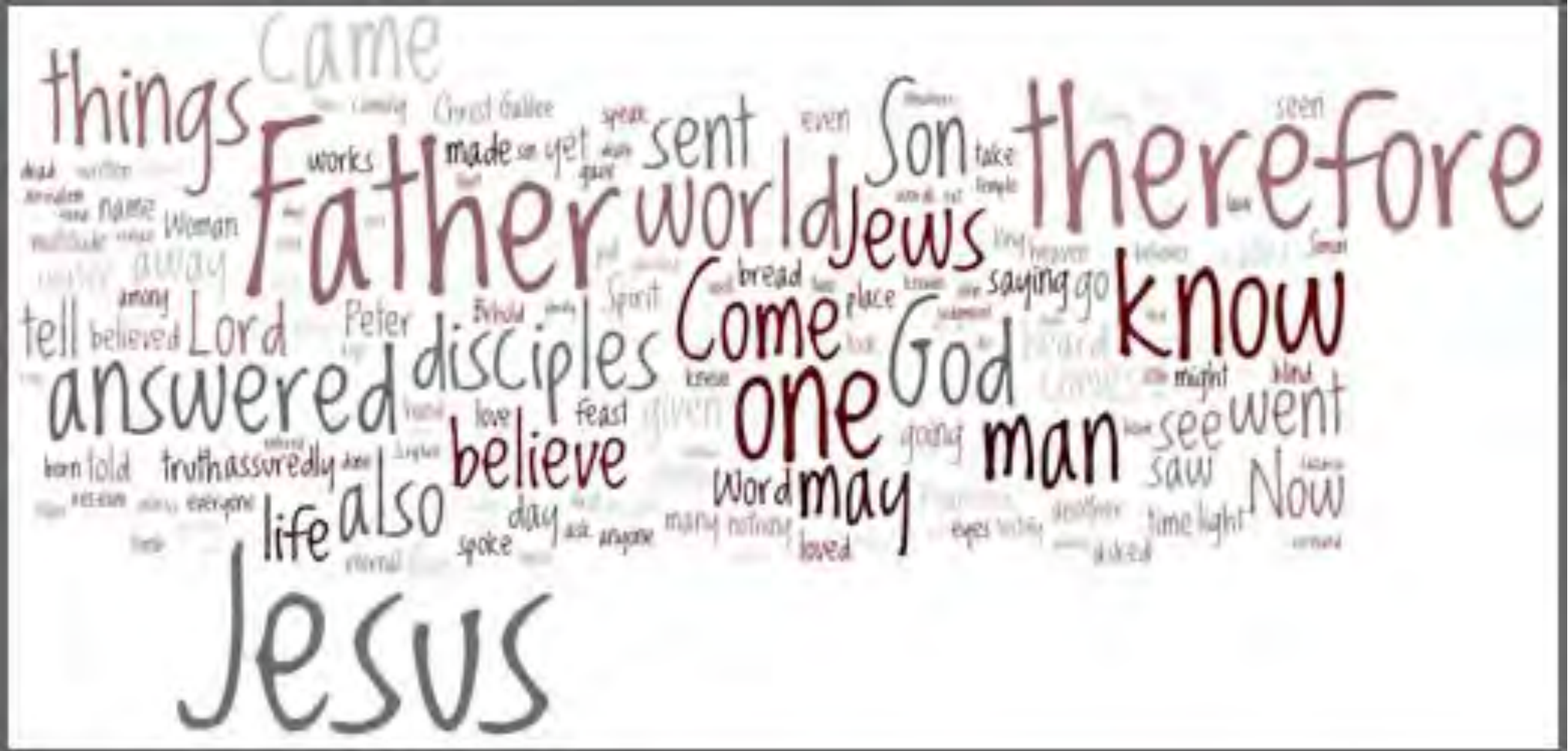
John 1:1-18

**Christ's relation to the Father, creation, men,
and John shows Him God in the flesh and
redeemer of believers despite Israel's rejection**

How Does God Speak to Us?

God has spoken in written & oral language

God has spoken in written & oral language



How Does God Speak to Us?



But has
especially
spoken
through a
person—
Jesus Christ!

Jesus is the *logos* (word)

- This means Jesus fully reveals who God is.
- He is the Perfect Revelation.

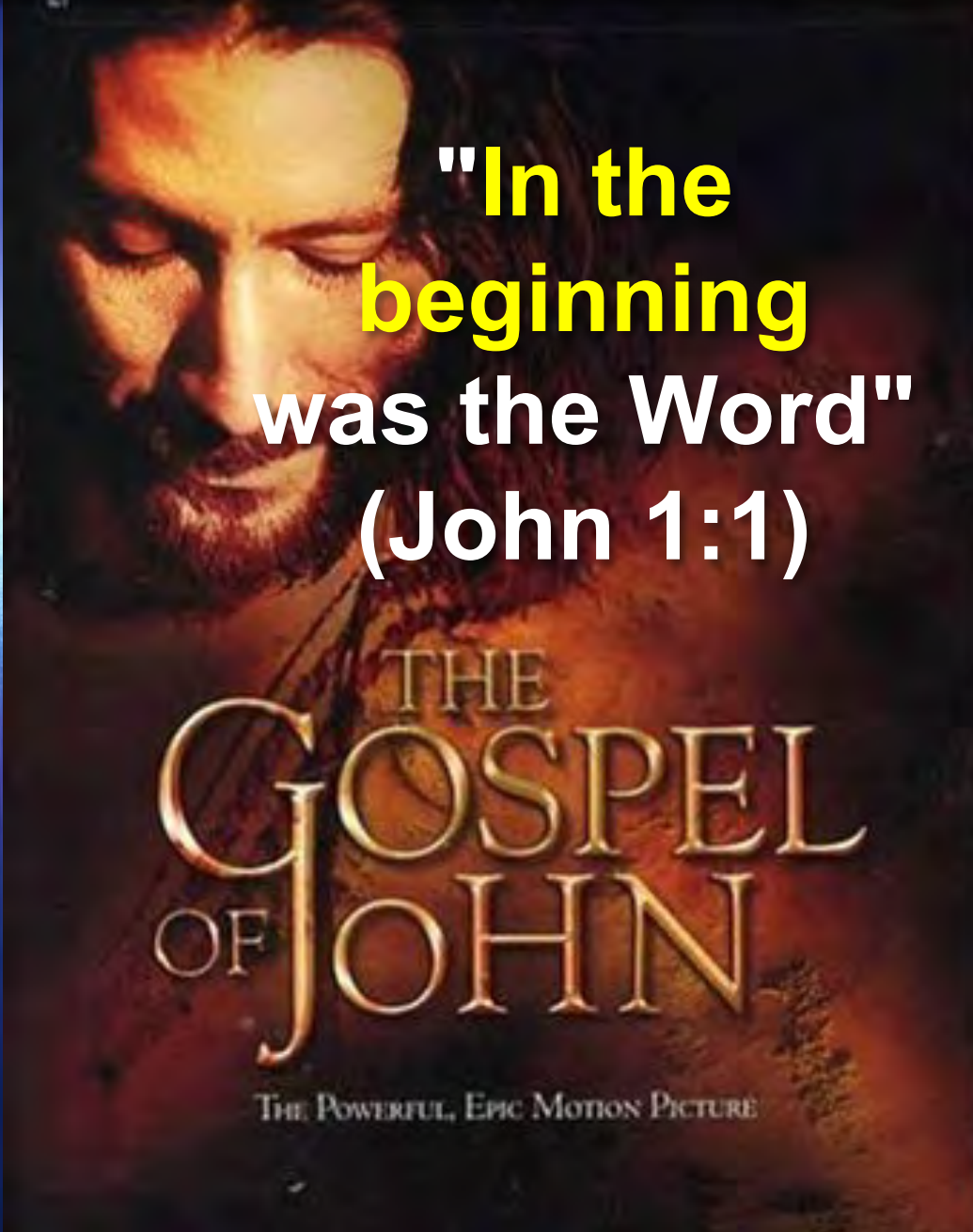


Exact Beginnings

**"In the
beginning
God created
the heavens
and the
earth"
(Genesis 1:1)**

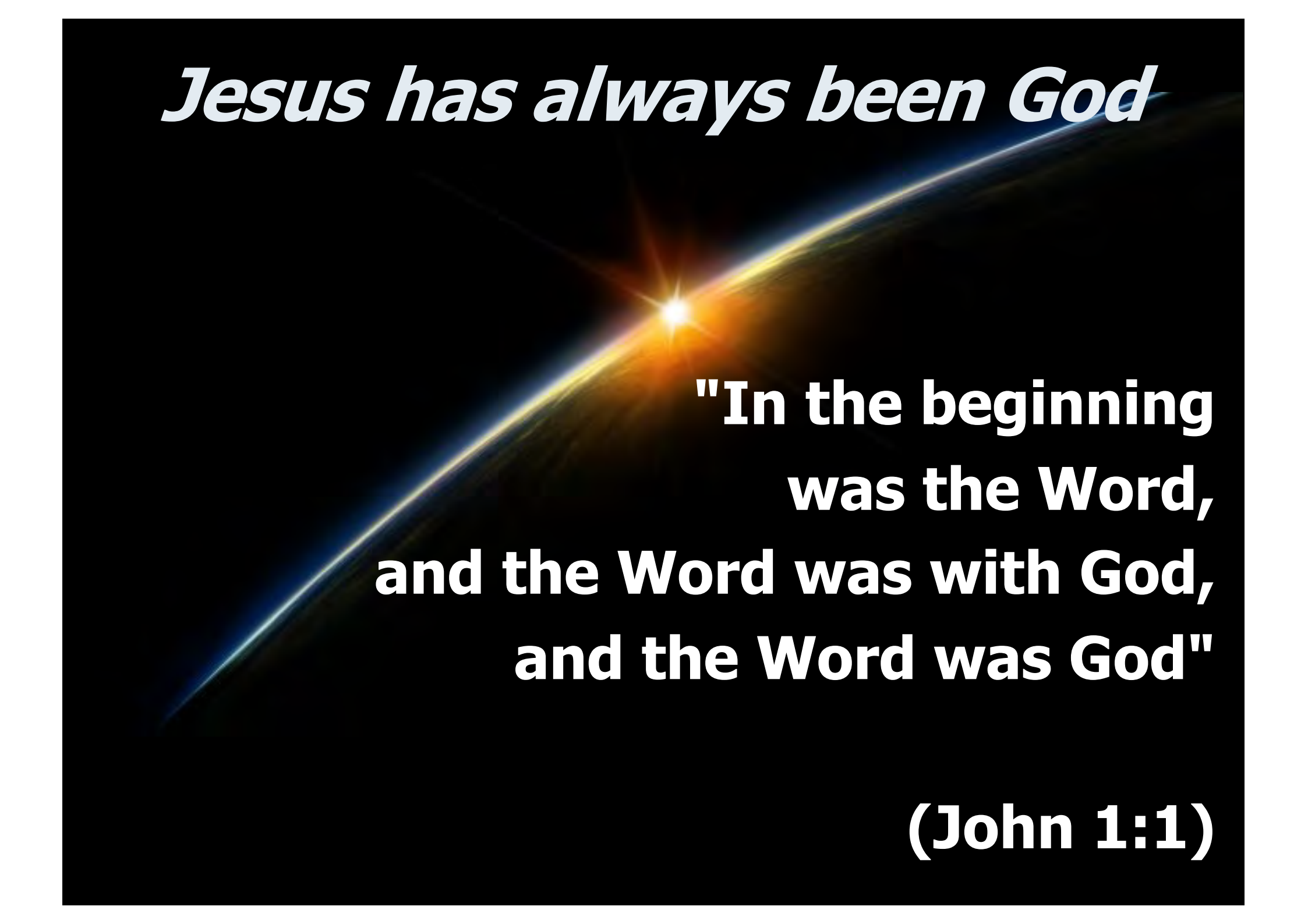


**"In the
beginning
was the Word"
(John 1:1)**



THE
GOSPEL
OF JOHN

THE POWERFUL, EPIC MOTION PICTURE



Jesus has always been God

**"In the beginning
was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God"**

(John 1:1)

Jews rejected Christ even though he was Jewish (1:11)

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive [Gr. 'welcome alongside'] him" (NIV).

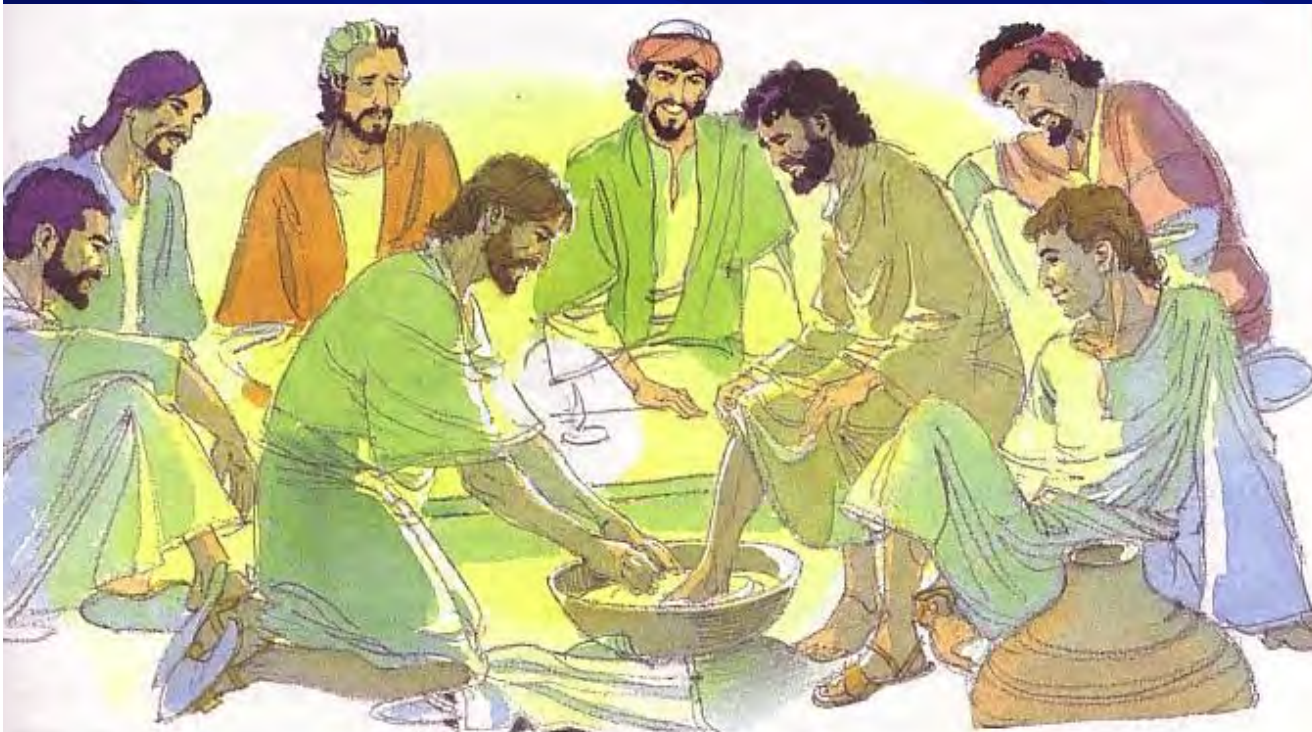
***You become a child
of God by believing
that Jesus is God:***

**"But to all who
believed him and
accepted him, he
gave the right to
become children
of God"
(John 1:12 NLT)**



God became man in Jesus

- "So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father" (John 1:14 NLT)





The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

Teachings of the Heretic Arius

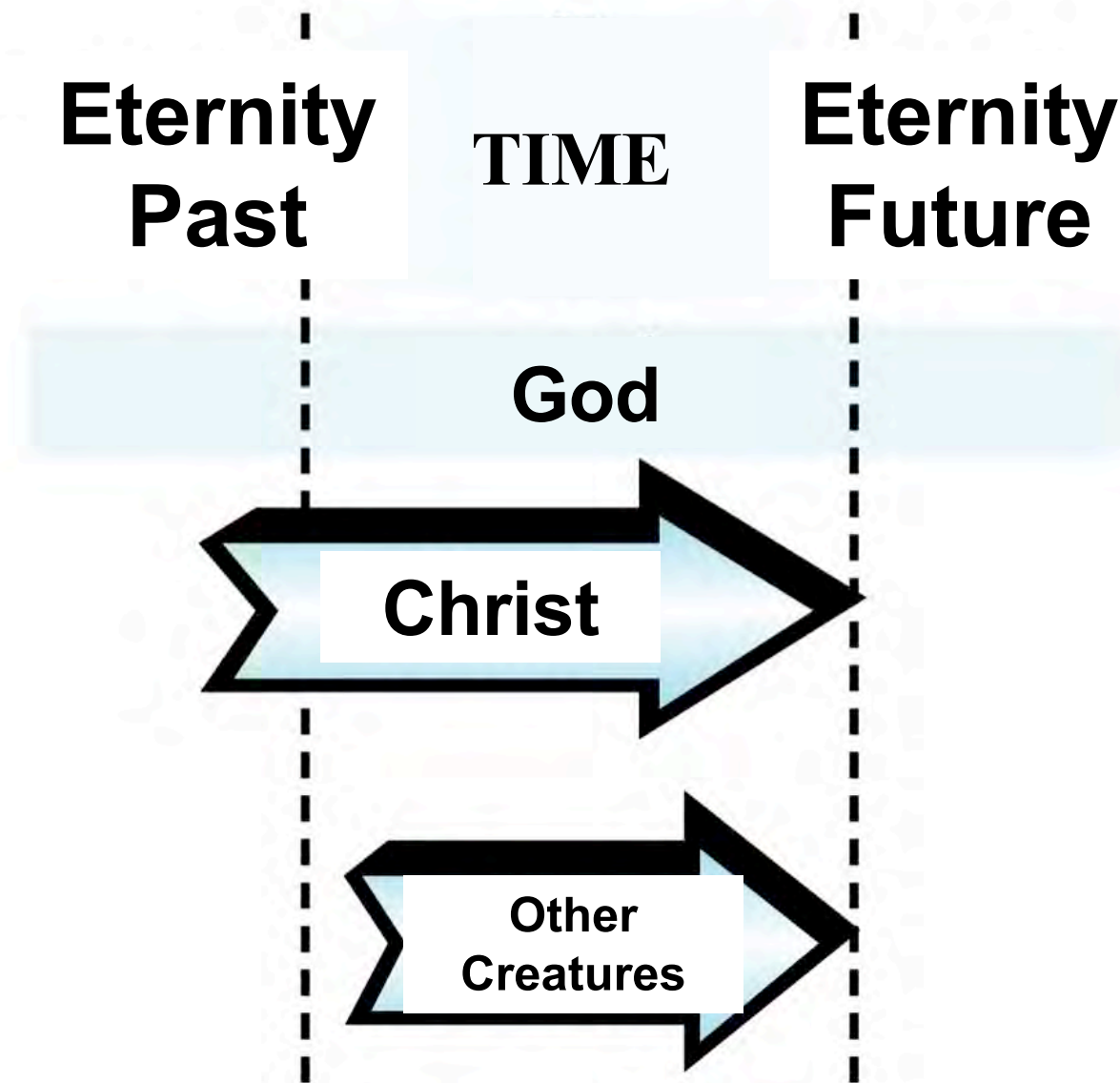


Chart 61

Alexander versus the Heretic Arius

Alexander:
*Bishop of
Alexandria*

Father

Son

Creation

Arius:
*Presbyter under
Alexander*

Father

Son

Creation

Chart 62

What About Nicea (AD 325)?

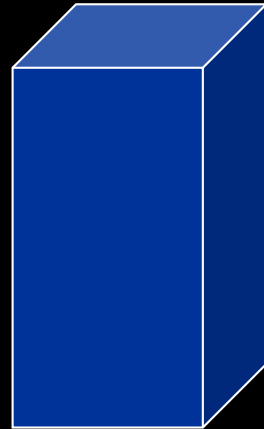
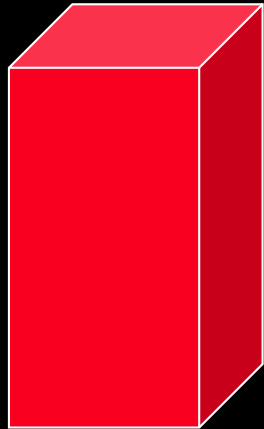
Bishops throughout
the Eastern Empire
gathered &
excommunicated
Arius of Alexandria



What About Nicaea?

Fiction

Fact



Arians:
"Jesus Not God"

Orthodox:
"Jesus is God"



Arians:
"Jesus Not God"

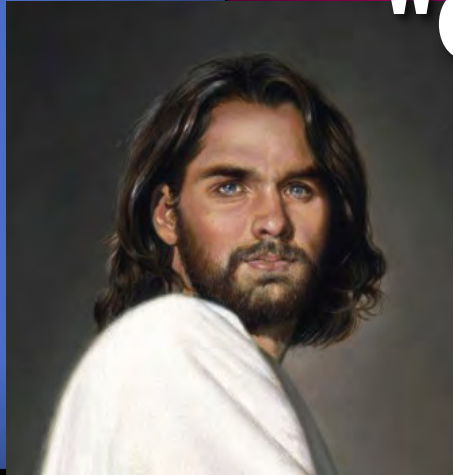


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Orthodox:
"Jesus is God"

AD 325
Council of Nicaea

Paul:
**"Christ, who is
God over all"**
Rom. 9:5



Peter:
**"God and Savior
Jesus Christ"**
2 Pet. 1:1

1st century belief in Deity

The Father:
**"About the Son He
says, 'Your throne,
O God...'"** Heb. 1:8

Jesus:
**"I and the Father
are one"**
John 10:30

Belief in Christ's Deity Before Nicaea

Ignatius: "God Himself was manifest in human form" (AD 105)

Clement: "It is fitting that you should think of Jesus Christ as of God" (AD 150)

Irenaeus: "He is God, for the name Emmanuel indicates this" (AD 180)

Tertullian: "... Christ our God" (AD 200)

Origen: "No one should be offended that the Savior is also God" (AD 225)

Lactantius: "We believe Him to be God" (AD 304)

The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

**We believe in one God,
the Father All Governing,
Creator of all things
visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God**



The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

begotten not created,
of the same essence
as the Father,
through whom all things
came into being,
both in heaven and on earth;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down and was incarnate,
becoming human.



The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

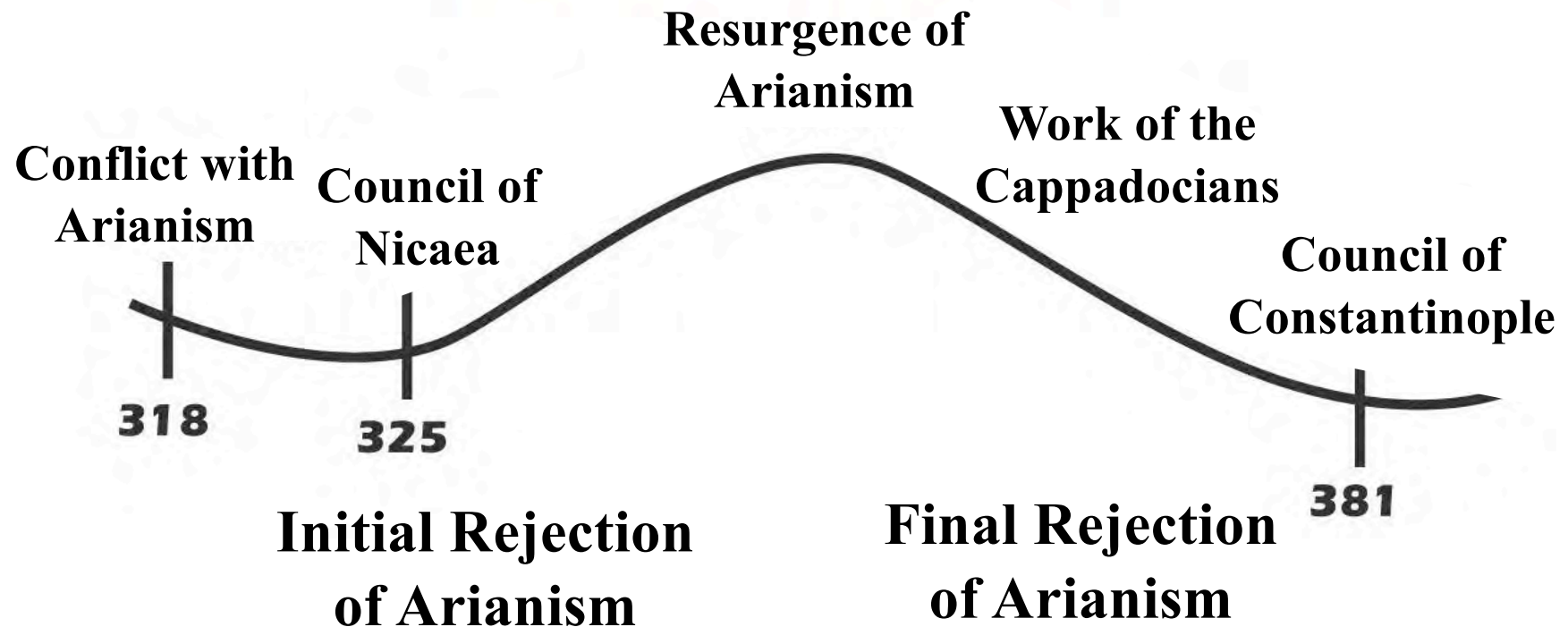
He suffered
and the third day he rose,
and ascended
into the heavens.

And he will come to judge
both the living and the dead.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit.



The Arian Controversy and Trinitarianism



The Resurgence of Arianism

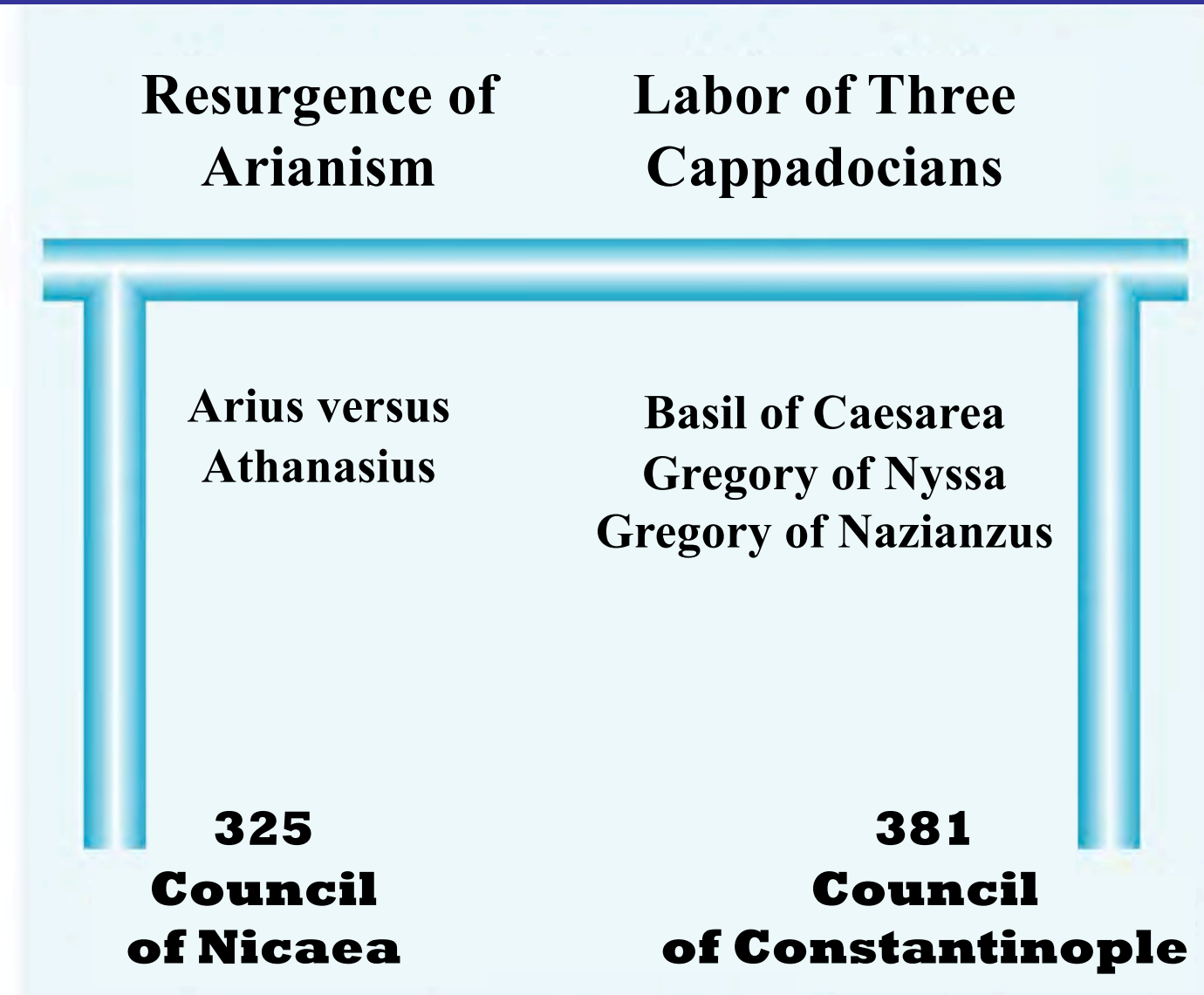


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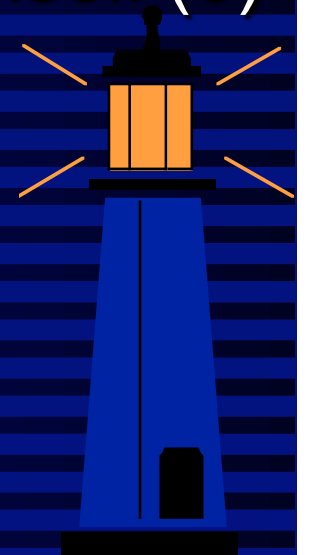
Christ Alone is the Light

John (1:6-9)

- Came to the world (6)
- Came into existence (6)
- A Man (6)
- Testified of the Light (7-8)

Jesus (1:1-5)

- Made the world (3)
- Was in the beginning (1a)
- The Word, or God (1c)
- Was the Light Himself (9)



Introduction of the King

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Arrival

- Ancestry
- Advent
- Infancy/
Childhood

Ambassador

Approval

- Baptism
- Temptation
- Herald

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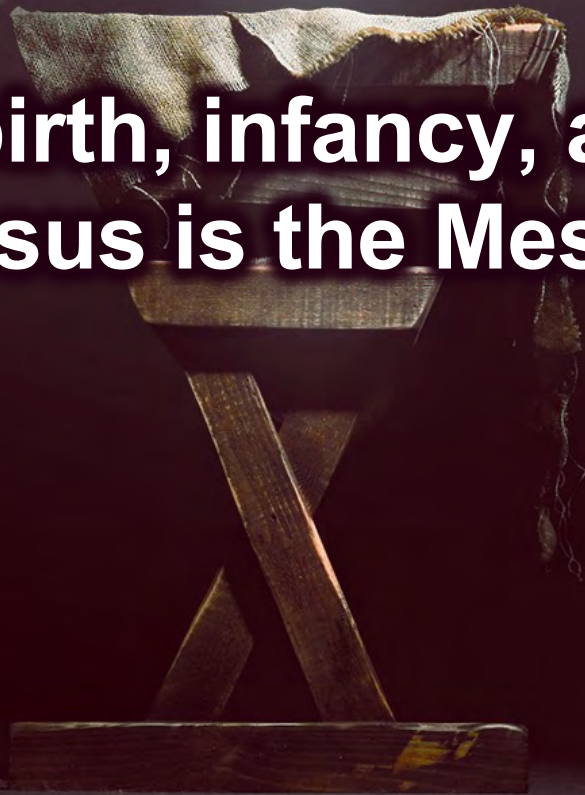
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**The Messianic identity of
Jesus Christ is proved in
his arrival, John's
testimony, and approvals
at his baptism and
temptation**

A. The Arrival of the King

§ § 3–19

**His lineage, birth, infancy, and childhood
show that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel**



1. His Ancestry

§ 3

Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23b-38

The genealogy of Jesus establishes his legal and physical right to the throne of David in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant



A boring way to begin a book?

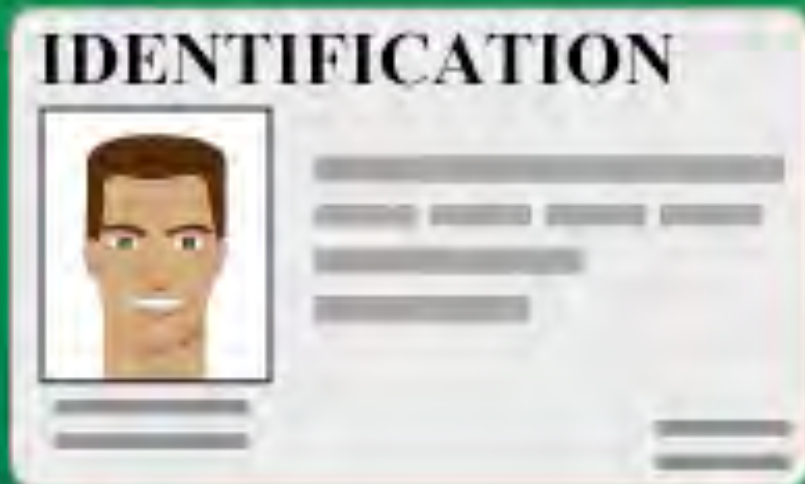
ESV Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon by Ruth, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David, 5 and David the father of Solomon, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Ozias, and Ozias the father of Joash, and Joash the father of Amaziah, and Amaziah the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasse, and Manasse the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah, and Jechoniah the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

"The first verse stunned me," Jerry recalls. "It said that Jesus was related to my forefathers."

Jeremiah Benjamin



Identifiers



**Proof That
Jesus is King**

David Listed Before Abraham

"This is a record of
the ancestors of
Jesus the Messiah, a
descendant of David
and of Abraham"
(Matt. 1:1 NLT)



Messianic Titles

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**Matthew presents Christ as Messiah
in all three required aspects:**

- **Prophet: Discourses (chs. 5–7, 10, 13, 18, 23–25)**
- **Priest: Atoning death (chs. 26–27)**
- **King: "son of David" (1:1; 9:27; 12:23, etc.)**

Support for a literal view of the kingdom is extensive

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

➡ **The Call
to Abraham**
Gen. 12:1-3

**The
Covenant to
Abraham**
Gen. 15:9-18

➡ **ETERNAL**
Gen. 13:15

LITERAL
Gen. 13:14-16

UNCONDITIONAL
Gen. 15:9-18

➡ **LAND**
Gen. 12:1

SEED
Gen. 12:2

BLESSING
Gen. 12:3

The Amplified Subcovenants

➡ **Land**
Deut. 30:1-10

Davidic
2 Sam. 7:4-16

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a gold crown and a blue robe with gold trim and a gold sash, holds a golden scepter. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. The background is dark with vertical gold stripes.

KEY VERSE:
2 Samuel 7:12-13

**"For when you ²⁰⁹
(David) die, I will
raise up one of your
descendants, and I
will make his
kingdom strong. He
is the one who will
build a house—a
temple—for my
name. And I will
establish the throne
of his kingdom
forever."**

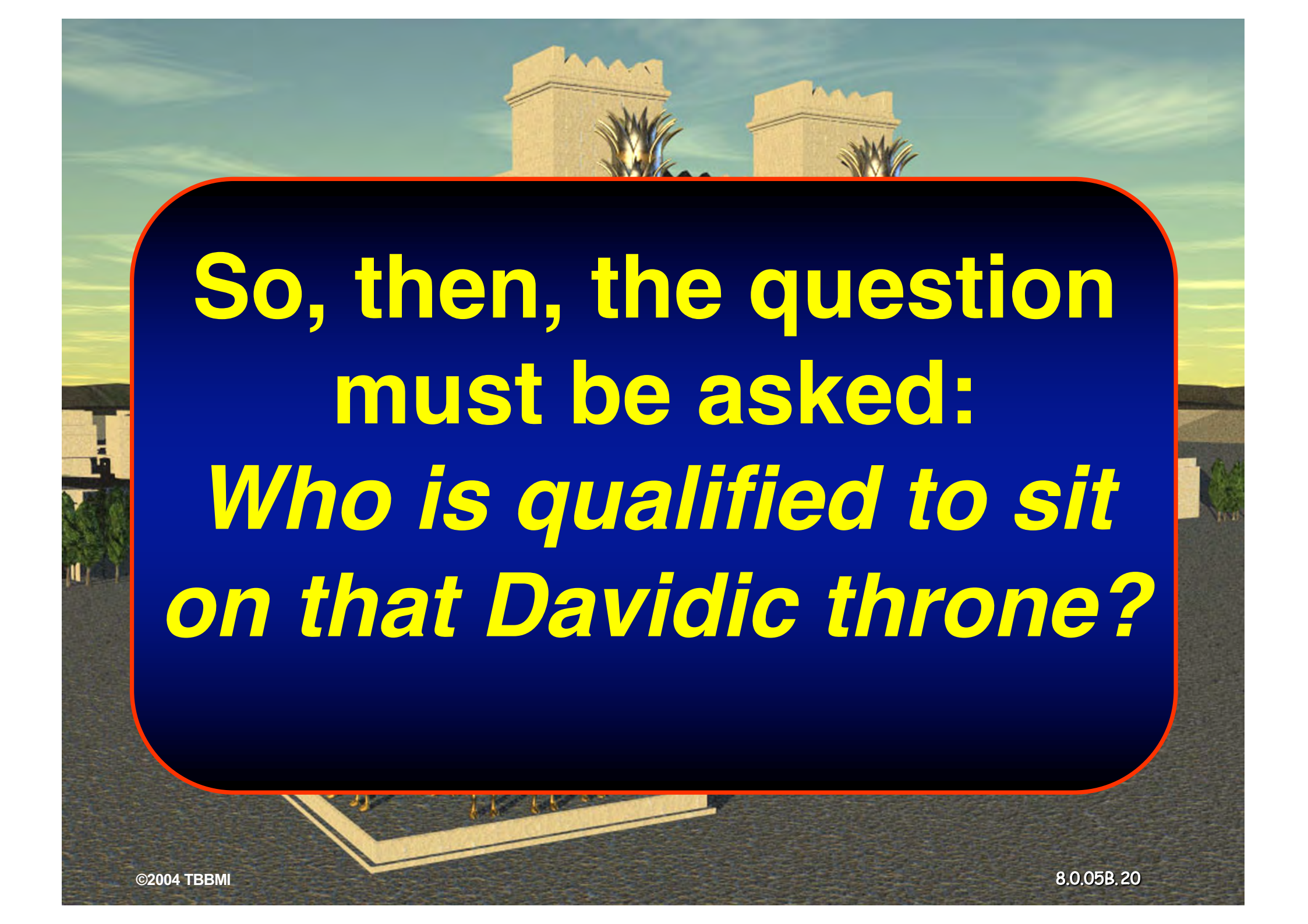


THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

ITS THREE GUARANTEES

2 Samuel 7

¹⁶ Your **house** and your **kingdom** will endure forever before me; your **throne** will be established forever.



**So, then, the question
must be asked:
*Who is qualified to sit
on that Davidic throne?***



THE DAVIDIC DYNASTY

The Royal Genealogy of Jesus Christ

STUDY HELP #16

THE LINE OF DAVID: The Royal Genealogy of Jesus Christ*

***VASTLY
ABBREVIATED**

THE LINE OF DAVID: The Royal Genealogy of Jesus Christ*

ADAM — EVE

Scripture Location:
Genesis 3:20

***VASTLY
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Scripture Location:
Genesis 4:1-2; 4:8

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Scripture Location:
Genesis 4:25

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Scripture Location:

Genesis 5:29

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Scripture Location:

Genesis 11:26

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Scripture Location:

Matthew 1:2-6

NOAH

ABRAHAM (*Sarah*)

DAVID

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ADAM — EVE
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CAIN ~~ABEL~~ SETH

⋮
NOAH

⋮
ABRAHAM

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DAVID — BATHSHEBA

Scripture Location:

2 Samuel 12:24

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CAIN ~~ABEL~~ SETH

Scripture Location:
2 Samuel 5:14

NOAH

ABRAHAM

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NATHAN SOLOMON

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CAIN ~~ABEL~~ SETH

NOAH

ABRAHAM

DAVID — BATHSHEBA

NATHAN SOLOMON

MARY

Scripture Location:

Luke 3:23
Plus Others

*VASTLY
ABBREVIATED

LUKE 3:23 (see other references)

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LUKE 3:23 (see other references)

Luke 3:23: "Now Jesus himself was about 30 years old when He began His ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph." (NIV)

"Luke was tracing the line of Mary. Many interpreters [among varied positions...] argue that Luke was giving the genealogy of Mary, showing that she also was in the line of David and that therefore Jesus was qualified as the Messiah, not only through Joseph (since he was the oldest legal heir) but also through Mary."

Louis Barbieri, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, eds. John Walvoord & Roy Zuck (Victor Books, 1983), 212.

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NATHAN SOLOMON

MARY

JOSEPH

Scripture Location:
Matthew 1:16

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Scripture Location:
Matthew 1:16

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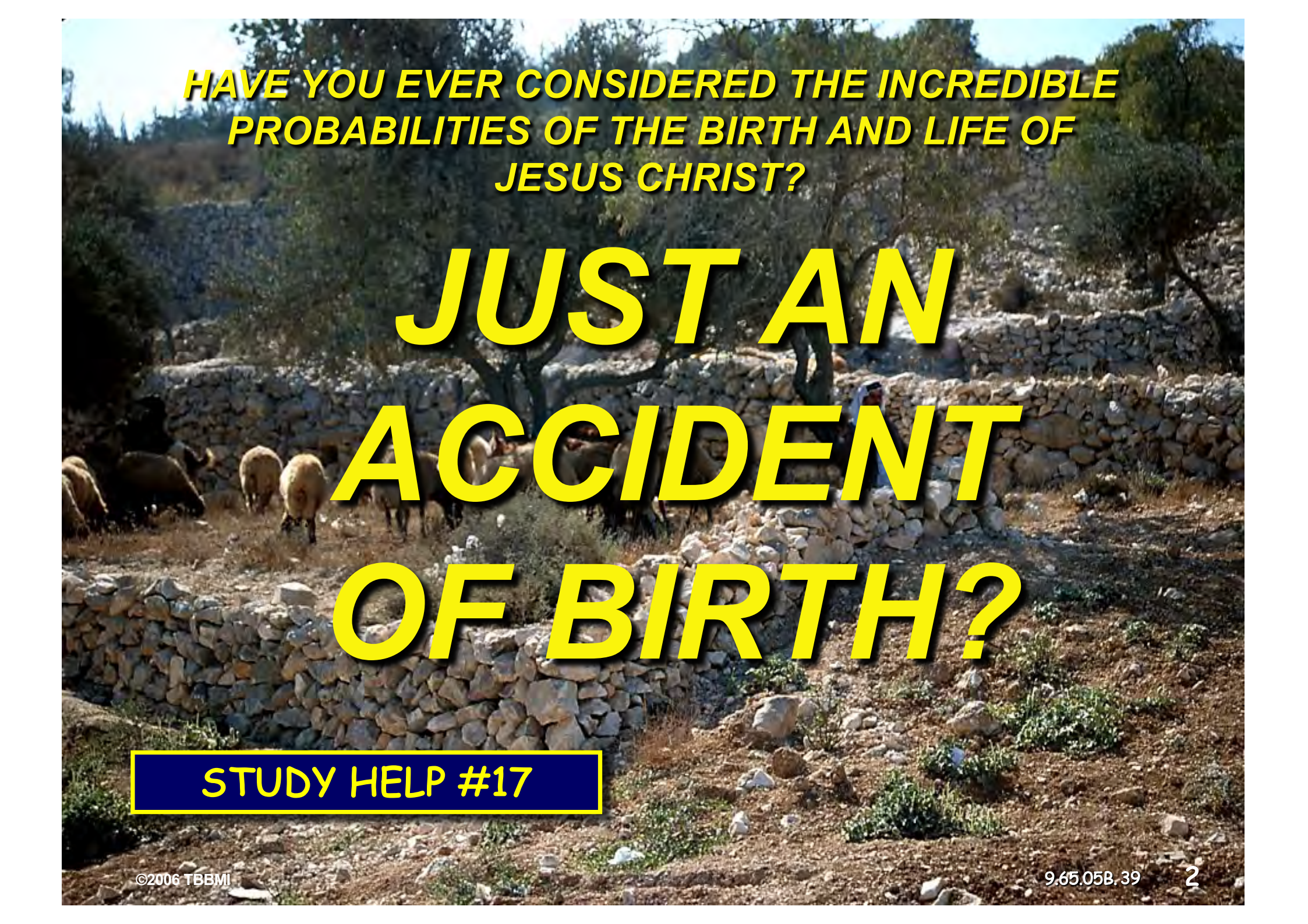


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A pastoral scene with sheep grazing in a field. In the background, there are stone walls and trees. The text is overlaid on the image.

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE INCREDIBLE
PROBABILITIES OF THE BIRTH AND LIFE OF
JESUS CHRIST?**

**JUST AN
ACCIDENT
OF BIRTH?**

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JUST AN ACCIDENT OF BIRTH? *

**IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: MORE THAN 300
REFERENCES TO A COMING MESSIAH
WERE FULFILLED UPON THE BIRTH, LIFE
AND CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST.
WITH THAT SAID...**

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*Source: Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*, 1972, page 175; Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*, Moody Press, 1963.

THAT SAID...

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF ONLY **8**
PREDICTIONS BEING FULFILLED IN THE
LIFE OF ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL
BETWEEN THEN AND NOW?

*ANSWER: ONE CHANCE IN
100 QUADRILLION (10^{17})*

1:100,000,000,000,000,000

*Source: Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*, 1972, page 175; Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*, Moody Press, 1963.

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER...

**WITH JUST 48 (OF THE 300)
PREDICTIONS BEING FULFILLED IN
THE LIFE OF ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL
BETWEEN THEN AND NOW:**

ANSWER: one chance in 10^{157}

1:10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,
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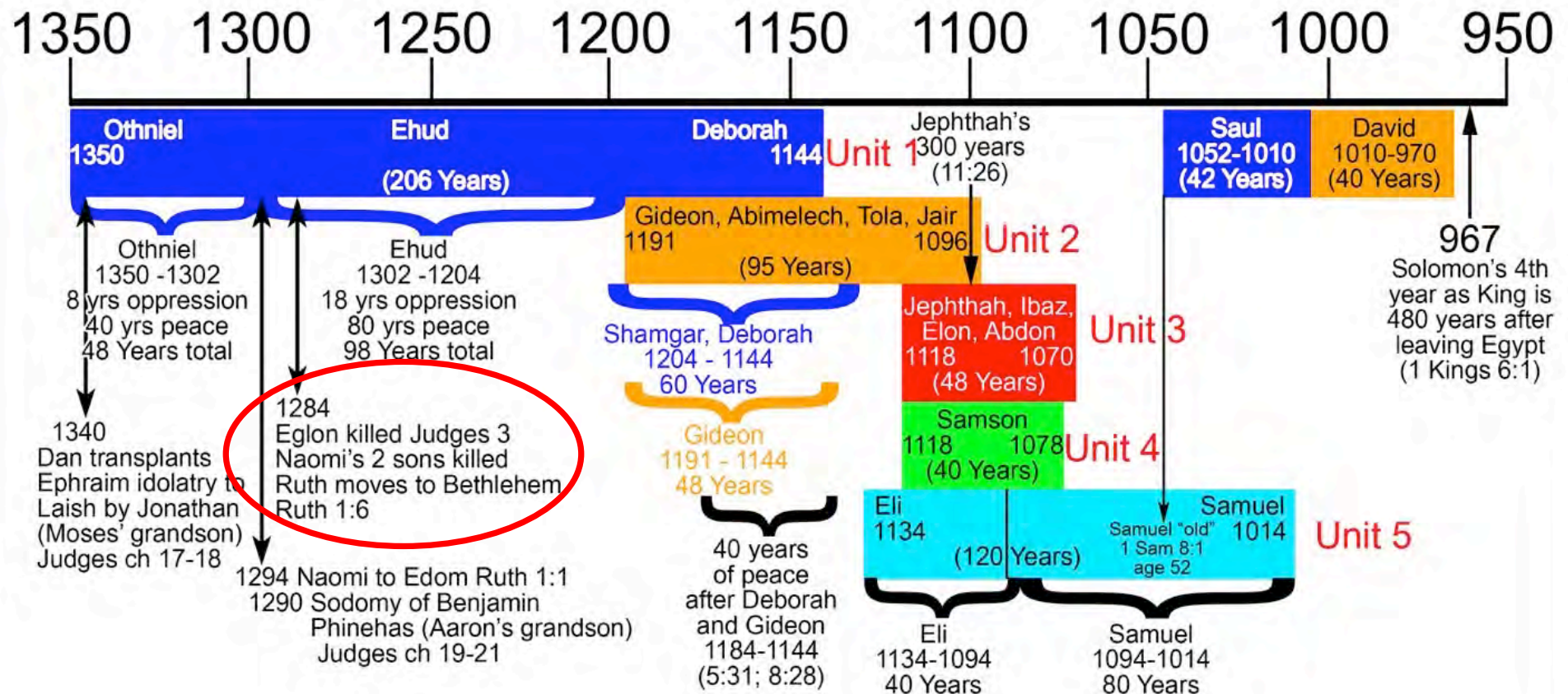
Three-Part Genealogy of Christ Through Joseph (1:1-17)



1. From Abraham to David
– 14 generations
2. From David to Captivity in Babylon
– 14 generations
3. From Captivity to Christ
– 14 generations

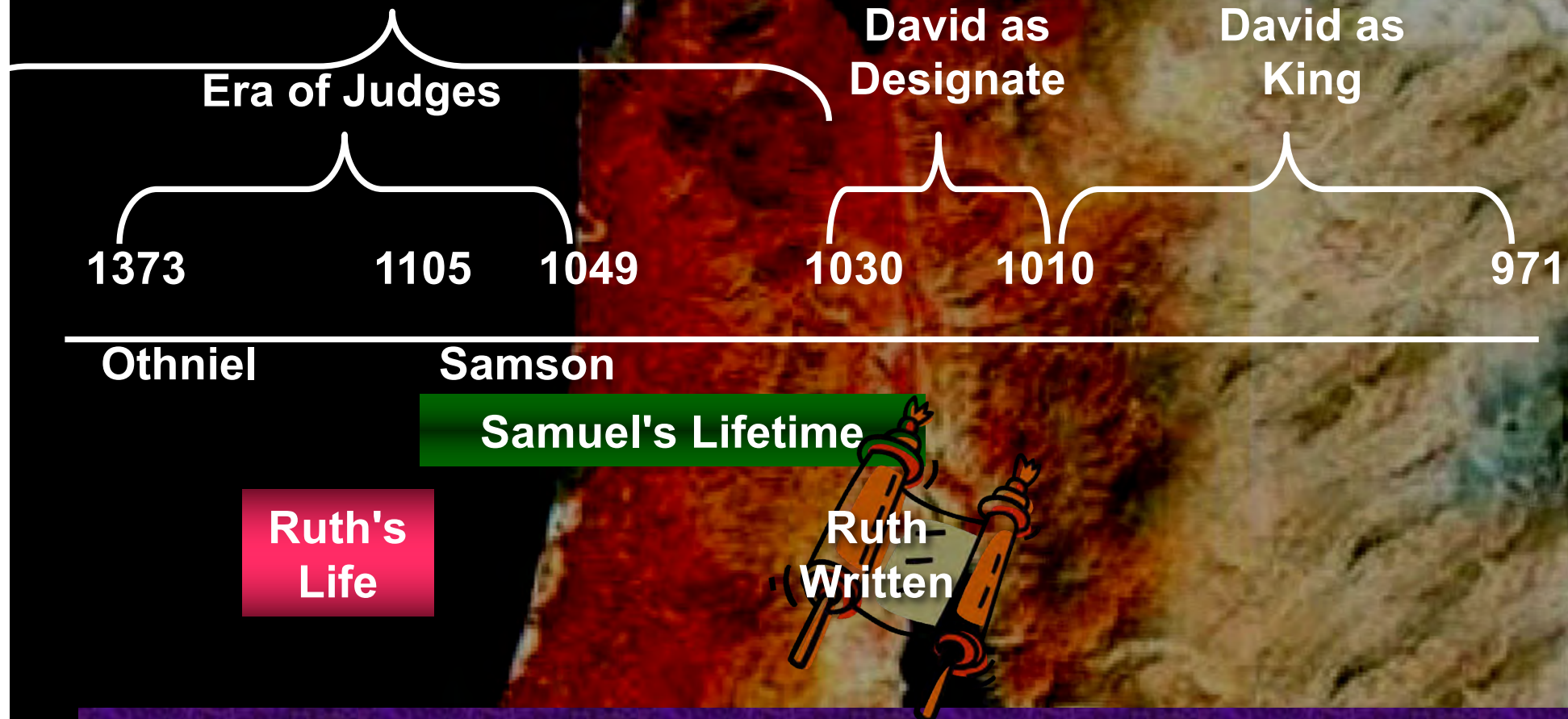
Chronology of Judges Timeline

The Five Indivisible Units of Chronology



Date

Genealogy



- ✧ Since the genealogy (4:18-21) ends with David (not Solomon), it was probably penned after David's anointing (ca. 1030 BC) &, at the latest, just before Solomon's crowning as king (971 BC).
- ✧ Authorship by Samuel pushes the date back to probably 1030-1020 BC.
- ✧ The story occurs in the previous era of the judges (1:1; 1373-1049 BC).
- ✧ Since Ruth was David's great-grandmother (4:17) and he began ruling in 1010 BC, some believe Ruth lived in the latter part of the 12th century.
- ✧ Thus, Samuel records events that occurred about one century earlier.

Promises of the Davidic Covenant

What did God promise David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16?



New Dynasty
(2 Sam 7)

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

seed

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

blessing

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will again enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Promises of the Davidic Covenant

What did God promise David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16?

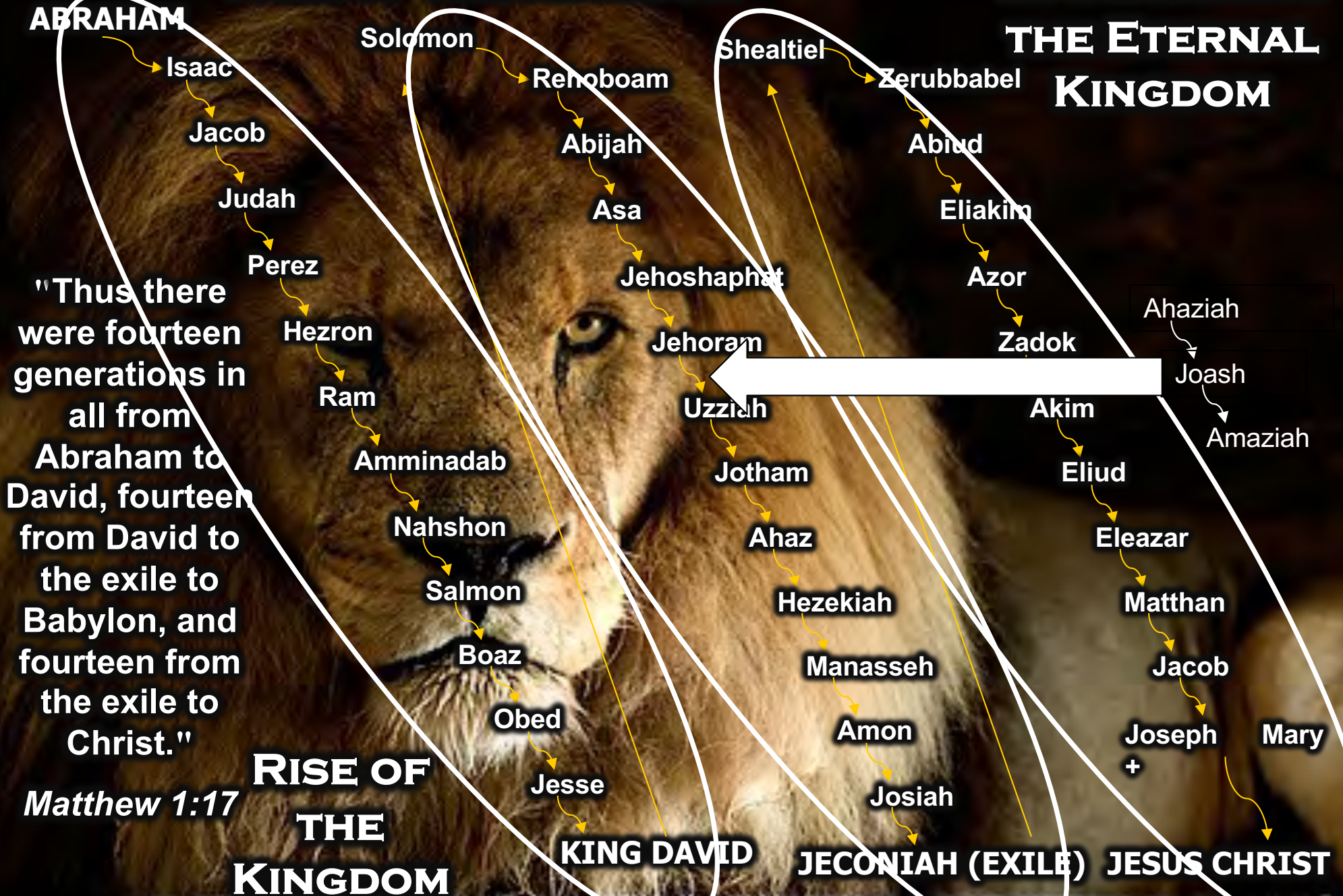
- Sons: "house" never wiped out
- Kingdom: political dynasty (each Jerusalem king will be one of his direct descendants)
- Throne: As an eternal covenant (v. 16), the right to rule will remain with his family forever
- Temple: Solomon will build it
- Discipline: God will punish disobedient kings but still unconditionally keep these promises

New Dynasty
(2 Sam 7)

The Kingdom in Matthew 1

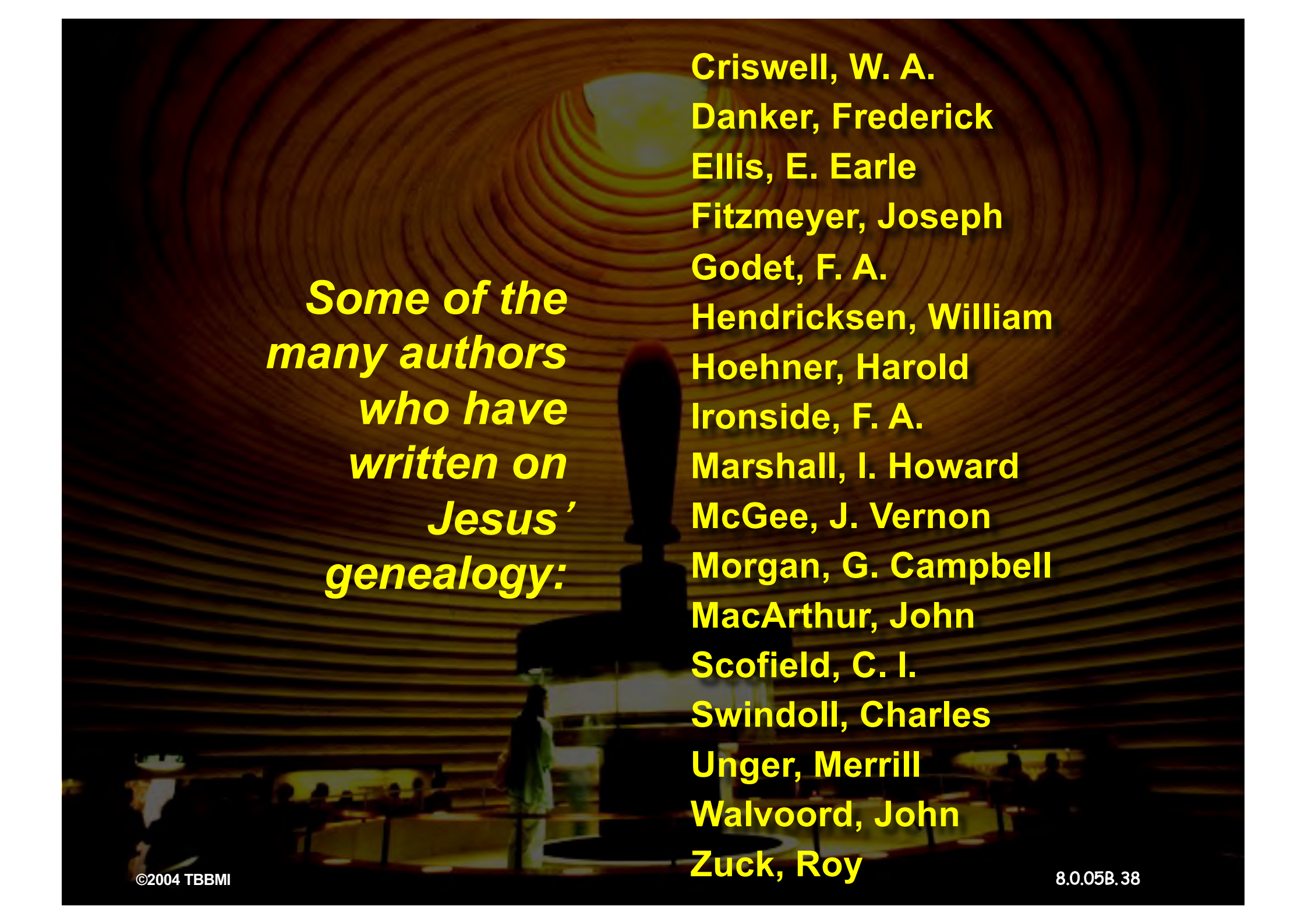
FALL OF THE KINGDOM

ESTABLISHING THE ETERNAL KINGDOM



Matthew says Jesus is King!





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Ellis, E. Earle
Fitzmeyer, Joseph
Godet, F. A.
Hendricksen, William
Hoehner, Harold
Ironsides, F. A.
Marshall, I. Howard
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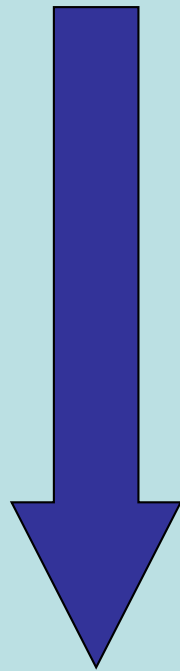


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Genealogy of Jesus

Matthew



from
Abraham
down to
Jesus

How many
generations were
there from Abraham
to Jesus?

15	●	P1 Million
14	●	P500,000
13	●	P250,000
12	●	P125,000
11	●	P64,000
10	●	P32,000
9	●	P16,000
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5	●	P1,000
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2	●	P200
1	●	P100

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Genealogy of Jesus

Matthew

from
Abraham
down to
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Abraham



David



Babylonian exile



Jesus



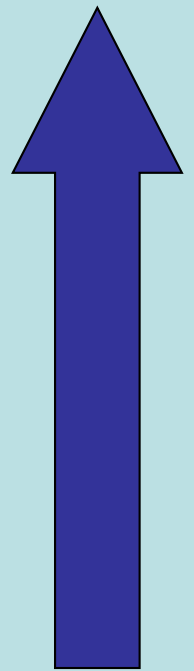
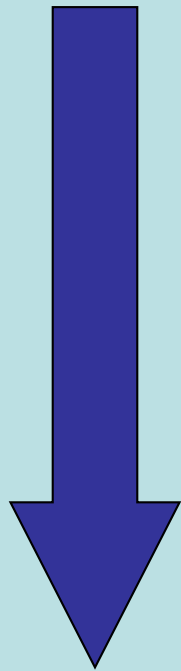
Genealogy of Jesus

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from
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down to
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up to
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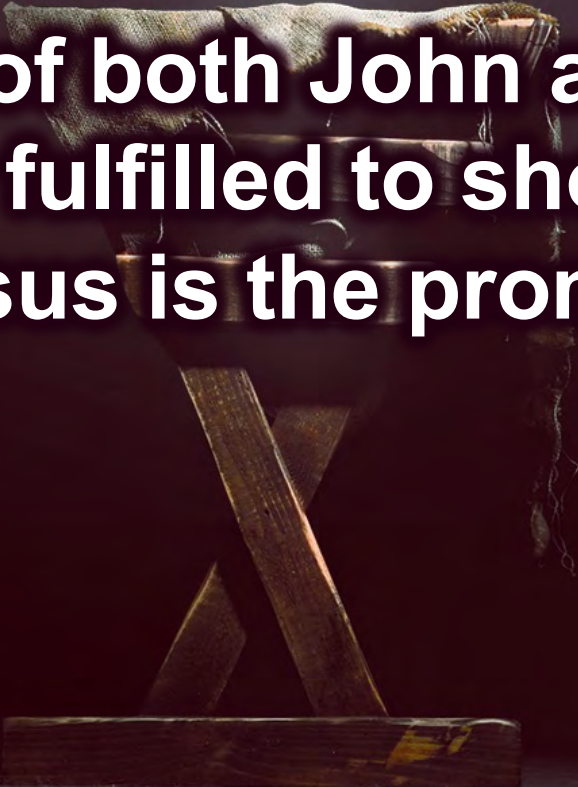
DAVIDIC HERITAGE

messianic role

2. His Advent

§ § 4-11

The arrival of both John and Christ is announced and fulfilled to show through their births that Jesus is the promised Messiah

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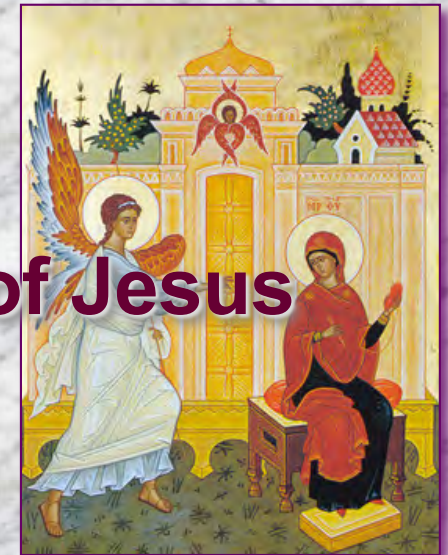


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same main details OF MATTHEW & LUKE

- ❖ Mary & Joseph were godly parents
- ❖ virginal conception of Mary
- ❖ an angel announced the birth of Jesus

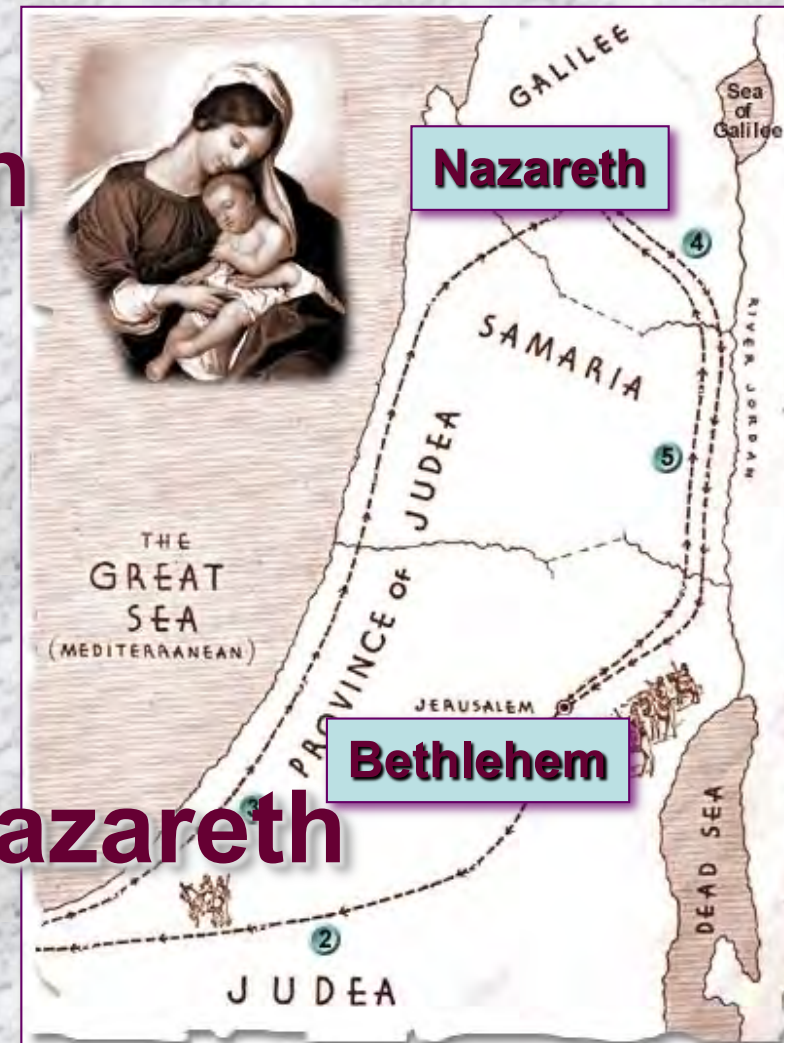


❖ named the child in advance

❖ born in Bethlehem in the time of Herod



❖ the family settled in Nazareth



TIMELINE OF INFANCY STORIES OF JESUS

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Mary conceived

LUKE

birth of John predicted

birth of Jesus predicted



Mary & Elizabeth met

**Jesus born
in Bethlehem**

birth of John

birth of Jesus

flight to Egypt

killing of the infants

returned to Nazareth



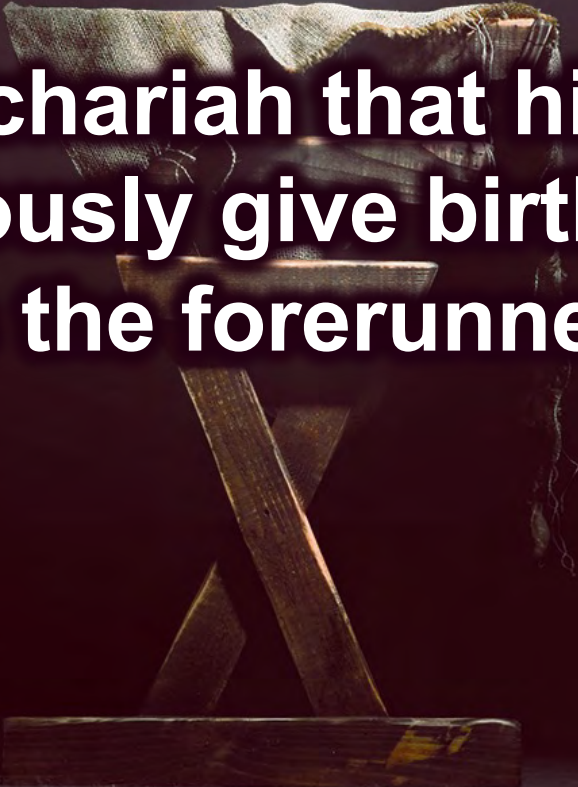
**Jesus in the temple
at the age of 12**

a. The Annunciation of the Birth of John to Zechariah

§ 4

Luke 1:5-25

**Gabriel tells Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth
would miraculously give birth to John to set
him apart as the forerunner of Messiah**



Luke 1:5-25, 39-45

**ZECHARIAH IS
PROMISED A SON**



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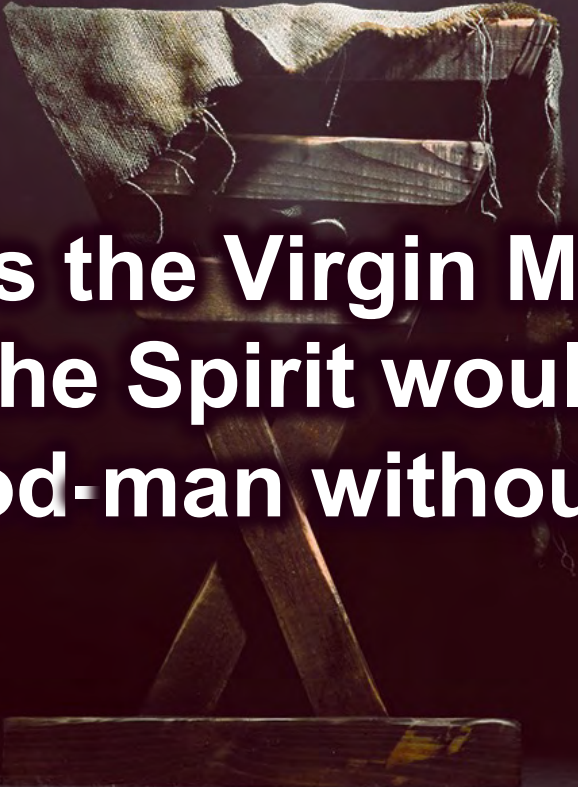
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b. The Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus to Mary

§ 5

Luke 1:26-38



**Gabriel tells the Virgin Mary that her
conception by the Spirit would bear Jesus as
Messiah and God-man without a fallen nature**

AN ANGEL VISITS MARY



Luke 1:26-38

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Responses to Amazing Birth News

Zechariah

Too old for baby

"How can I be sure?"

Doubted God's word

Ended up dumb

Mary

Too young for baby

"How will this be?"

Asked God's method

Ended up submissive

Bethlehem was David's City



SON of the HIGHEST



**"HE WILL BE GREAT,
AND WILL BE
CALLED THE SON OF
THE HIGHEST"
(LUKE 1:32)**



**"THE LORD GOD
WILL GIVE HIM THE
THRONE OF HIS
FATHER DAVID"
(LUKE 1:32)**





**"HE WILL REIGN OVER THE THRONE OF
JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM
THERE WILL BE NO END"
(LUKE 1:33)**

A dark, blue-toned image of a night scene. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of trees and a small village with stone buildings. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a starry night sky. A bright star in the upper right corner emits a beam of light that illuminates a hill in the distance.

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PROPHECIES ABOUT
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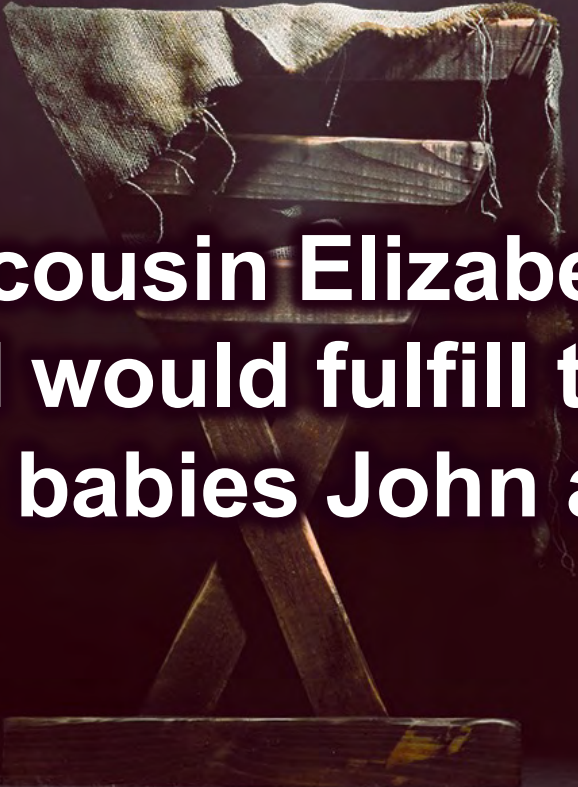
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c. The Arrival of Mary in Judea

§ 6

Luke 1:39-45

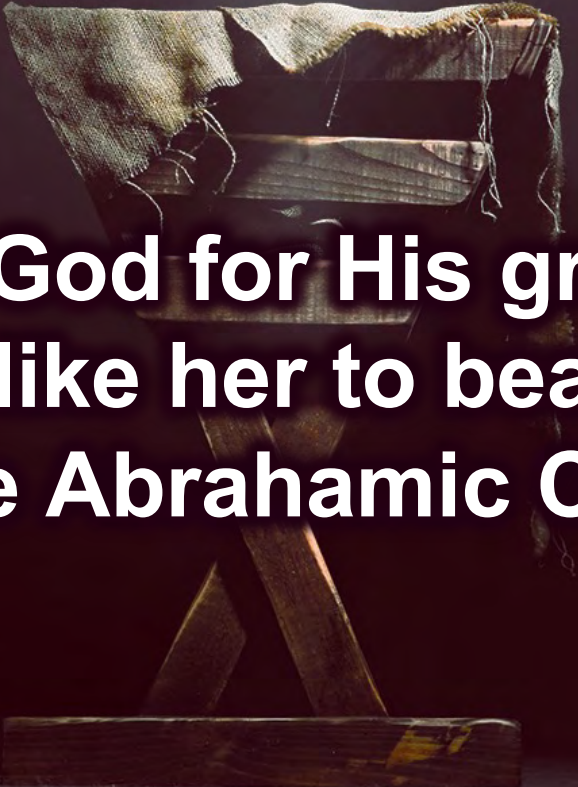


Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to confirm to them that God would fulfill the prophecies about the babies John and Jesus

d. The Anthem of Mary

§ 7

Luke 1:46-56

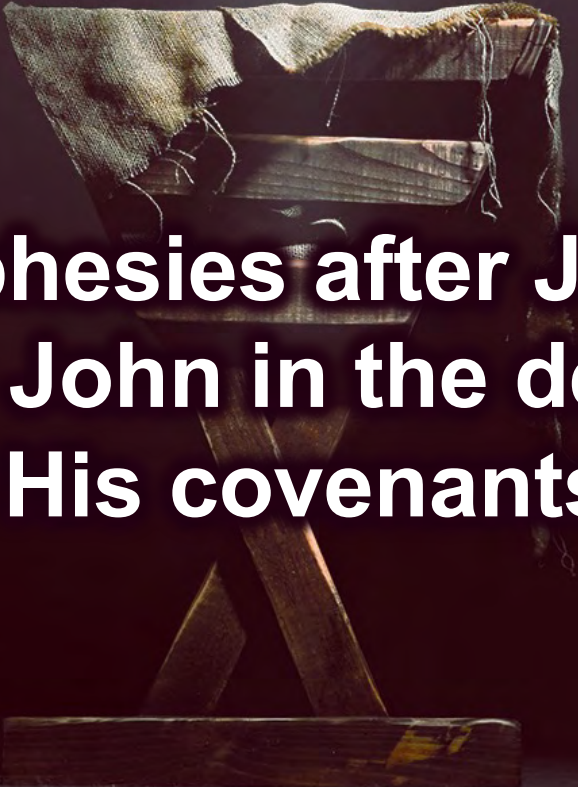


Mary praises God for His grace in using a humble woman like her to bear the Messiah to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant

e. The Advent of John

§ 8

Luke 1:57-80



**Zechariah prophesies after John's birth that
God will use John in the desert (not the
temple) to fulfill His covenants by the Messiah**

Luke 1:57-80

THE ADVENT OF JOHN



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f. The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus to Joseph

§ 9

Matthew 1:18-25



An angel convinces Joseph to marry Mary to bear the Messiah as a virgin so that Joseph serve as the faithful foster father of Jesus

Mary's Husband Joseph



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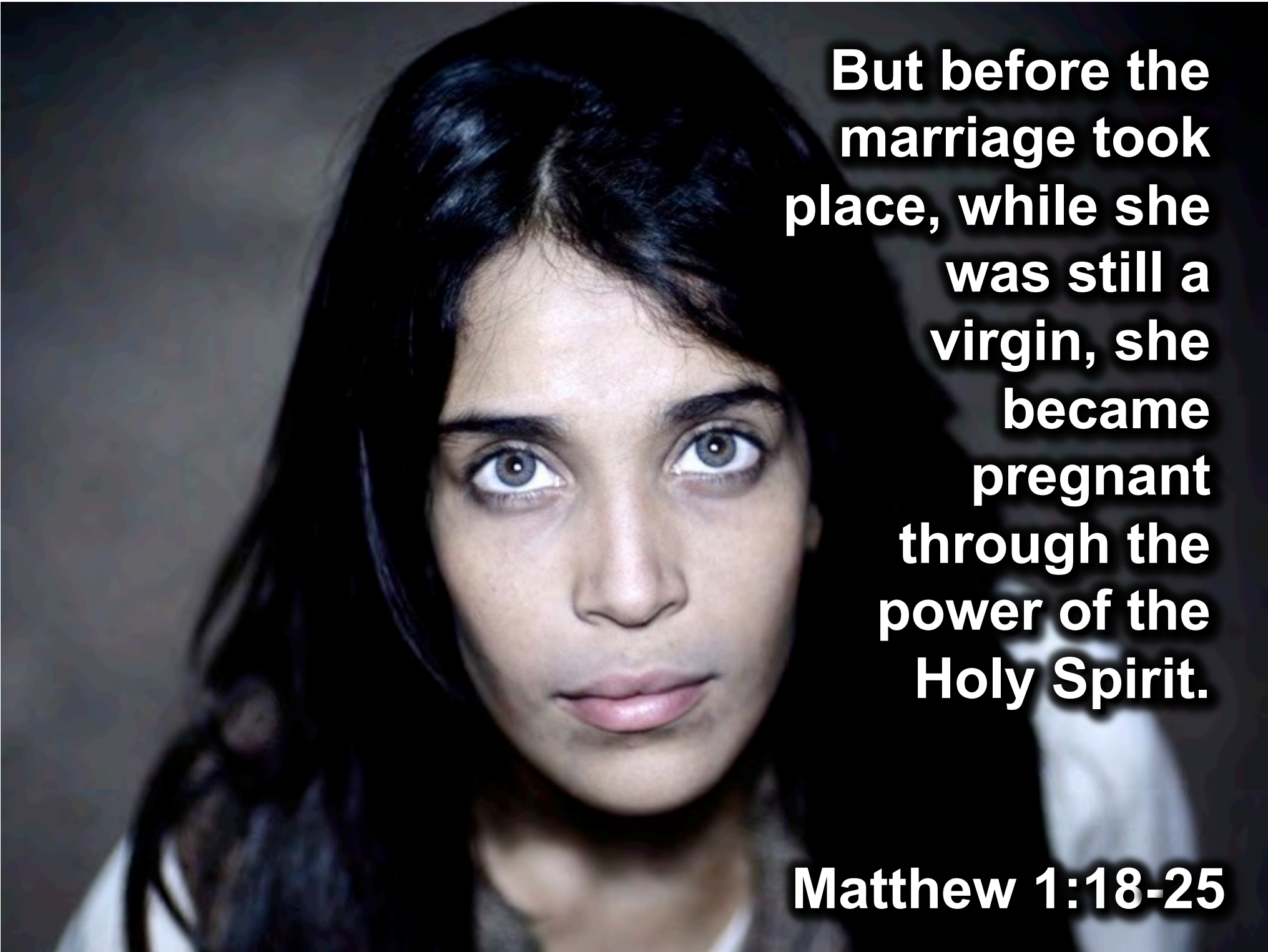
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**This is how
Jesus the
Messiah was
born. His
mother, Mary,
was engaged
to be married
to Joseph.**



Matthew 1:18-25



**But before the
marriage took
place, while she
was still a
virgin, she
became
pregnant
through the
power of the
Holy Spirit.**

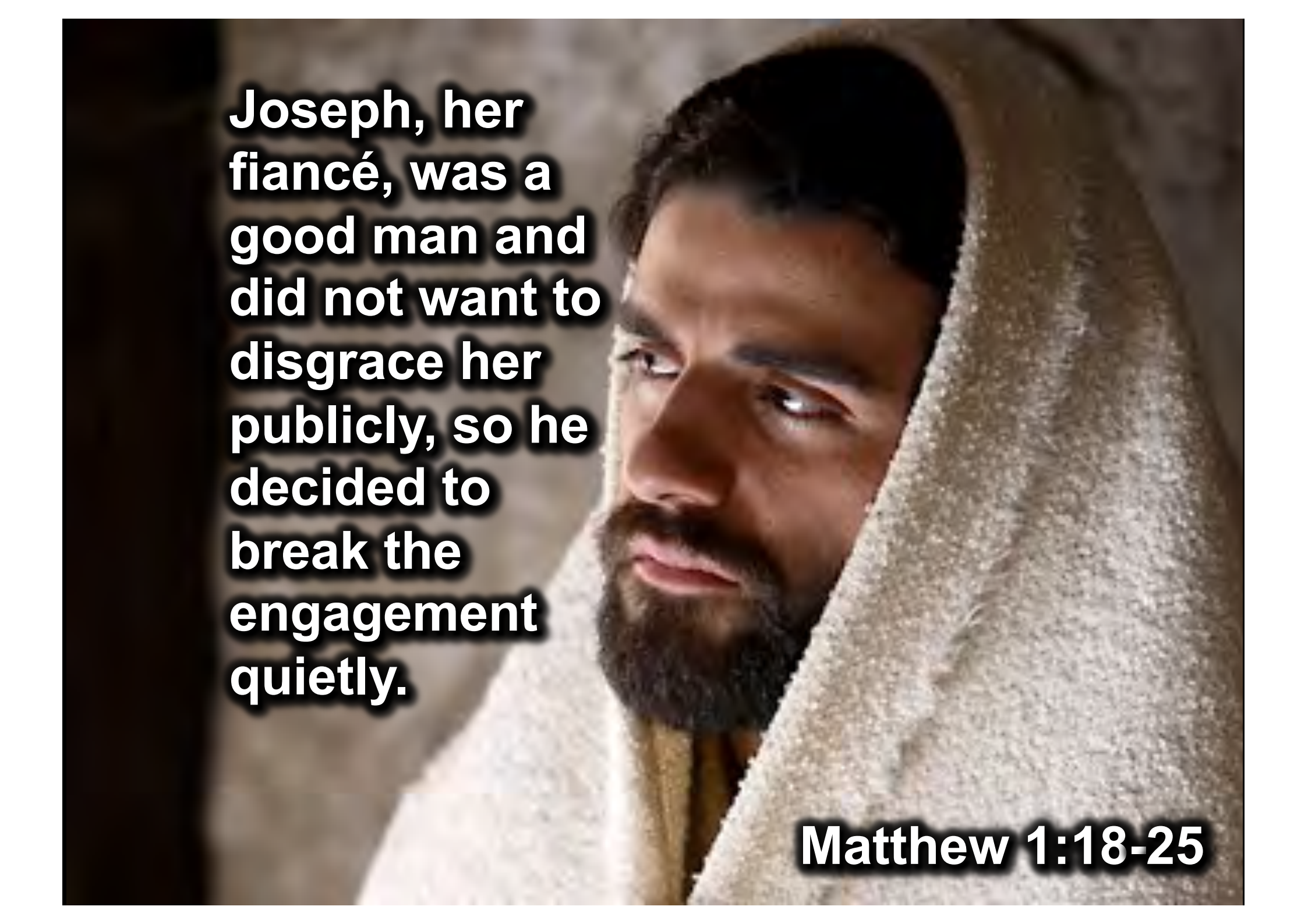
Matthew 1:18-25





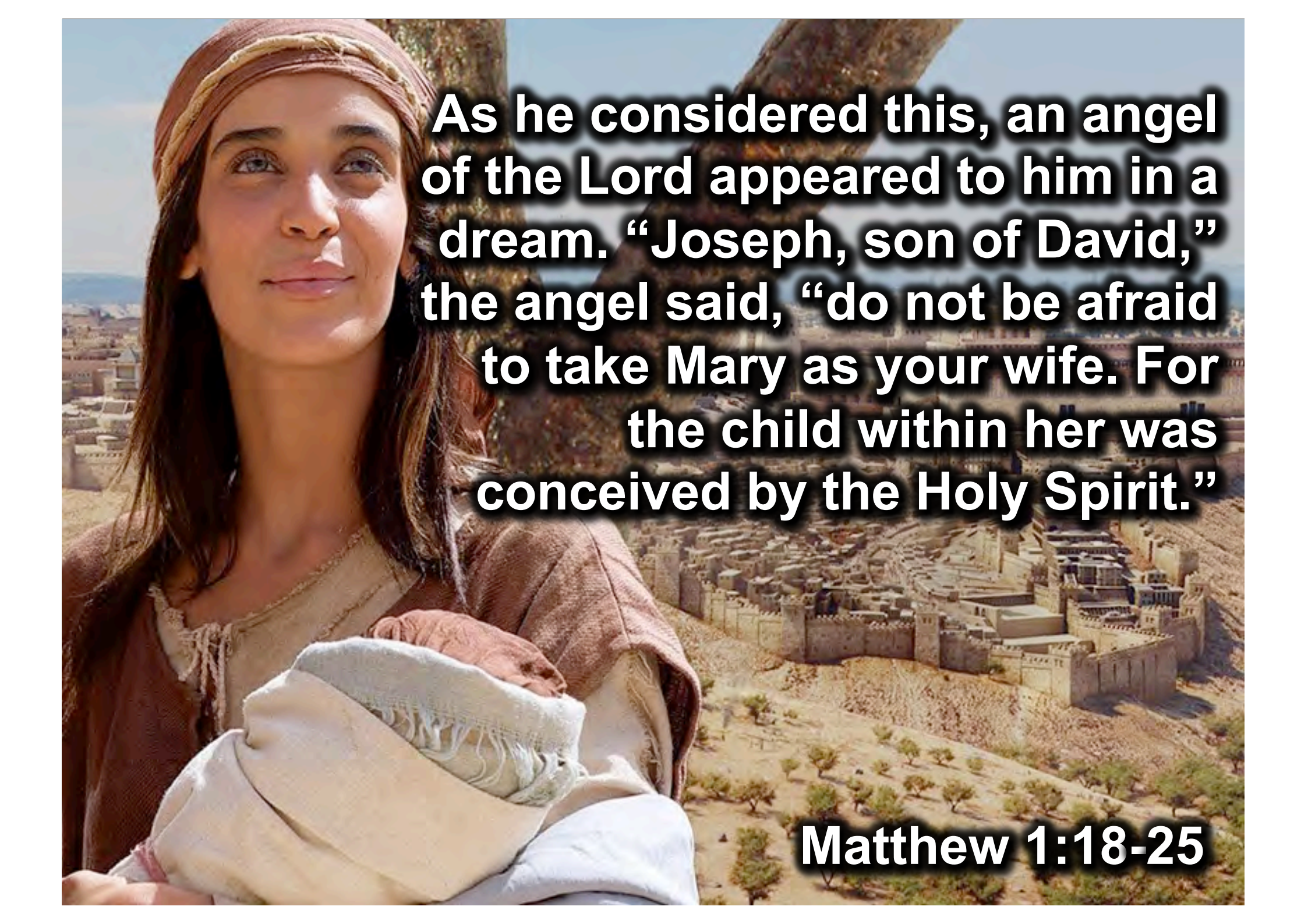






Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Matthew 1:18-25

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a brown headscarf and a brown robe over a light-colored garment, holds a baby wrapped in white cloth. She is looking upwards with a serene expression. The background shows a desert landscape with a walled city and a large tree.

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.”

Matthew 1:18-25



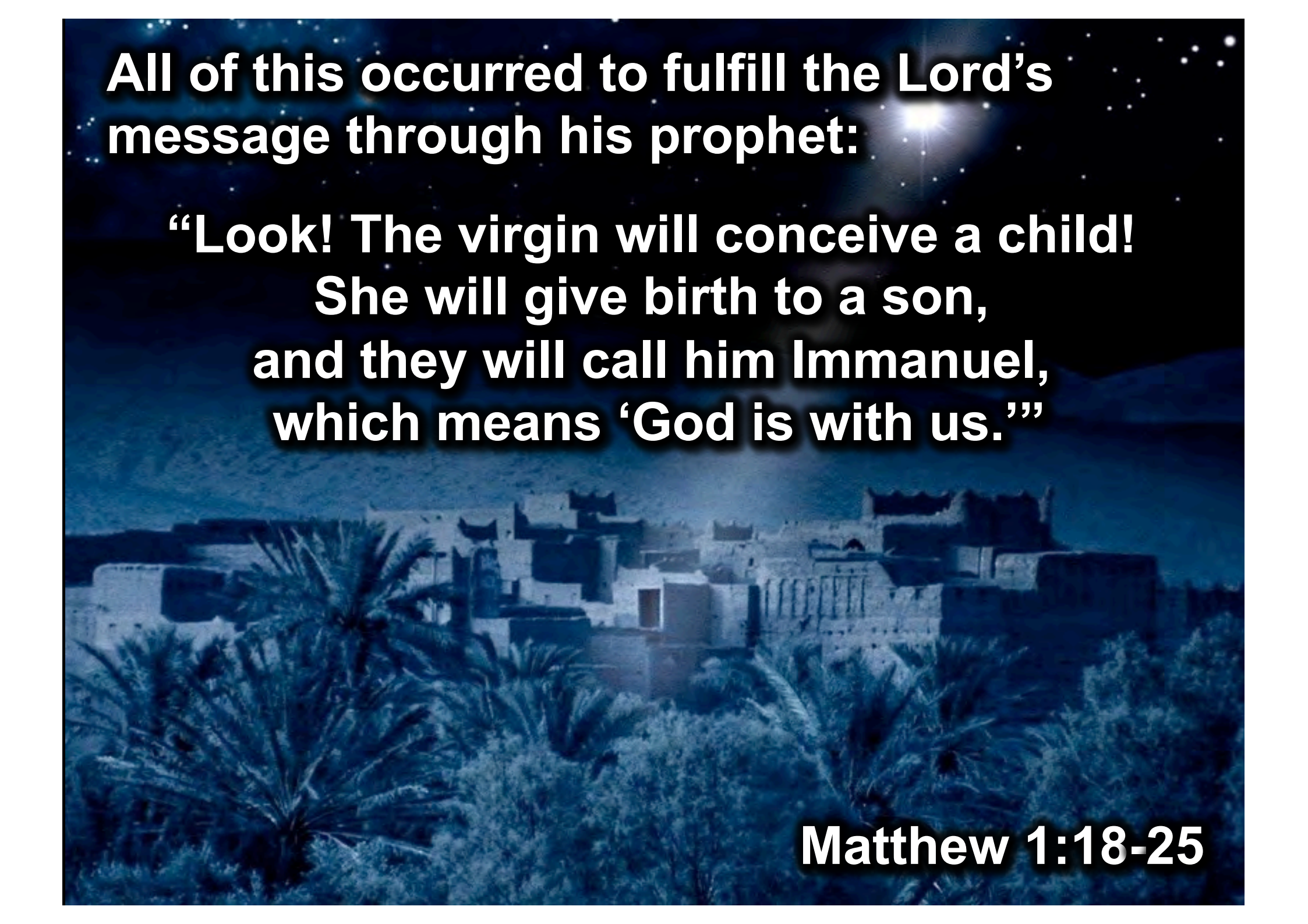






**“And she will
have a son, and
you are to name
him Jesus, for
he will save his
people from
their sins.”**

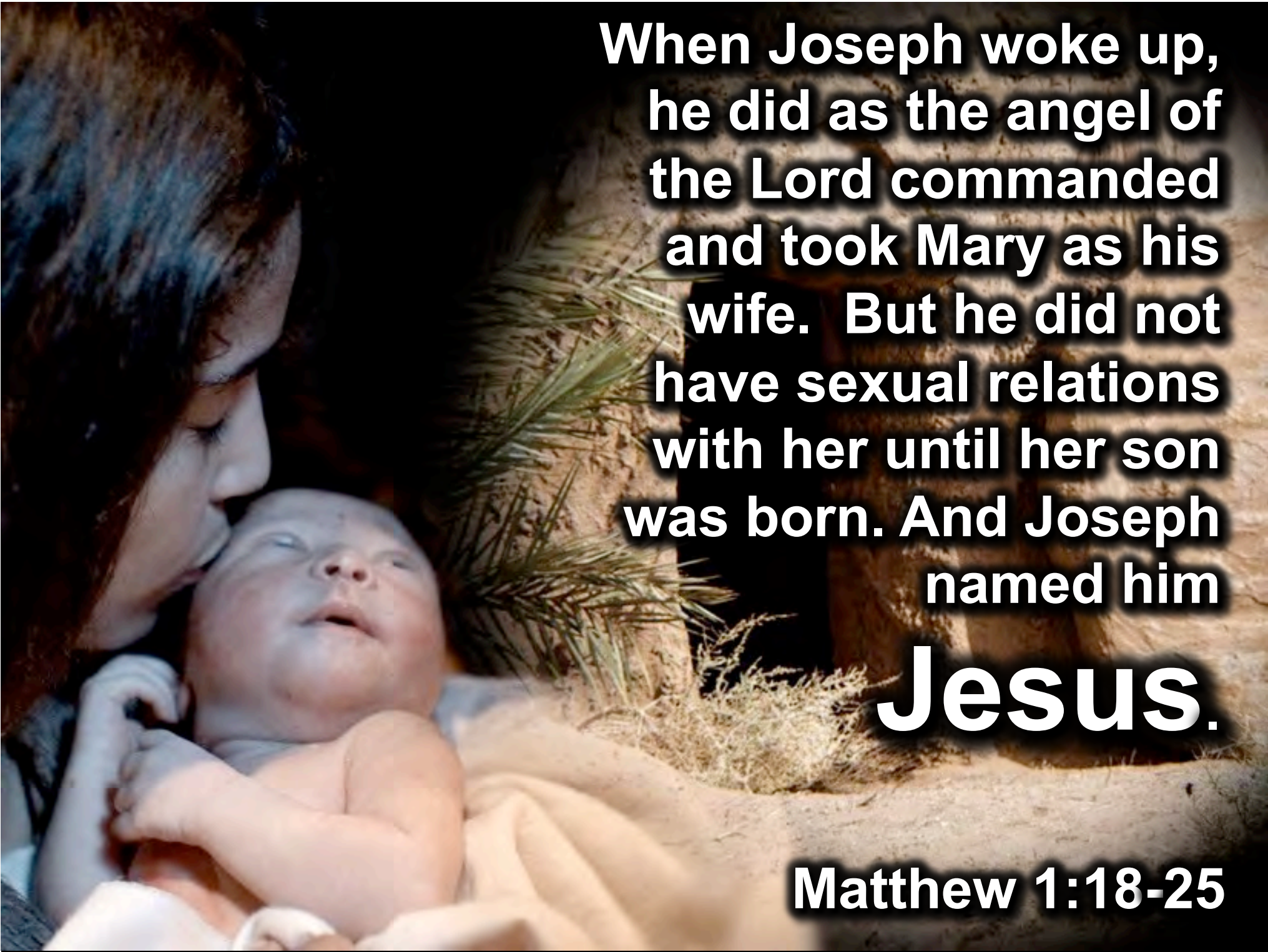
Matthew 1:18-25

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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 1:18-25

A woman with long dark hair is leaning over a newborn baby who is lying in a manger. The baby is wrapped in a light-colored cloth and is looking up. The manger is filled with straw and hay. The background is dark and textured.

**When Joseph woke up,
he did as the angel of
the Lord commanded
and took Mary as his
wife. But he did not
have sexual relations
with her until her son
was born. And Joseph
named him
Jesus.**

Matthew 1:18-25



**JOSHUA:
"YAHWEH IS
SALVATION"**

**What's in a
Name?**

YE HO SHUA

TRANSLITERATION OF THE HEBREW

YEH SHUA

SHORT FORM OF THE HEBREW

YEH SHUA

**A DROPPED AS THERE IS NO GREEK
LETTER FOR HEBREW AYIN**

YEH **SOU**

**SH DROPPED AS THERE IS NO GREEK
LETTER FOR HEBREW SHIN**

IE **SOU**

**HEBREW YEH = GREEK IE
HEBREW / GREEK EQUIVALENT**

IE SOUS

**S ADDED IN GREEK AS A NOMINATIVE
CASE ENDING (INDICATING A NAME)**

IE SUS

**O DROPPED IN ENGLISH TRANSLITERATION
IN THE ORIGINAL KING JAMES VERSION**

JE SUS

**J REPLACED IN LATER ENGLISH KING
JAMES VERSIONS**

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MAIN IDEA OF MATTHEW

Serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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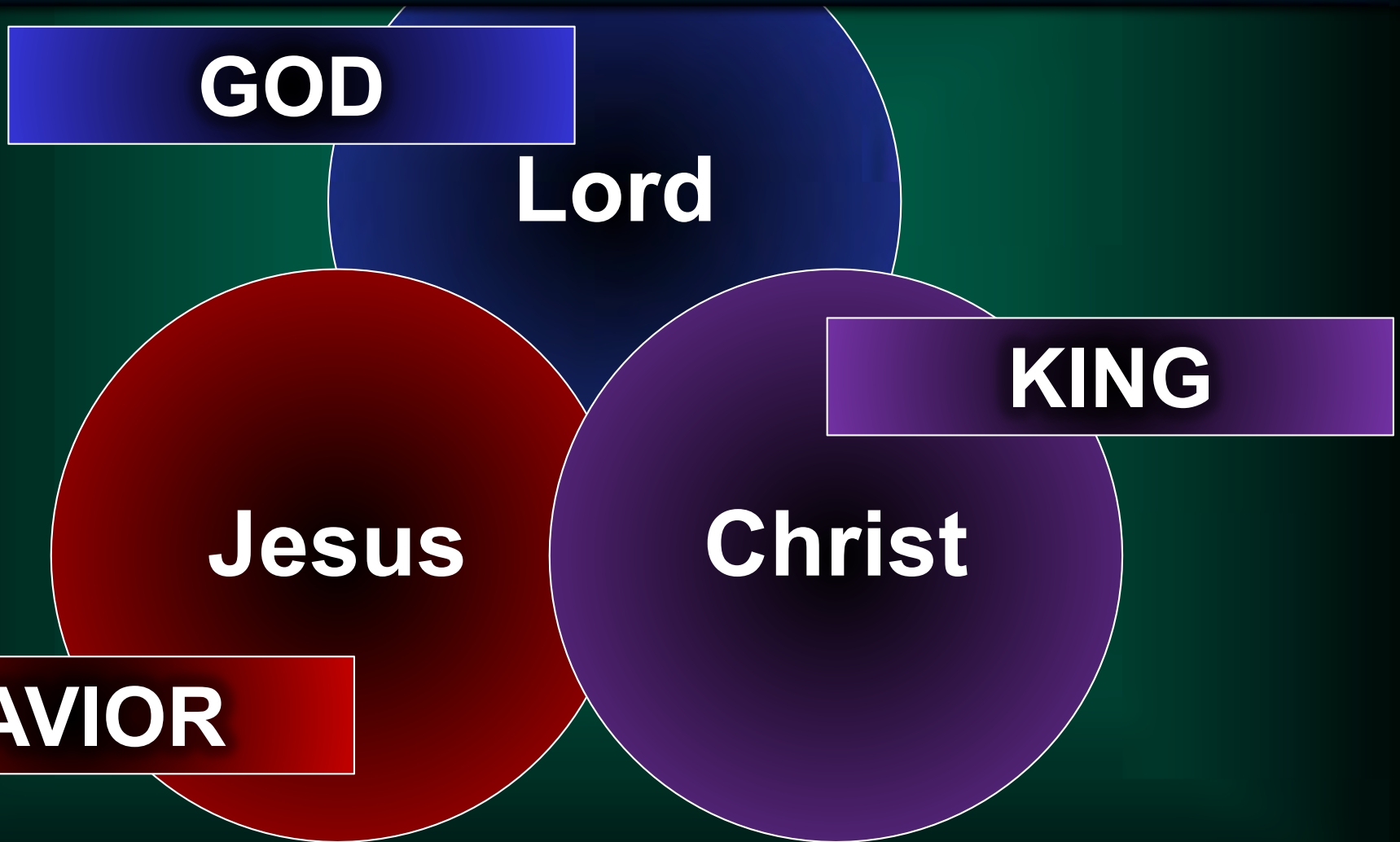
Lord

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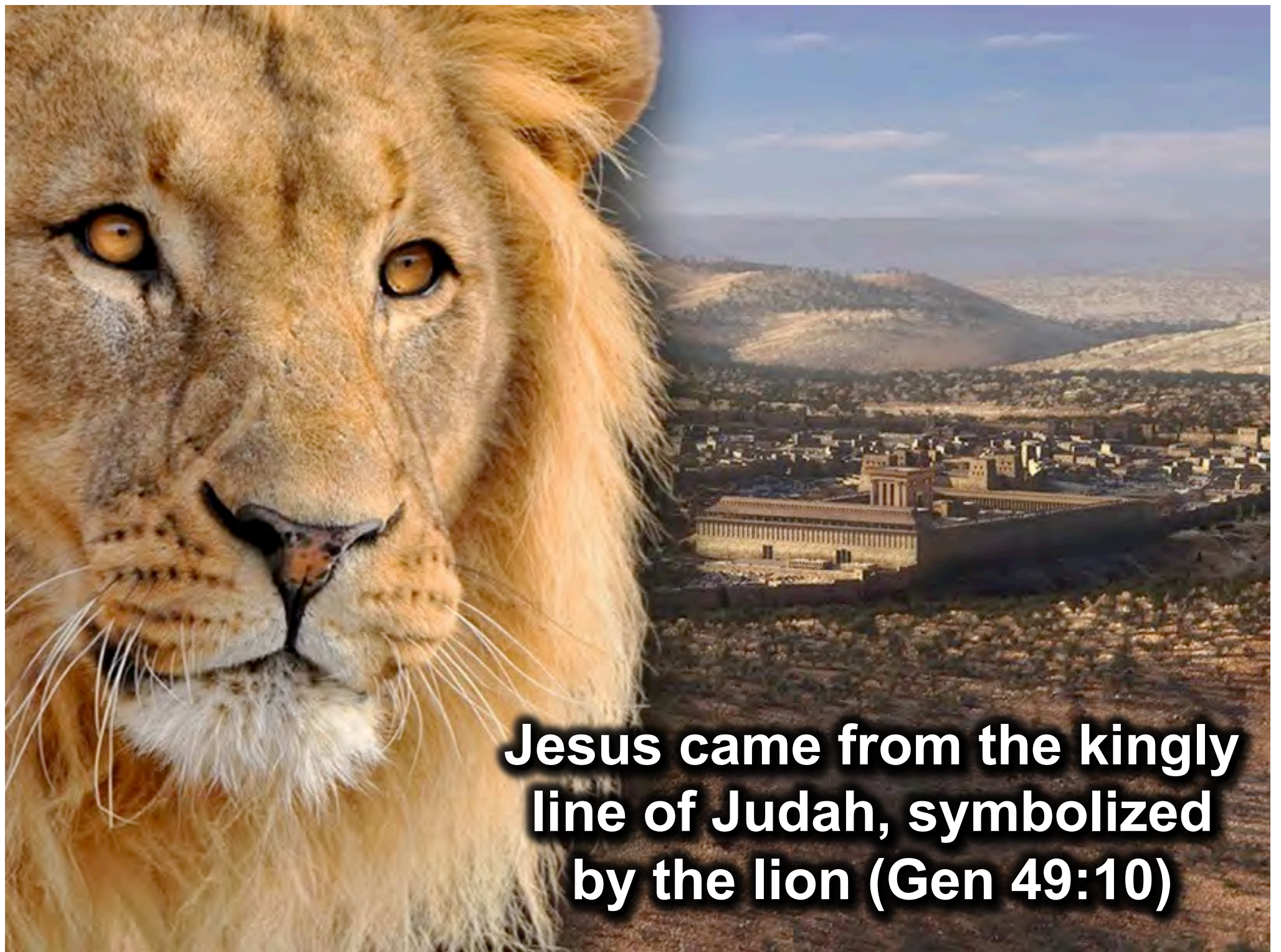
The Patriarch Abraham



Abraham

Isaac

Jacob



**Jesus came from the kingly
line of Judah, symbolized
by the lion (Gen 49:10)**



The Roman Occupation

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1. The Virgin Birth

(1:18 – 25)

Marriage custom

- **etrothal, binding marriage contract**



- **wedding took place a year later**

Matthew 1:21

*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

**YHWH SAVES OR YHWH IS
SALVATION**

g. The Advent of Jesus

§ 10

Luke 2:1-7

Jesus is born humbly in Bethlehem to prove His lineage from David, fulfill Micah 5:2, and die as the Messianic deity, pictured in His swaddling clothes



Church Nativity Scene



Insure that Baby!



Church Nativity Scene



GPS, hidden cameras watch over Baby Jesus

Congregations take action as thieves target Nativity scenes, menorahs



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When Baby Jesus disappeared last year from a Nativity scene on the lawn of the Wellington, Fla., community center, village officials didn't follow a star to locate him.

A GPS device mounted inside the life-size ceramic figurine led sheriff's deputies to a nearby apartment, where it was found face down on the carpet. An 18-year-old woman was arrested in the theft.

Giving up on old-fashioned padlocks and trust, a number of churches, synagogues, governments and ordinary citizens are turning to technology to protect holiday displays from



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The Target of Theft



Church Nativity Scene



Church Nativity Scene



Baby Jesus stolen from nativity scene in Modesto, Calif., replaced with baby doll

The statue was replaced by a toy wrapped in a fleece blanket but Pastor Ryan Cortright of the St. Peter Lutheran Church told members no burglar can steal the true meaning of Christmas.

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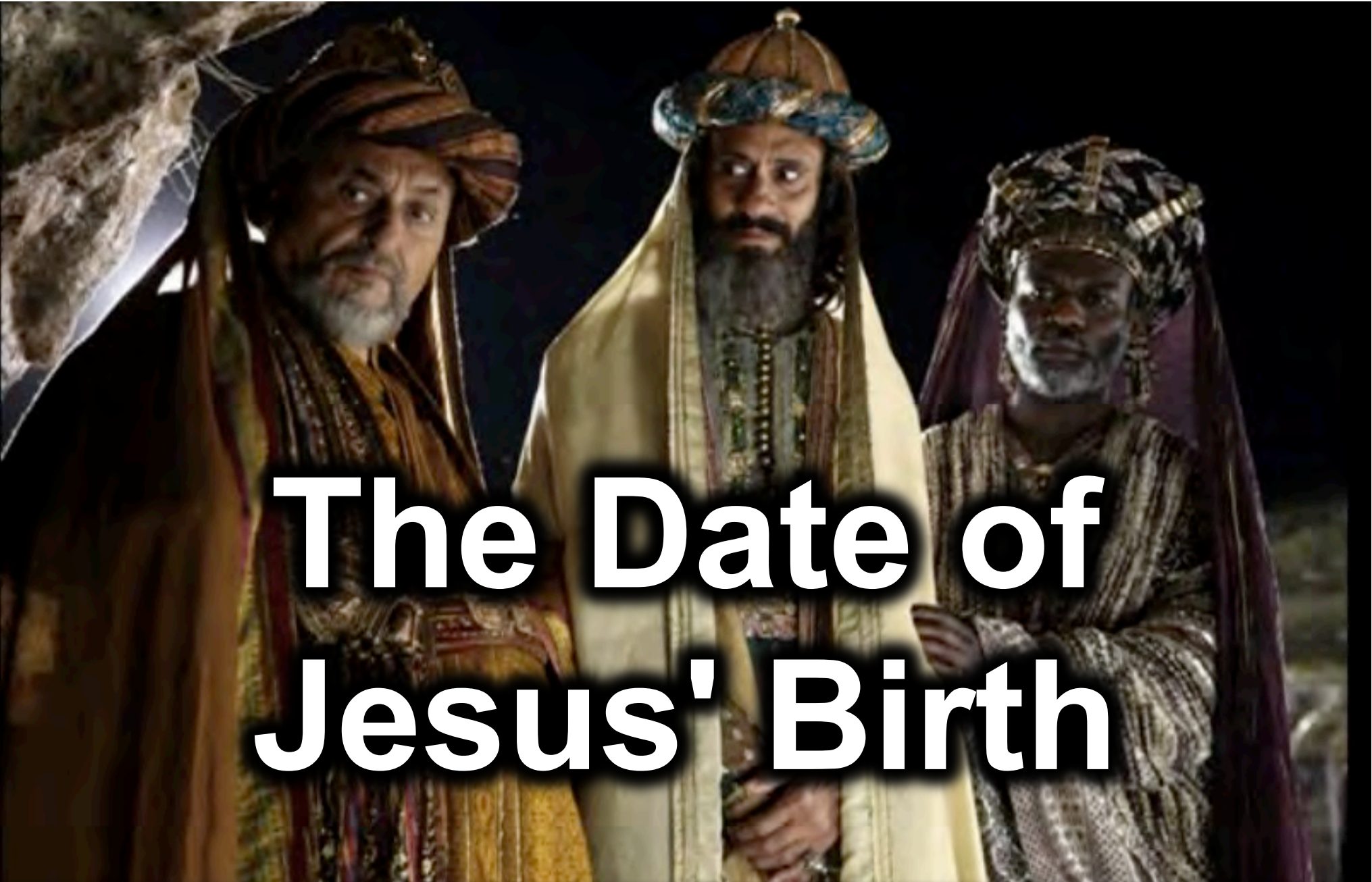


Church Nativity Scene



Church Nativity Scene



A photograph of three men dressed in elaborate, historical-style clothing, likely representing the Three Kings. The man on the left has a grey beard and wears a brown turban and a patterned robe. The man in the center has a long black beard and wears a gold and blue turban and a white robe. The man on the right has a dark beard and wears a gold and black turban and a patterned robe. They are standing in a dark, possibly cave-like setting. The title "The Date of Jesus' Birth" is overlaid in large white text with a black outline.

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1976



The Historical **JESUS**

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2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

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1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Prophecy

Revelation

The Structure of Luke



The Birth of Christ

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Dionysus Exiguus | A.D. 1 |
| 2. King Herod | 4-6 B.C. |
| 3. The Star of Bethlehem | 5-7 B.C. |
| 4. Quirinius | A.D. 6 |

Biblical Texts

Luke 2:2 (NIV)

(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Luke 3:23 (NIV)

Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli



THE BIG

QUESTION

SO WHAT ABOUT
QUIRINIUS AND THE
CENSUS?

Quirinius was sent by Augustus to be governor of Syria (and Judea) in A.D. 6 (not 6 B.C.) and thereafter did take a notable census for the empire. Josephus tells us that Quirinius visited Judea in A.D. 6-7 to assess the property of the Jews in preparation for the registering and taxing of that property. There is no evidence that he was governor of the region twice or that he undertook a census of the region twice. It has been suggested that Luke may have confused Quirinius with P. Quintilius Varus who was legate of Syria during the period 6-3 B.C. Against this is the fact that Luke was apparently knowledgeable about Latin names and would have known a *cognomen* (Quirinius) from a mere *nomen* (Quintilius).

A Roman census would not have required Jews to travel to their ancestral home for registration. In any case, is it probable that the Romans would undertake such a census in a client state that already had its own ruler (Herod)? In response to these problems various answers have been given. In the first place, if there was a census that affected Judea during the reign of Herod the Great, it would probably proceed along the lines of a Jewish census, not a Roman one. In that case it is plausible that Jews would return to their ancestral homes and that both adults would go (especially if Mary was also of Davidic descent).

Second, elsewhere Luke manifests a knowledge of the later census by Quirinius which prompted the revolt of Judas the Galilean in A.D. 6-7 (Acts 5:37). Is it likely that he would have confused this census, which he knew to be a later one, with one during the reign of Herod? It is not certain that Luke in 2:1 means that Augustus took one enormous census of the whole empire. The language is general and may mean no more than that the various parts of the empire were subject to various censuses during the time of Augustus...

QUIRINIUS

1. Quirinius was sent by Augustus to be governor of Syria in A.D. 6-7 whereby he conducted a notable census for the Roman Empire.
2. Quirinius was also appointed as consul in the Syria area earlier in 12 B.C.
3. “Governor” can actually refer to many leadership roles. Certain inscriptions show that between 7-10 B.C. Quirinius performed military functions in Syria.

THE CENSUSES

1. Roman censuses were conducted every fourteen years.
2. (*prōtē*) First or former?
Luke's precise wording could mean that he is either referring to the *first* or *former* census under Quirinius rule of Syria.
This means *before* A.D. 6.



THE NEXT BIG

QUESTION

**WHAT ABOUT
HEROD?**

KING HEROD

- From the records of Josephus, we see that Herod died about 4 BC.
- **Matthew 2:1 (NIV)**
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
- **Matthew 2:16 (NIV)**
When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.



Putting it together

Prior
Census
8-7 BC

Death of
King Herod
4 BC

Census by
Quirinius
AD 6-7



14 years

Therefore, we can conclude that
Jesus was born between 8-4 BC

Biblical Texts

Jesus was born between 4-7 BC

Luke 2:2 (NIV)

(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Luke 3:23 (NIV)

Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,



THE MORE BIG

QUESTION

**Jesus was about
thirty when he
began his ministry...**

SO??

- We know from Jewish history that the Levites began service about the age of thirty.
- However, traditional Jewish historiography uses estimates rather than definitive numbers for age.

**This would lead us to
believe that Jesus
began his ministry
between AD 25-27**

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**However, we
should also
consider this
definitive work**

Dating the Birth of Christ

Date of Birth: ca. December 5 BC/January 4 BC

Jesus was born between these two dates:

**Census of
Quirinius/Cyrenius
(Luke 2:1-5)**

6 BC

**Death of
Herod the Great
(Matt. 2:1; Luke 1:5)**

**29 March-11 April
4 BC**

Dating the Start of Christ's Ministry

Commencement of Ministry: ca. Autumn AD 29

Jesus probably began his ministry between these two dates:

**15th YEAR OF THE REIGN OF TIBERIUS*
(Luke 3:1-3)**



***Reckoned from either the Julian Calendar or Tiberius Regnal Year**

IN CONCLUSION

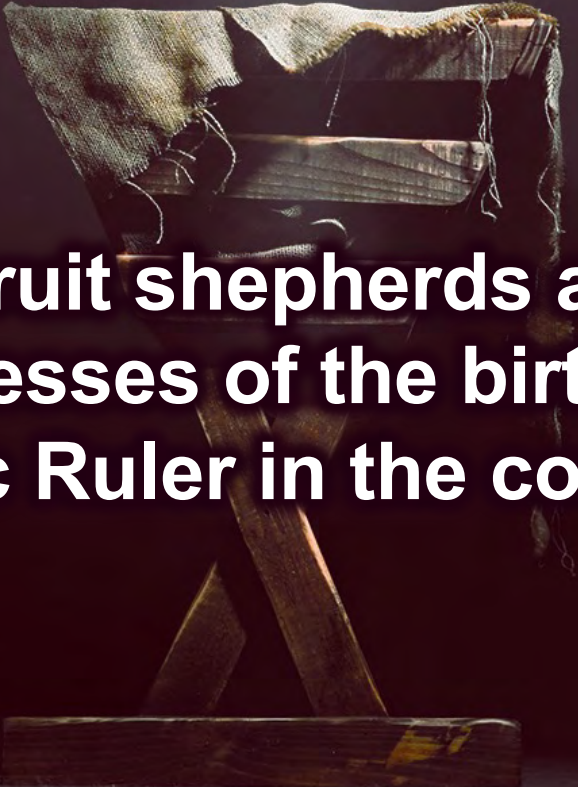
Luke affirms to us, the readers of the book, that Jesus existed historically by showing when he was born according to world history current to his time.

When we acknowledge and show Jesus as a true, genuine historical figure, it helps us to debunk arguments regarding whether he really existed or was just a myth.

h. The Announcement to the Shepherds

§ 11

Luke 2:8-20



**God's angels recruit shepherds as His unlikely yet
unprejudiced witnesses of the birth of Israel's Savior
and Messianic Ruler in the coming kingdom**



"Nothing exciting ever happens on this job."



***"The Savior—yes, the
Messiah, the Lord—has
been born today in
Bethlehem, the city of
David!" (Luke 2:11 NLT)***

Bethlehem was David's City



SON of the HIGHEST



**"HE WILL BE GREAT,
AND WILL BE
CALLED THE SON OF
THE HIGHEST"
(LUKE 1:32)**



**"THE LORD GOD
WILL GIVE HIM THE
THRONE OF HIS
FATHER DAVID"
(LUKE 1:32)**





**"HE WILL REIGN OVER THE THRONE OF
JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM
THERE WILL BE NO END"
(LUKE 1:33)**

3. His Infancy and Childhood

§ 12-19

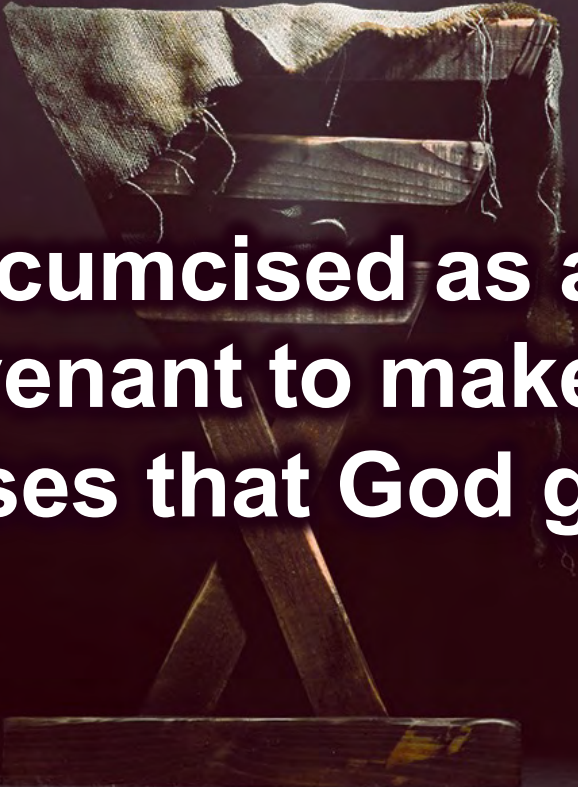
**Selected events from the infancy and
childhood of Jesus affirm Jesus as the
promised Messiah**

A wooden manger with a piece of cloth draped over it, set against a dark, starry background.

a. His Circumcision

§ 12

Luke 2:21

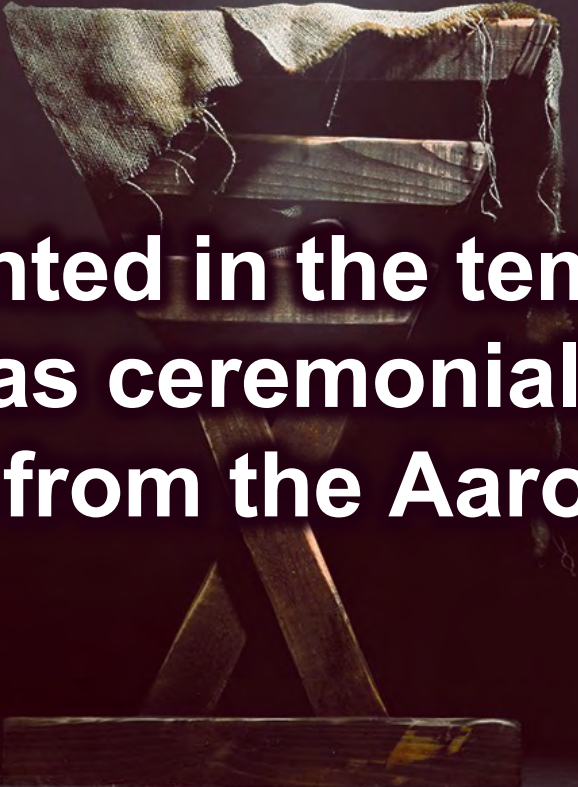


**Jesus is circumcised as a sign of the
Abrahamic Covenant to make Him eligible to
fulfill the promises that God gave to Abraham**

b. His Presentation

§ 13

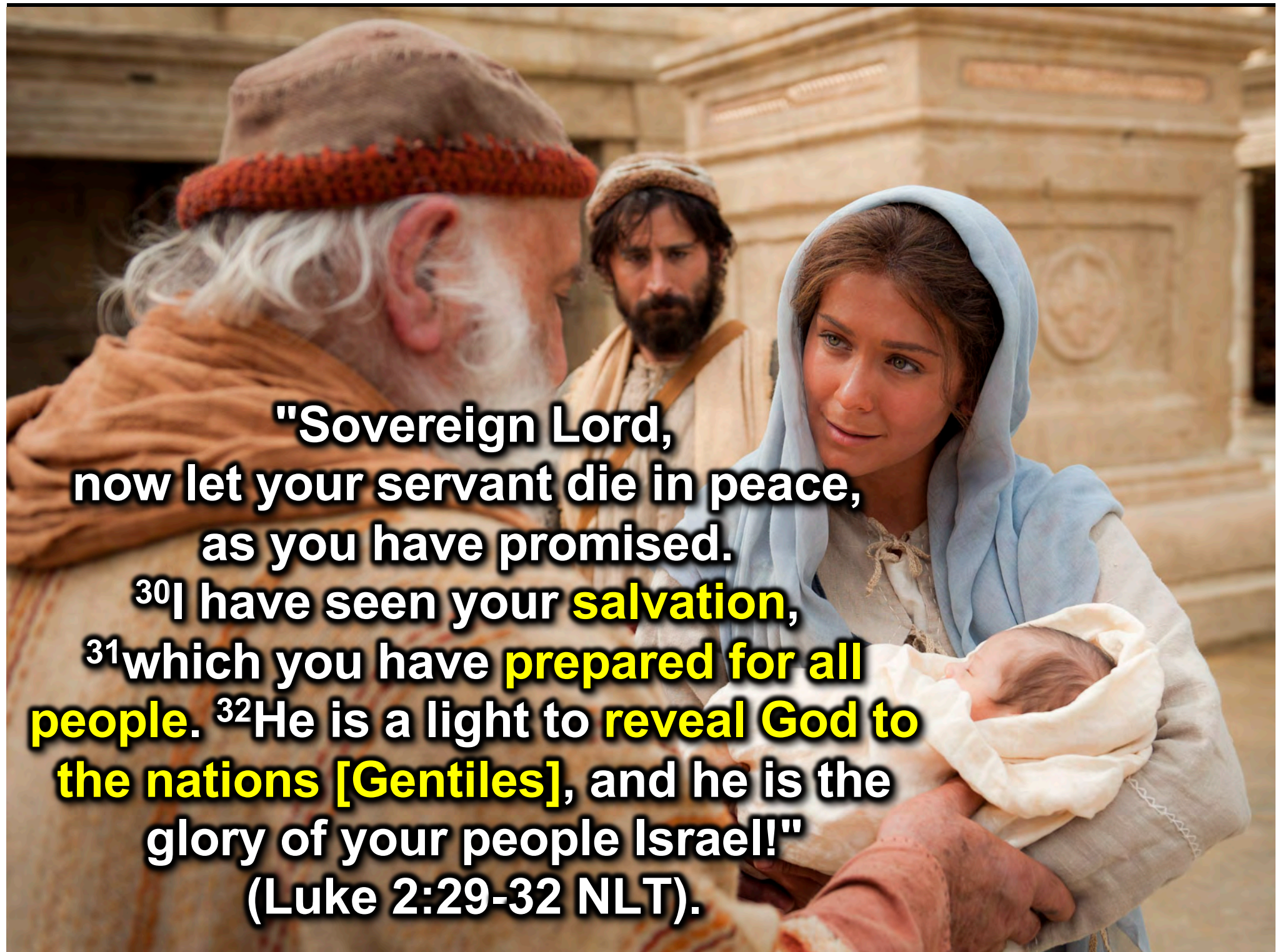
Luke 2:22-38



Jesus is presented in the temple for Mary to obey the Law as ceremonially clean and to redeem Jesus from the Aaronic priesthood



***Simeon
blessed
Jesus at
the
temple
(Luke
2:21-32)***

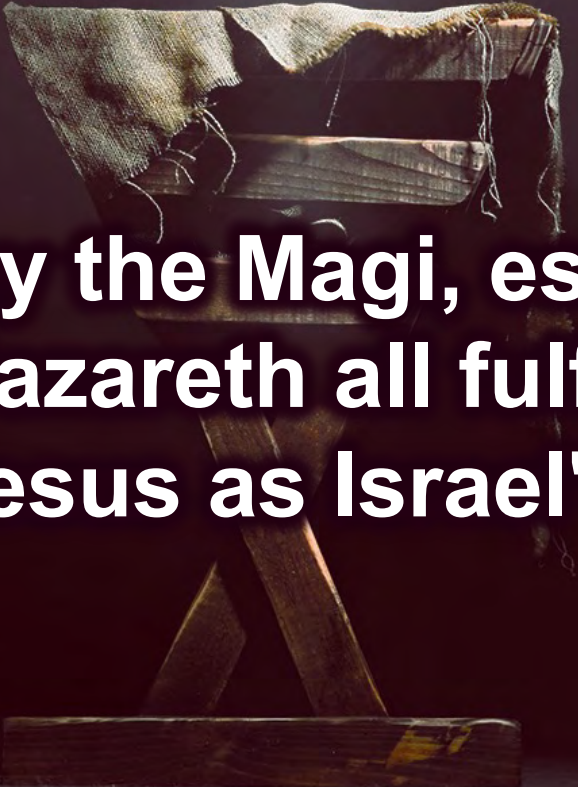


**"Sovereign Lord,
now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.**

**³⁰I have seen your salvation,
³¹which you have prepared for all
people. ³²He is a light to reveal God to
the nations [Gentiles], and he is the
glory of your people Israel!"
(Luke 2:29-32 NLT).**

c. His Infancy

§ 14-16



**The worship by the Magi, escape to Egypt,
and escape to Nazareth all fulfill prophecies to
confirm Jesus as Israel's Messiah**

Chapter Two

Bethlehem



Egypt



Nazareth



“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet”

fulfill

**“COMPLETING”
OR
“FILLING FULL”**

OT Prophecies

1. *Literal*

Straightforward predictions

**Birthplace in
Bethlehem**

Micah 5:2 ➡ Matt. 2:6

OT Prophecies

2 Typological

**Correspondence between
OT & NT events**

e.g. Hosea 11:1 ----- > Matt 2:15

“Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Hosea 11:1

Matthew 2:15

**God called
Israel out of
Egypt**

**Jesus also fled
to and returned
from Egypt**



OT Prophecies

3. = Literal + Typological

ISAIAH 7:14 ... give you a sign: the virgin will be...

you: Hebrew is plural

virgin: Hebrew means “a young woman of marriageable age”

OT Prophecies

3. = *Literal + Typological*

Ahaz→ **Jesus**

ultimate prediction
pointed to Jesus

c. His Infancy

(1) In Bethlehem

§ 14

Matthew 2:1-12



Gentiles worship Jesus as King of the Jews in Bethlehem to fulfill Micah 5:2 and show Him as eventual Sovereign Ruler over all nations

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Bethlehem

**“And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,
for a ruler will come from you who will be the
shepherd for my people Israel”
(Micah 5:2 quoted in Matthew 2:6 NLT)**



Journey to Bethlehem

Jesus was easily identifiable



2. Birth in Bethlehem ...

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

(Micah 5:2)

...and visit of the Magi (2:1-12)



Wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "
Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen
his star as it arose and we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi



What Kind of Kingdom Did Isaiah (and Matthew) Envision?

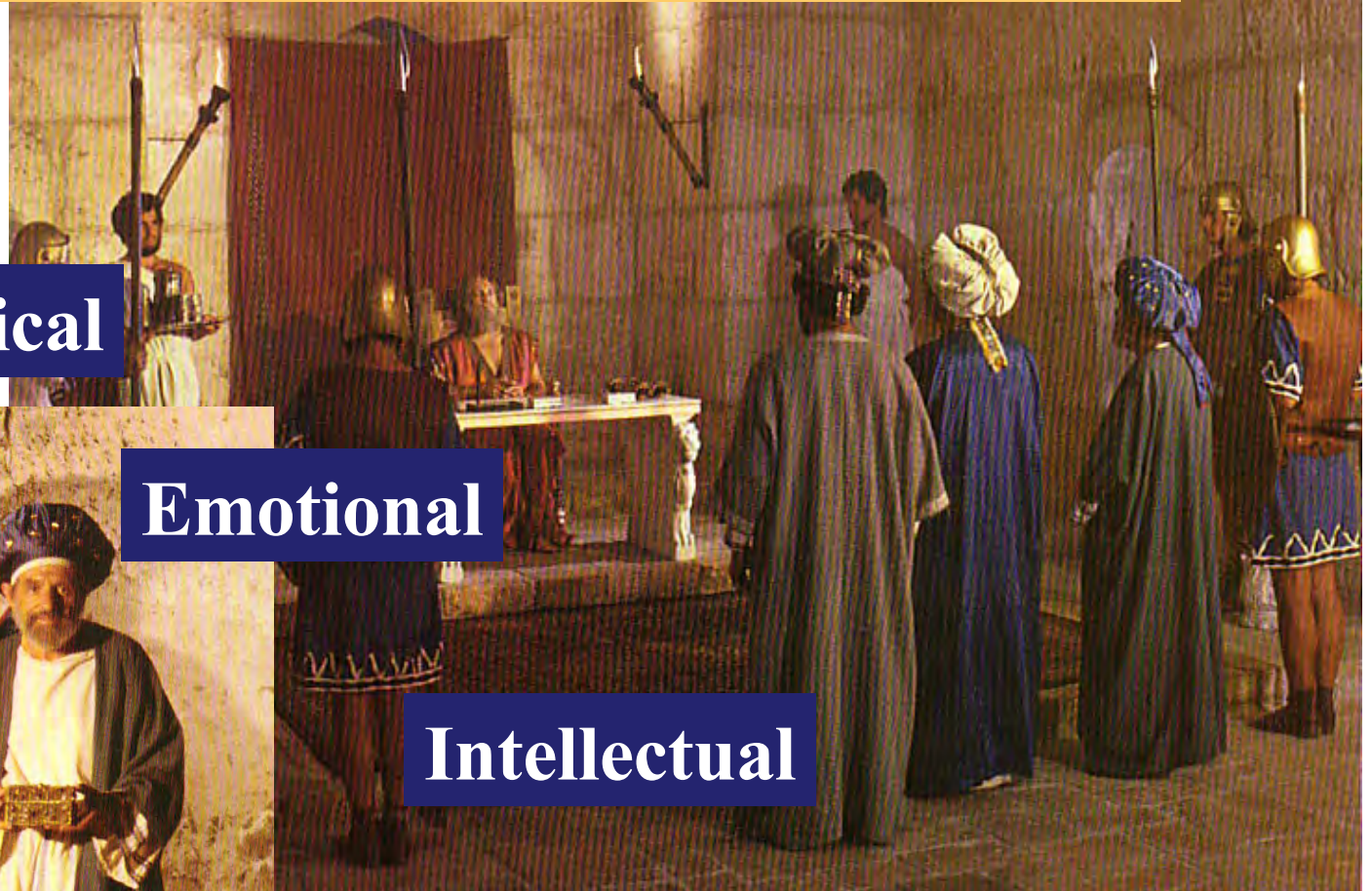
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Emotional

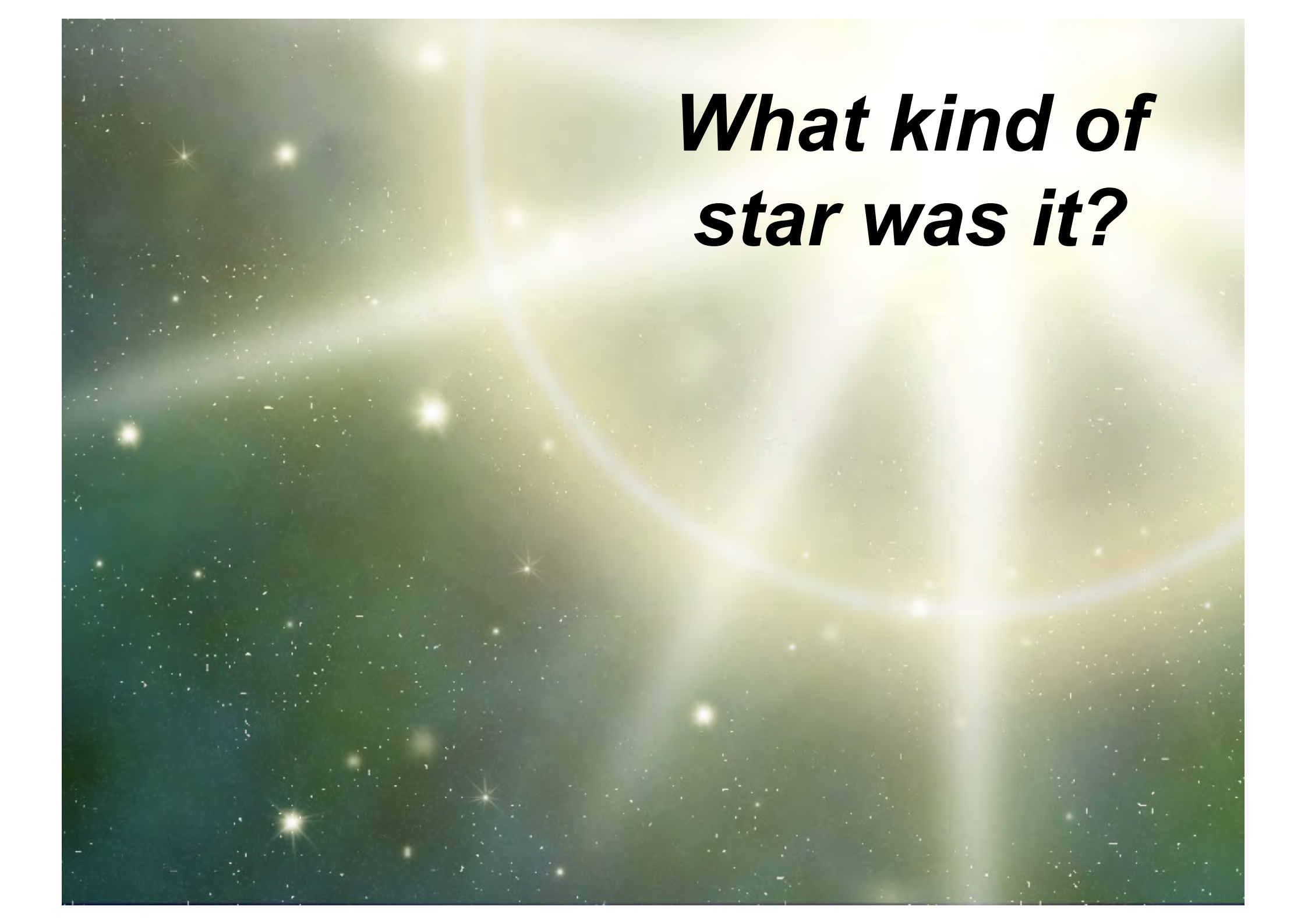
Intellectual

Spiritual





**What is the contemporary application
of following the star?**

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***What kind of
star was it?***

Where did the Magi come from?

- 15 ● P1 Million
- 14 ● P500,000
- 13 ● P250,000
- 12 ● P125,000
- 11 ● P64,000
- 10 ● P32,000
- 9 ● P16,000
- 8 ● P8,000
- 7 ● P4,000
- 6 ● P2,000
- 5 ● P1,000
- 4 ● P500
- 3 ● P300
- 2 ● P200
- 1 ● P100

~~50:50~~



A: Babylon

B: Assyria

C: Persia

D: Arab Peninsula?



Arab Magi?

- Their Location:
 - East can mean southeast as much as northeast
 - Assyria, Babylonia and Persia were always called lands of the north (Jer. 1:13-15; 6:22; 25:9).



Arab Magi?

- Their Gifts (Matt. 2:11):
 - These all came from Spice Trade route southeast of Israel.
 - "And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense" (Isa. 60:6; cf. Ps. 72:10). Sheba was the land of present-day southern Saudi Arabia.



Arab Magi?

- Their Gifts (Matt. 2:11):
 - Frankincense came only from southern Arabia, although it was sold throughout the Middle East.
 - Gold came from the Arabian Peninsula in the land of Ophir that is present-day Yemen



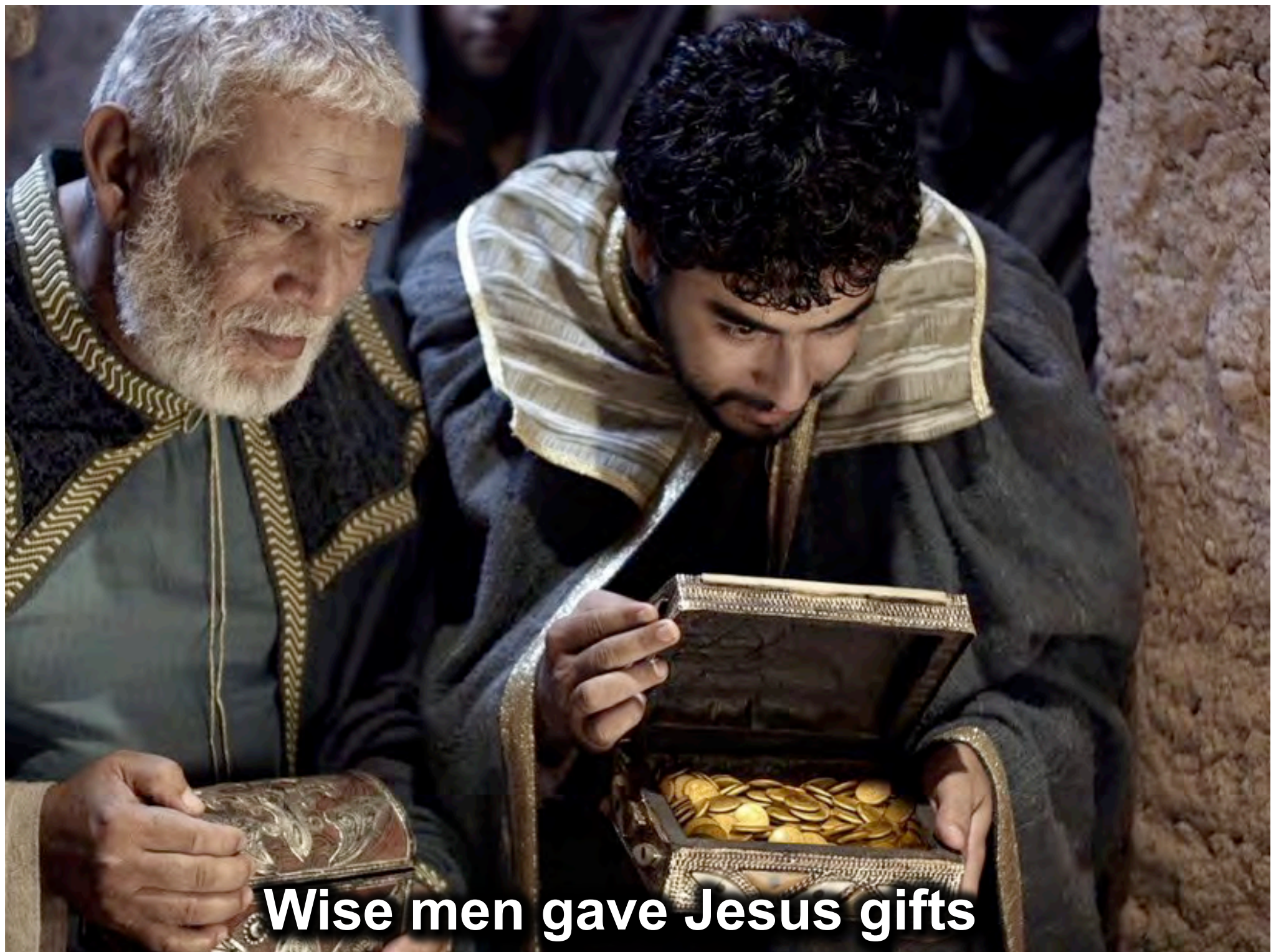
Arab Magi?

- Their Role: Arabs redeem Israel!
 - Joseph saved from his brothers by Ishmaelites of Arabia who brought him to Egypt (Gen. 37:27-28).
 - Opposition to Moses by Israel's own elders forced him to seek refuge in Midian of Arabia (Exod. 2:13-15).



Arab Magi?

- Their Role: Arabs redeem Israel!
 - Even in the future tribulation, Israel will find refuge in the desert (Rev. 12:14), presumably in Arabia



Wise men gave Jesus gifts

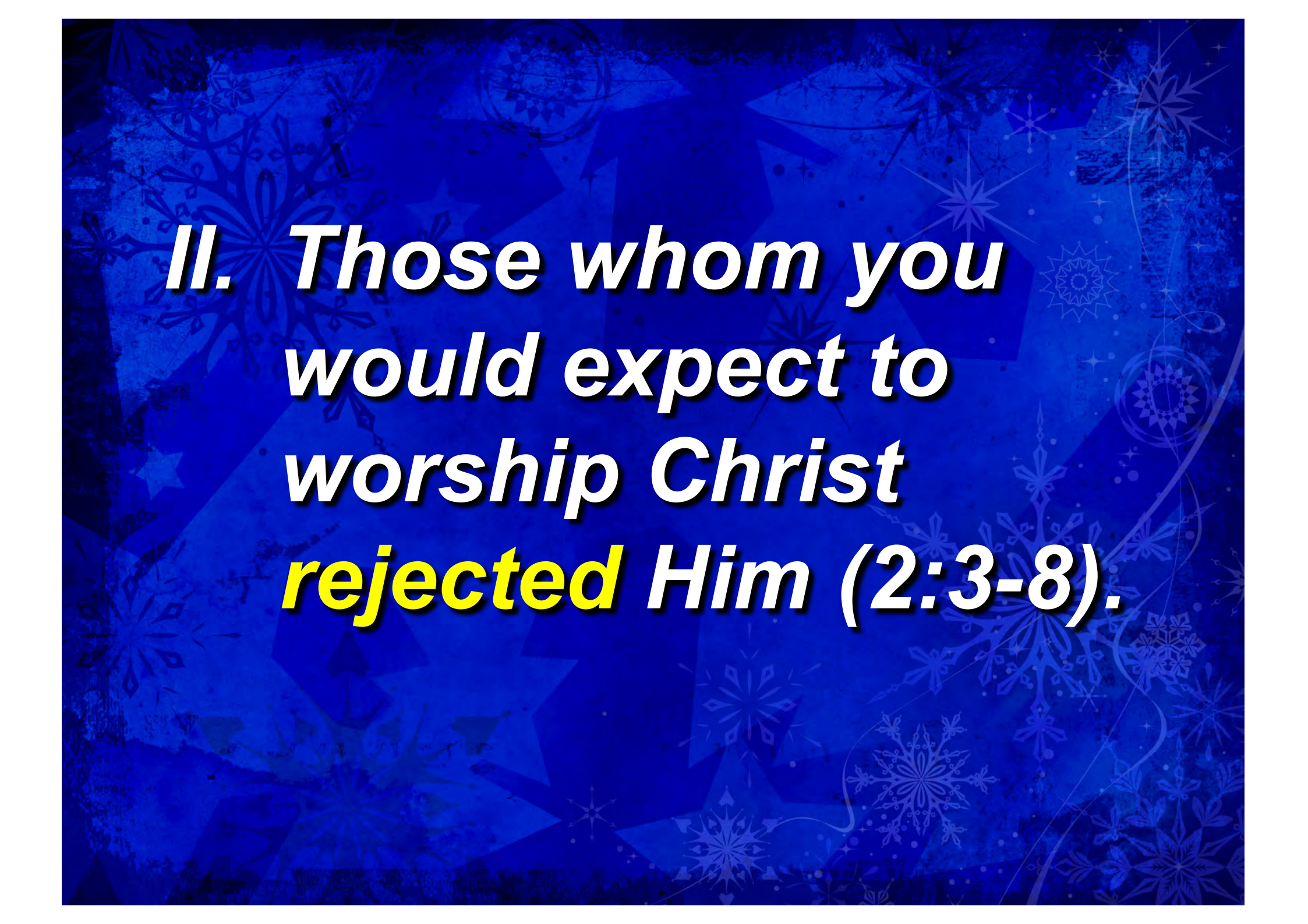


Is God getting your attention?

- **Word**
- **Christians**
- **Are you
responding?**

*I. Magi whom we wouldn't
expect to worship Christ
worshipped Him as King
(2:1-2).*

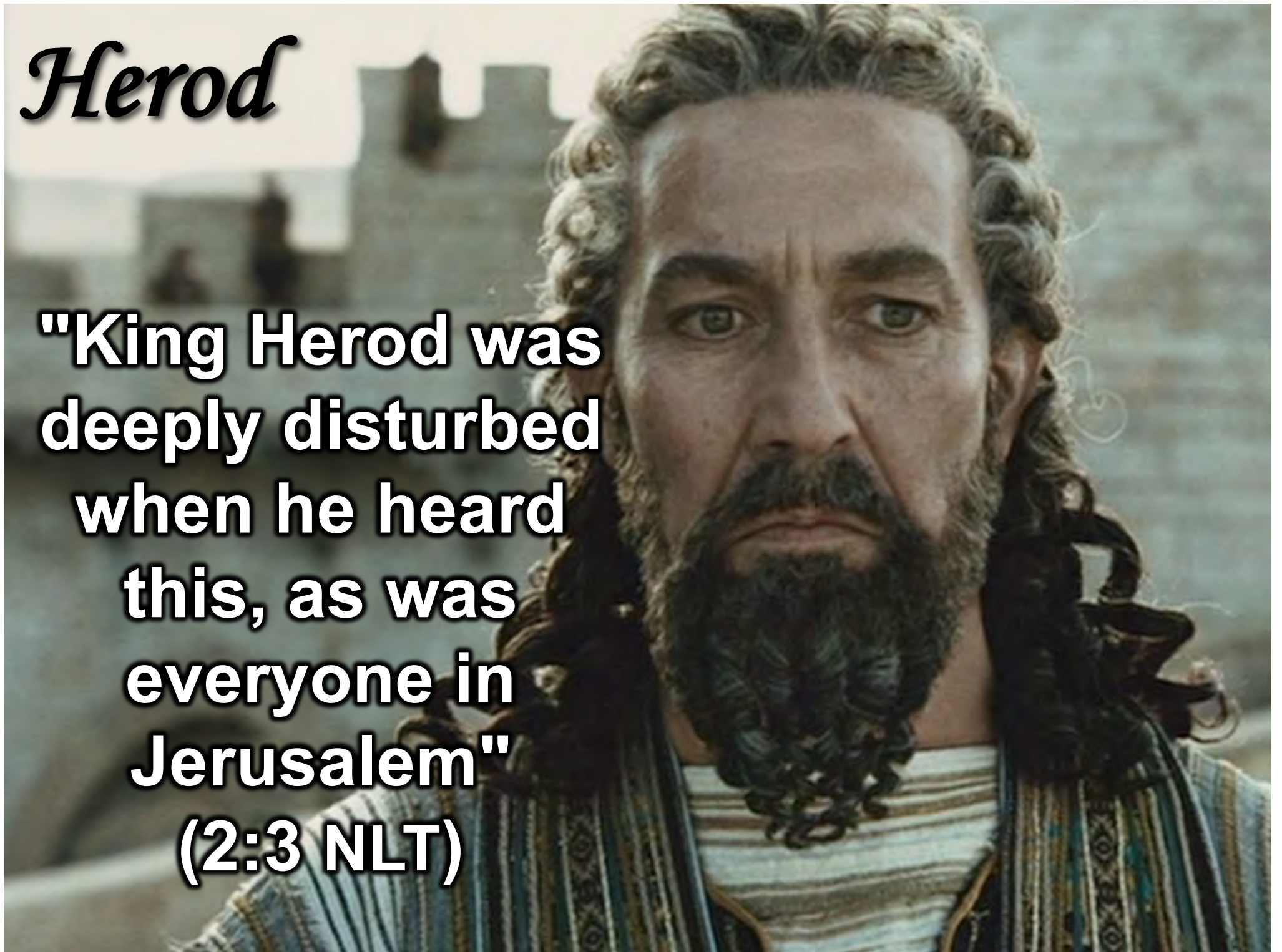




***II. Those whom you
would expect to
worship Christ
rejected Him (2:3-8).***

Herod

**"King Herod was
deeply disturbed
when he heard
this, as was
everyone in
Jerusalem"
(2:3 NLT)**



Herod





*Feeling threatened causes
us to reject but...*



Jerusalem was **disturbed**

Herod's Wife Mariamne (27 BC)





Jerusalem was disturbed

The Jewish leaders **ignored** Him (2:4-6)



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Bethlehem

**“And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,
for a ruler will come from you who will be the
shepherd for my people Israel”
(Micah 5:2 quoted in Matthew 2:6 NLT)**

Bethlehem = "House of Bread"

בֵּית לֶחֶם



**These Jewish
leaders never
went to see Him
themselves!**



**Bethlehem is only
8 kilometers
(6 miles) south of
Jerusalem**

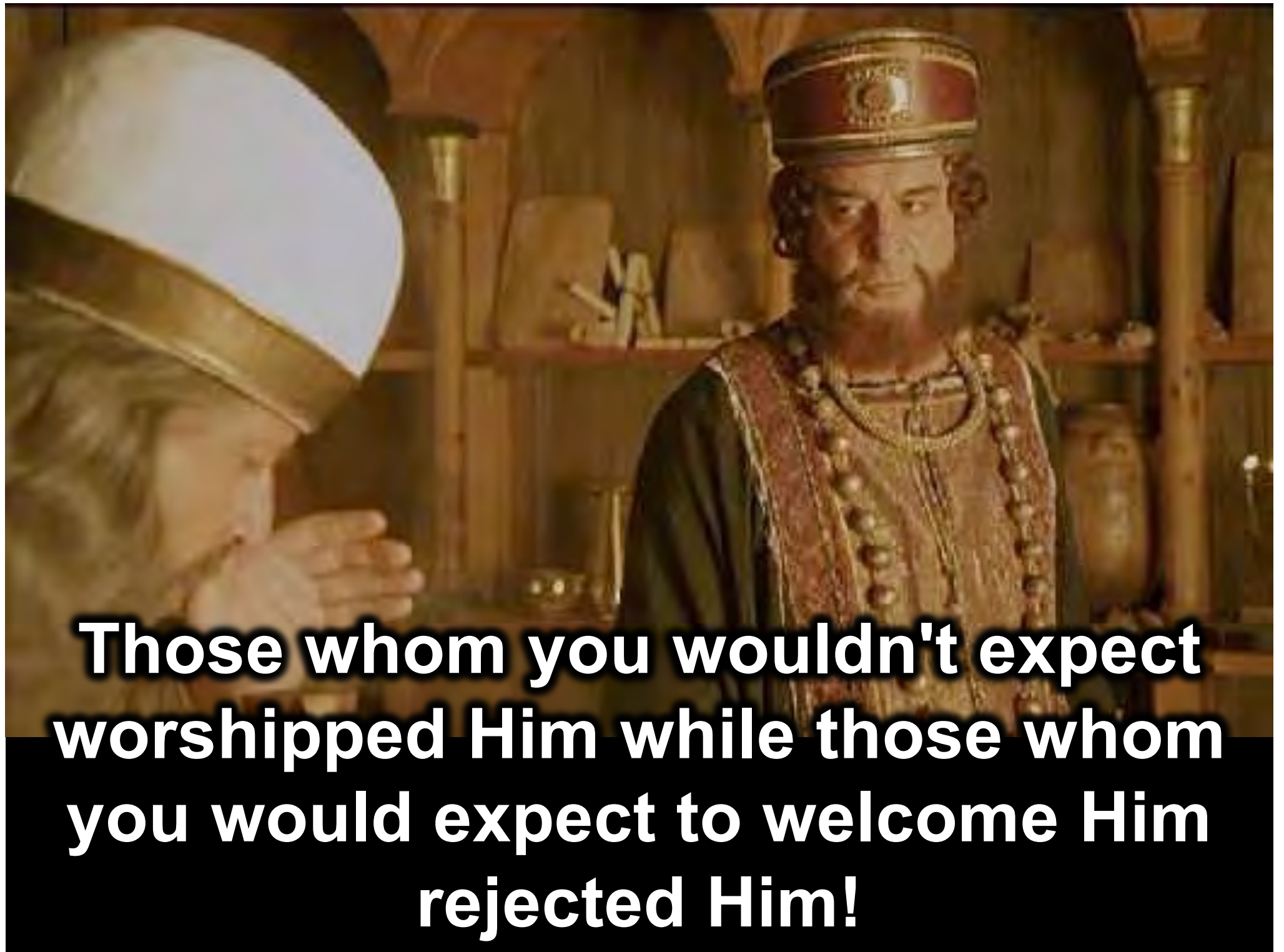


Herod pretended he wanted to worship Christ (2:7-8)

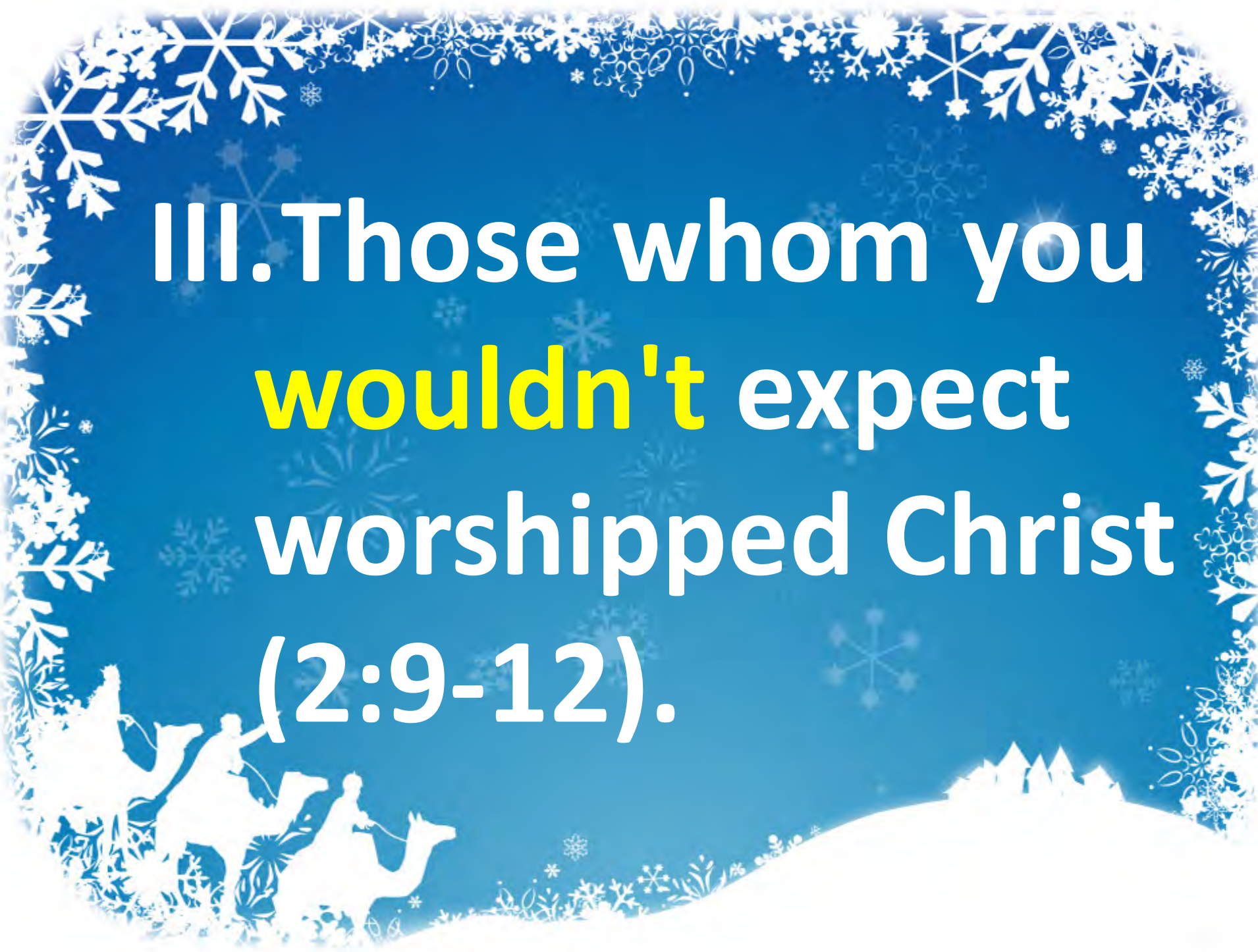
"Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then he told them, 'Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!'" (NLT)



Why know the time it appeared?



**Those whom you wouldn't expect
worshipped Him while those whom
you would expect to welcome Him
rejected Him!**



III. Those whom you
wouldn't expect
worshipped Christ
(2:9-12).

A cinematic scene showing three wise men in traditional Middle Eastern attire looking up at a bright, glowing star in a dark, starry night sky. The man on the left is pointing towards the star. The man in the middle is holding a scroll. The man on the right is looking on with a contemplative expression. The background shows a dark, hilly landscape under a deep blue night sky.

"After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!" (2:9-10 NLT)

The Star Reappears!

***Least likely
witnesses***



The Star Reappears!

Greek:

**"They rejoiced a joy
great exceedingly"!**





**"They entered
the house and
saw the child
with his
mother, Mary,
and they
bowed down
and worshiped
him" (2:11a
NLT)**

The typical nativity shows the magi at the manger





Up to 2 years later...

Worship with Gifts

*The
inferior
gave to
the
superior*



Significant Gifts: *Frankincense*

Gold

Myrrh



Gold King



Frankincense

Priest



Myrrh

Savior



Significant Gifts:

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High Priest

Gold
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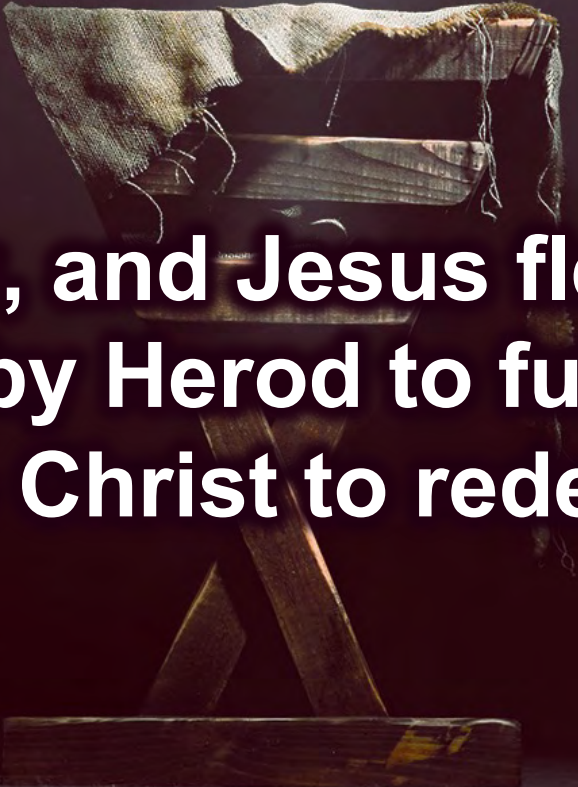


c. His Infancy

(2) In Egypt

§ 15

Matthew 2:13-18



**Joseph, Mary, and Jesus flee to Egypt to
escape death by Herod to fulfill Hosea 11:1
and preserve Christ to redeem the world**

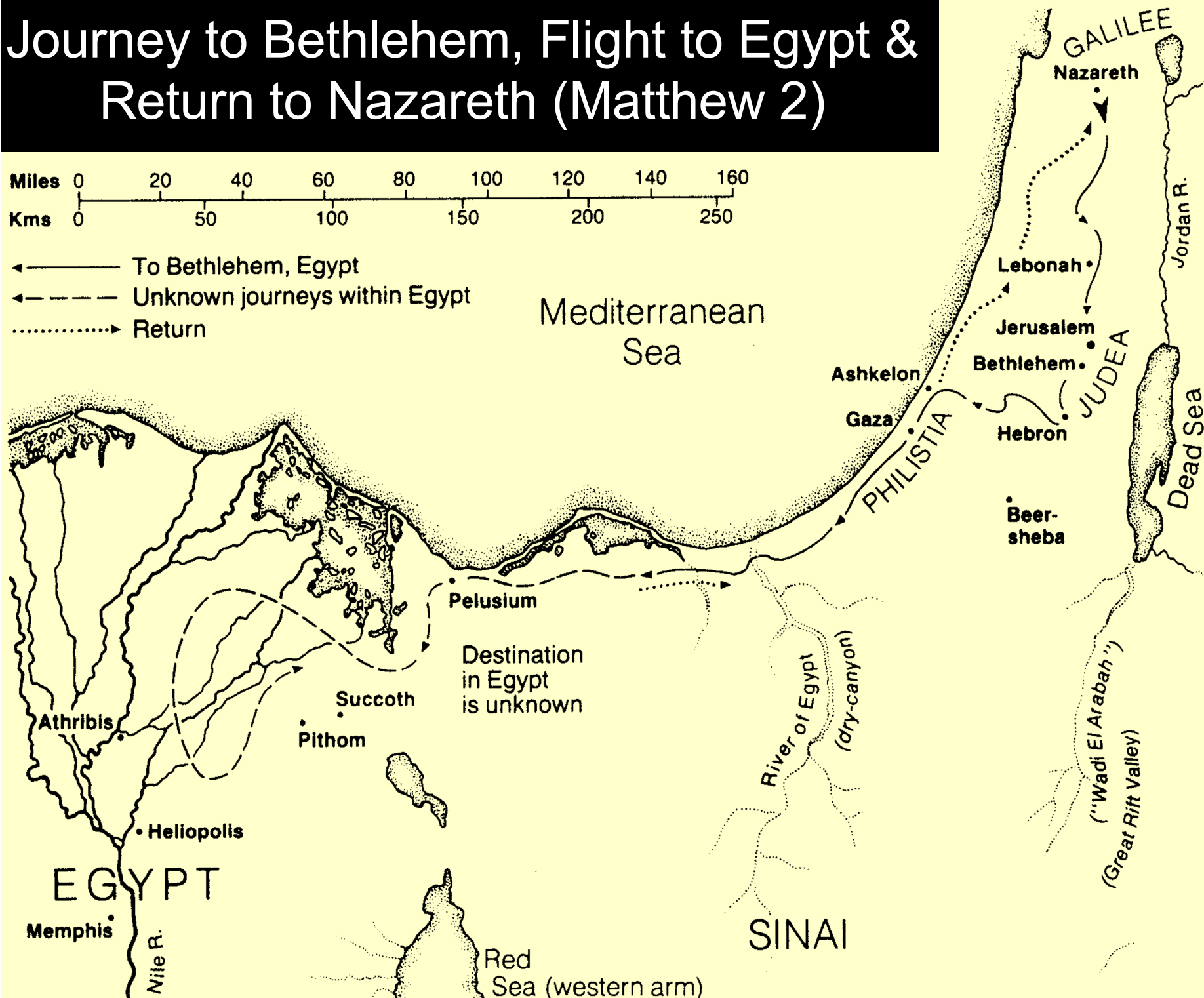
Journey to Bethlehem, Flight to Egypt & Return to Nazareth (Matthew 2)

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- Return

Mediterranean Sea

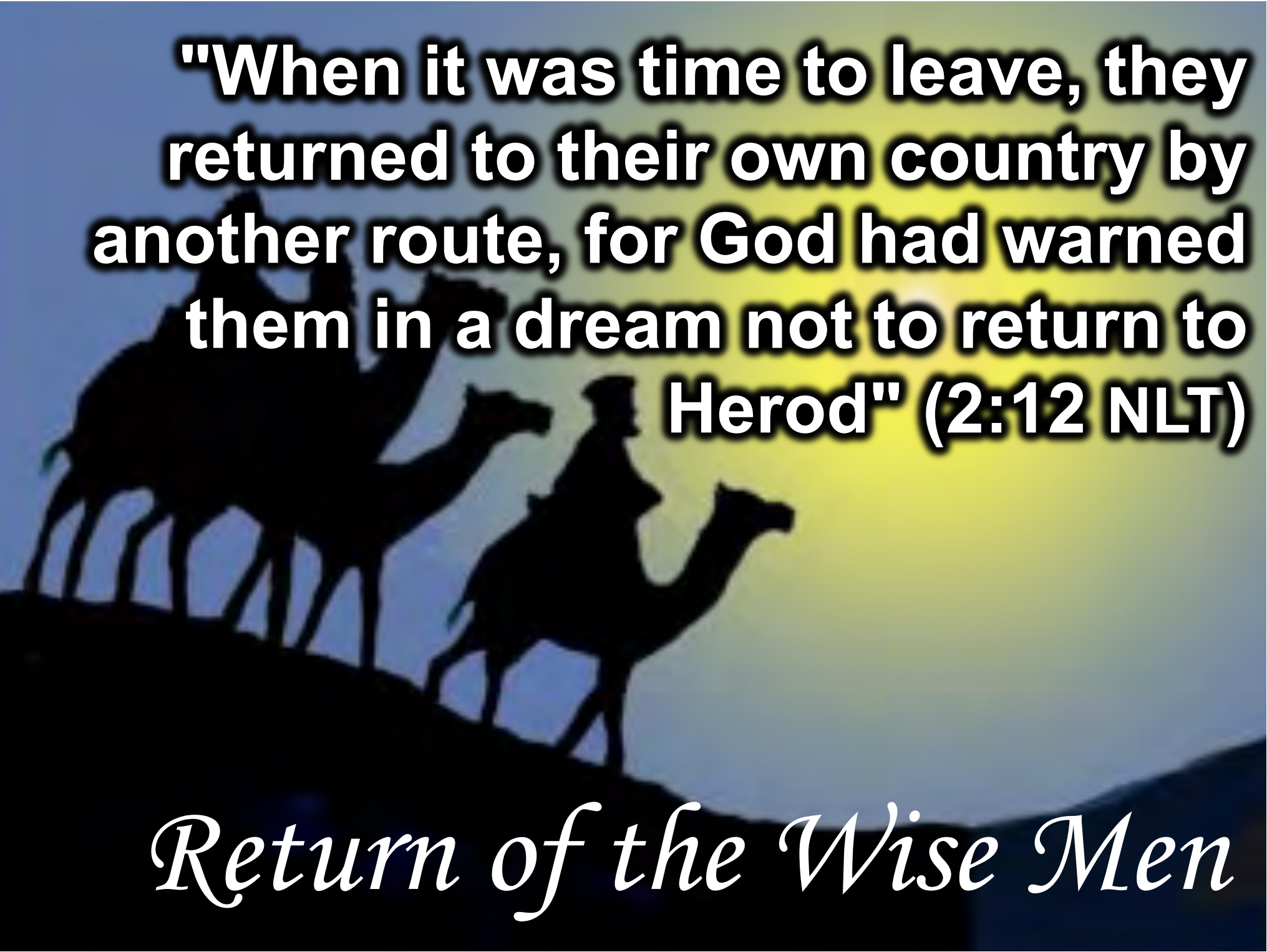


3. Flight to Egypt (2:13-15)





Money for the trip to Egypt

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**"When it was time to leave, they
returned to their own country by
another route, for God had warned
them in a dream not to return to
Herod" (2:12 NLT)**

Return of the Wise Men

4. Killing of the innocents





“Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance” (Matt 2:16 NLT)

c. His Infancy

(3) In Nazareth

§ 16

Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39



The family returns to Israel and chooses Nazareth (not Bethlehem) to fulfill prophecies of the Messiah's humble origins

5. Return to Nazareth (2:19-23)



“He will be called a Nazarene.”



Theme

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**1. Jesus' birth fulfilled
the OT Prophecies**

**2. Men's obedience fulfilled
God's plan**

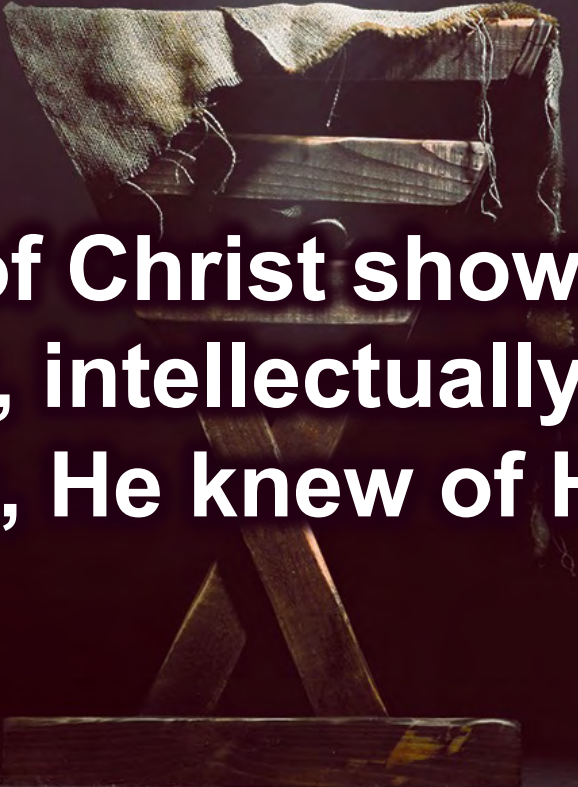


Birth & Childhood of Jesus

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d. His Boyhood

§ 17-19



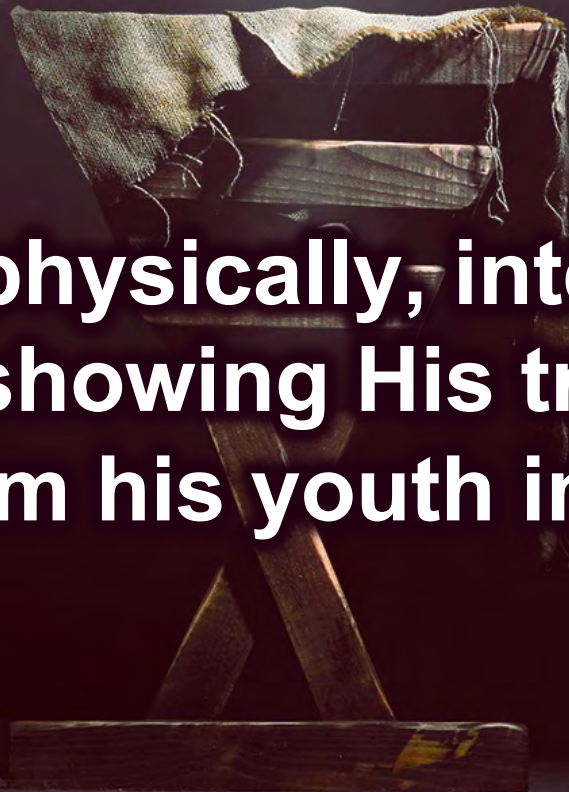
The early life of Christ shows that while He grew physically, intellectually, spiritually, and socially, He knew of His deity

d. His Boyhood

(1) His growth

§ 17

Luke 2:40



Jesus grows physically, intellectually, and spiritually, showing His training in the Scriptures from his youth in a godly home

d. His Boyhood

(2) His visit to Jerusalem

§ 18

Luke 2:41-50



Jesus teaches Israel's leaders at age 12 not merely as a "son of the law" but as the Son of God who knew His deity and mission

(1:1-4) Luke's preface includes a prologue affirming his sources as credible for Gentiles who would be asked to believe the account and a purpose statement to confirm the faith of Theophilus.



(1:5–4:13) The pre-public life of Christ in His advent and preparation for ministry are recorded to show God's orderly and sovereignly directed plan in a Semitic context but with universal overtones.

Even at age 12 Jesus knew His real Father

(4:14–21:38) Christ's ministry in Galilee, en route to Jerusalem, and within the city show Israel's rejection of Christ as Messiah and His judgment by turning to the Gentiles during the times of the Gentiles.



Jerusalem Visit at Age 12 (Luke 2:41-52)



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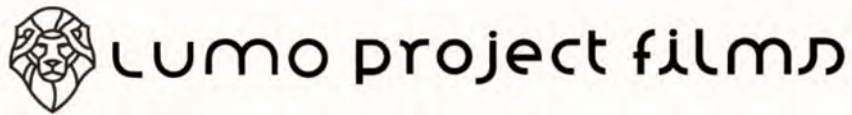
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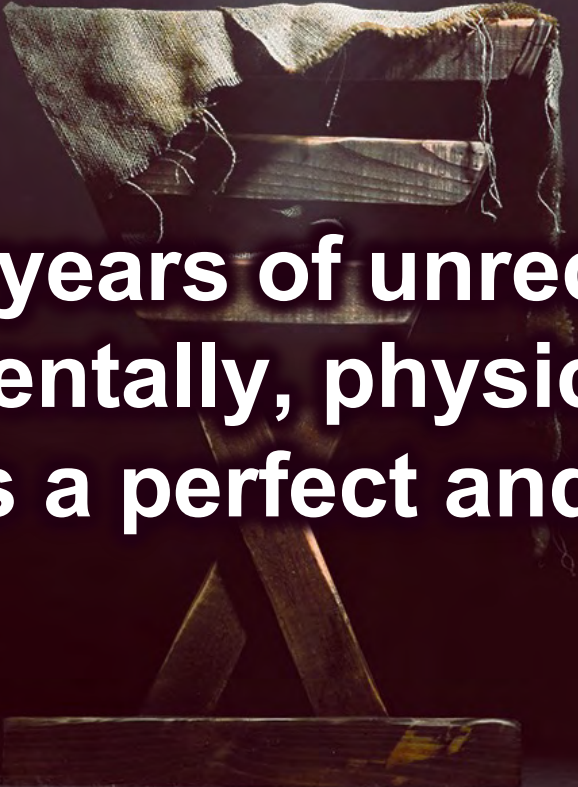
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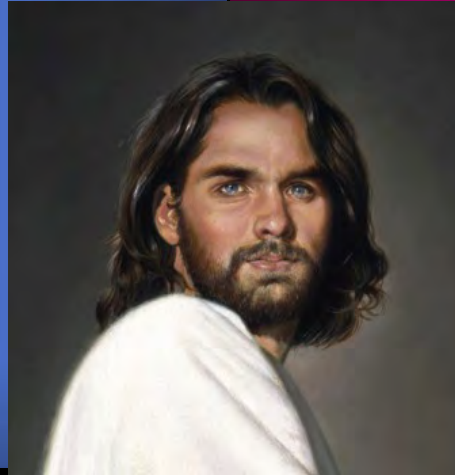
§ 19

Luke 2:51-52

**During the 18 years of unrecorded events,
Jesus grows mentally, physically, spiritually,
and socially as a perfect and obedient man**



Wisdom



Stature

Luke 2:52
Jesus grew in...

Favor with God

Favor with Man

Introduction of the King

§ § 1-27

Arrival

- Ancestry
- Advent
- Infancy/
Childhood

Ambassador

The Ambassador of the King

§ 20-23

**John the Baptist precedes Jesus Christ to
prepare Israel to receive Him as the long-
awaited Messiah**



1. The Message to John

§ 20

Mark 1:1; Luke 3:1-2



**John receives a prophetic message from God
in the desert to separate Israel to the Lord in
preparation for the Messiah**

**Luke
3:1-2**

John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius **Caesar**, Pontius **Pilate** being governor of Judea, and **Herod** being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother **Philip** tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and **Lysanias** tetrarch of Abilene,

in the high-priesthood of **Annas** and **Caiaphas**, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness;

**Dr. Luke accurately recorded the names
and dates of many Roman leaders**



**Luke
3:1-2**

Chronologies

John

5 AD 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40

Tiberius (14-37)

Pilate (26-36)

Philip (4 BC-AD 34)

Lysanias (14-29)

Annas (6-15 with control until 40)

Caiaphas (18-36)

Dating the Birth of Christ

Date of Birth: ca. December 5 BC/January 4 BC

Jesus was born between these two dates:

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Quirinius/Cyrenius
(Luke 2:1-5)**



6 BC

**Death of
Herod the Great
(Matt. 2:1; Luke 1:5)**



**29 March-11 April
4 BC**

Chronology of Jesus & Acts

4 BC	1 BC	AD 1	14	29	30	33	35
Jesus Born	-1 year-	Tiberius Crowned	15th Yr. Tiberius	Jesus Died	Paul Believed		

**“In the 15th year of Tiberius...
John preached” (Luke 3:1)**

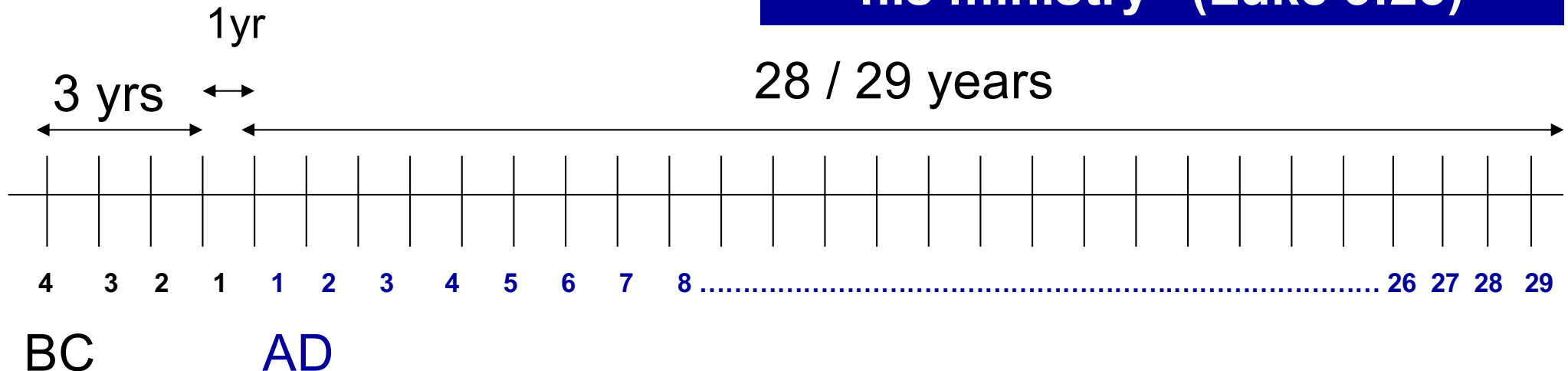
—
John &
Jesus

←————→
32-33 years

**“Now Jesus himself was about
30 years old when he began
his ministry” (Luke 3:23)**

Age of Jesus When He Began His Ministry

“Now Jesus himself was about 30 years old when he began his ministry” (Luke 3:23)



$3 + 1 + 28 = 32$ years (Non-inclusive of AD 29)

$3 + 1 + 29 = 33$ years (Inclusive of AD 29)

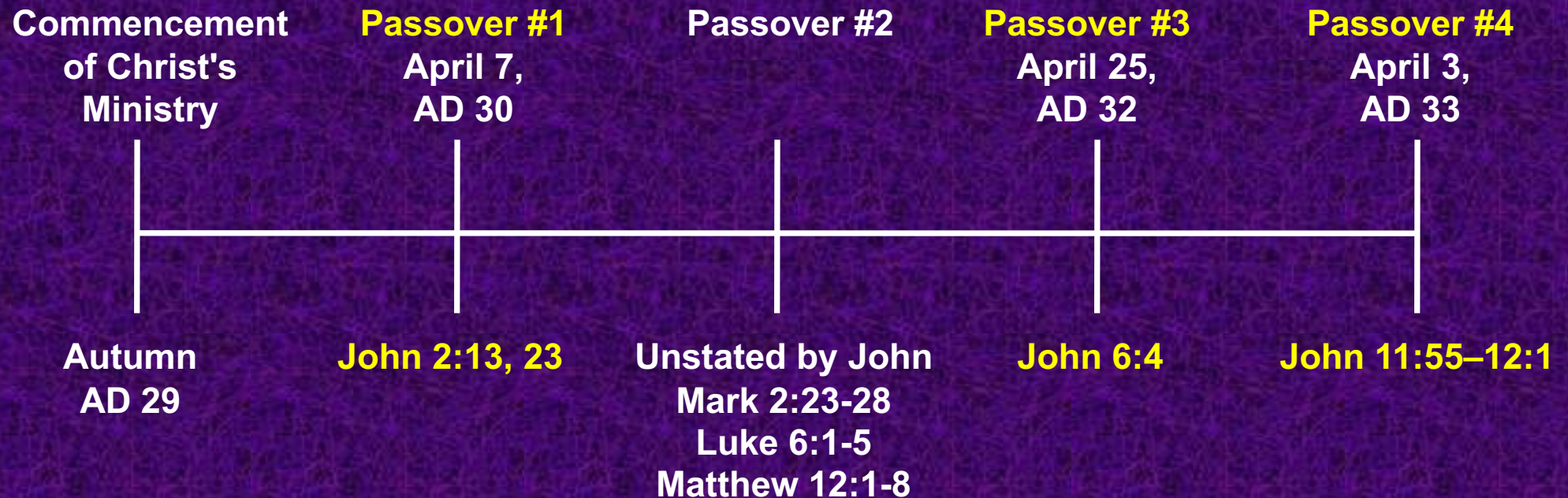
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The Duration of Christ's Ministry ⁵⁶

Autumn AD 29 – 3 April AD 33 (3.5 Years)

John alone notes three *Passovers*

Therefore, Christ's ministry was at least 2.5 years



2. The Message from John

§ 21

Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:2-6; Luke 3:3-6

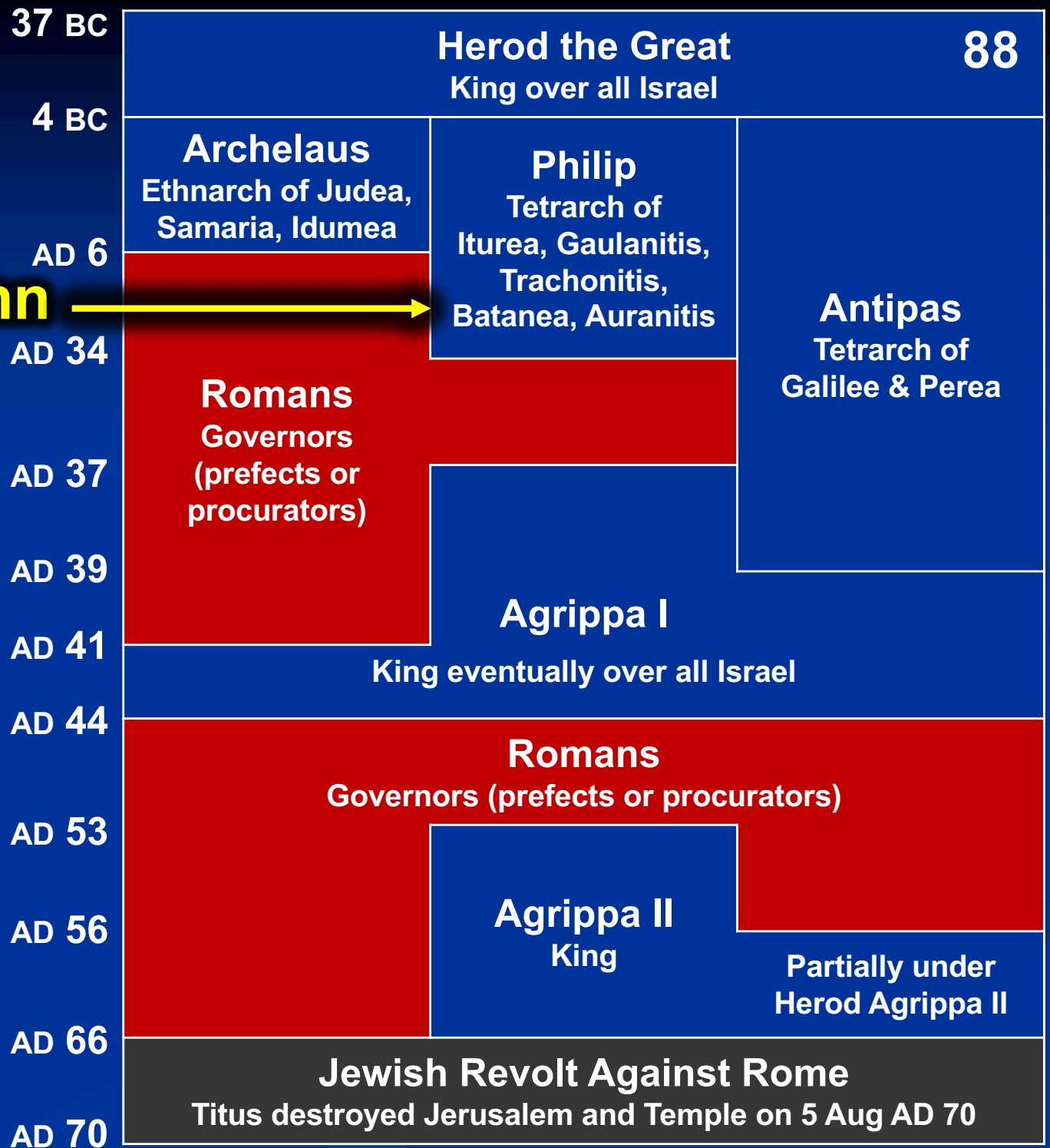


**John preaches repentance for the forgiveness
of sins and baptizes to prepare for the
Messianic kingdom on earth ruled by Jesus**

Chronology of the Herodian Dynasty (37 BC—AD 70)

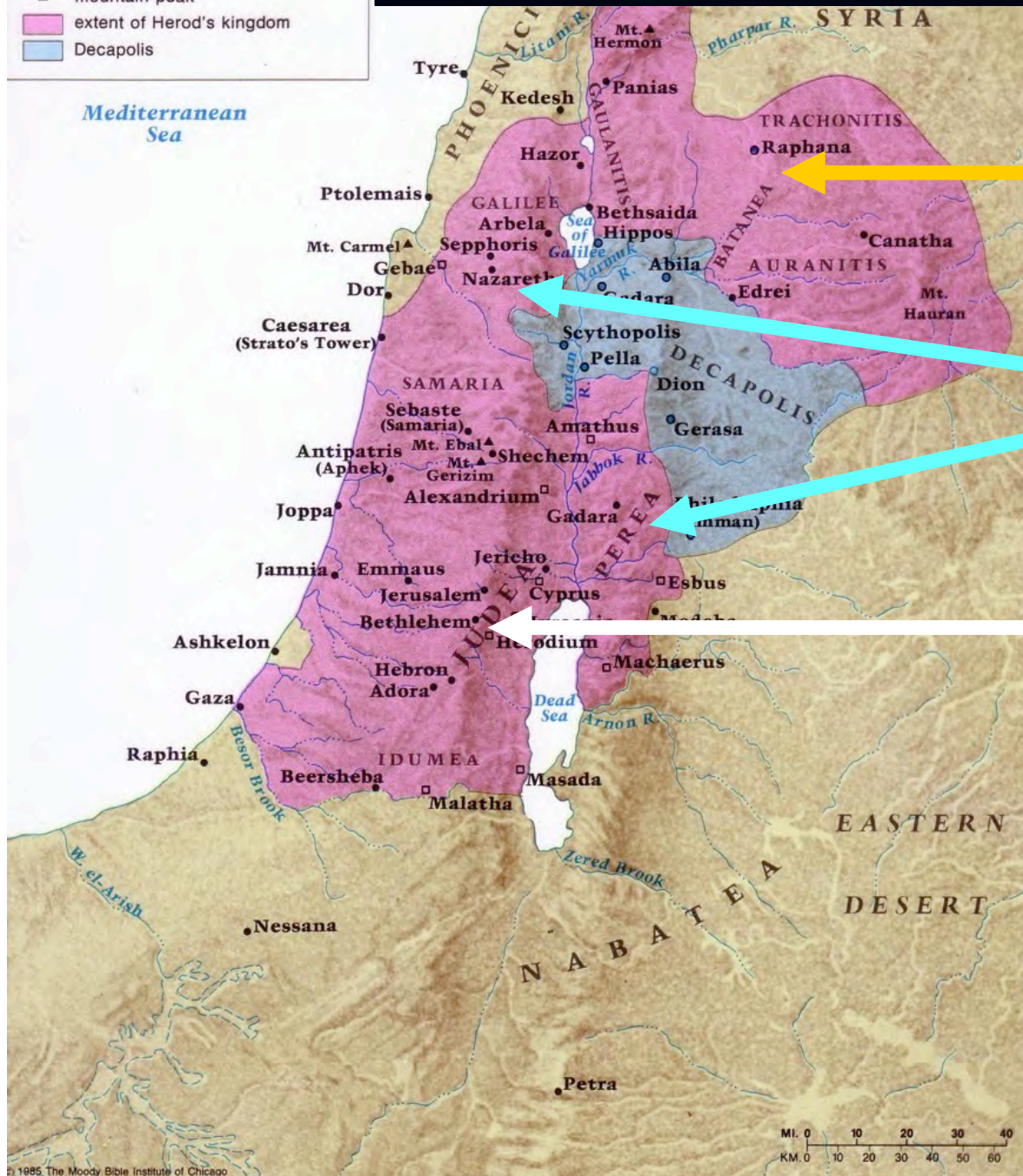
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Dallas Seminary, 1985

John →



Herod's Three Ruling Sons 80 & 89

- city
- decapolis city
- decapolis city (uncertain location)
- Herodian fortress
- ▲ mountain peak
- extent of Herod's kingdom
- Decapolis



Philip

Antipas

Archelaus

**Luke
3:3-4**

John the Baptist

and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**Luke
3:5-6**

John the Baptist

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:1-16

Mark 1:1-11

Luke 3:1-22

John 1:1-34



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3. The Explanation by John

§ 22

Matthew 3:7-10; Luke 3:7-14



John warns of Israel's judgment by Messiah to convince the Jewish leaders of their need for changed lives resulting from repentance









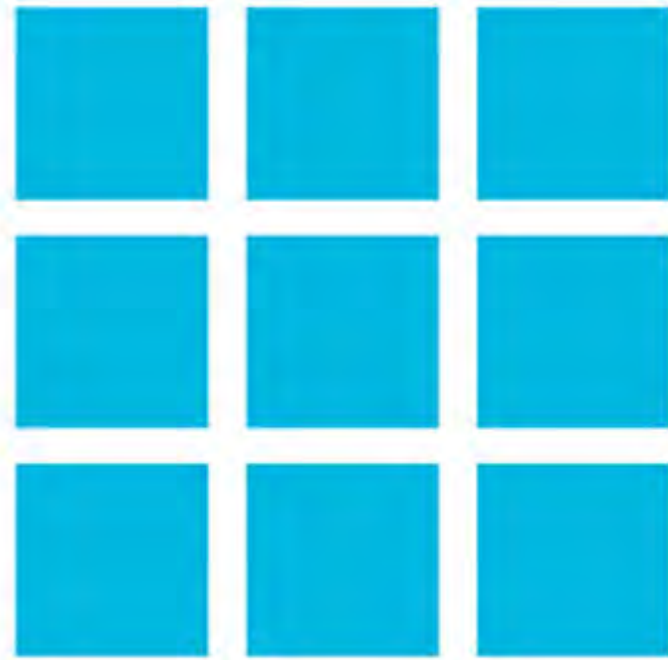












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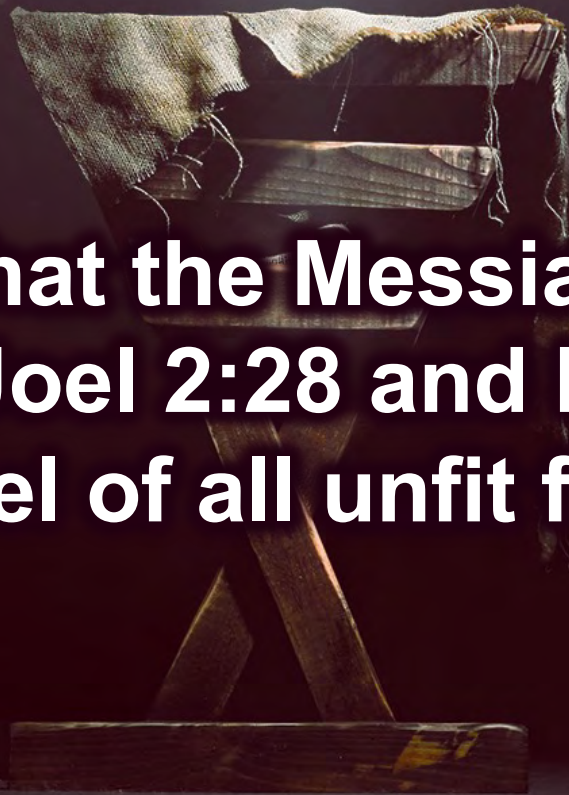
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4. The Promise by John

§ 23

Matthew 3:11-12; Mark 1:7-8; Luke 3:15-18



John warns that the Messiah will give the Spirit to fulfill Joel 2:28 and Ezekiel 36:25-27 and judge Israel of all unfit for the kingdom

Introduction of the King

§ § 1-27

Arrival

- Ancestry
- Advent
- Infancy/
Childhood

Ambassador

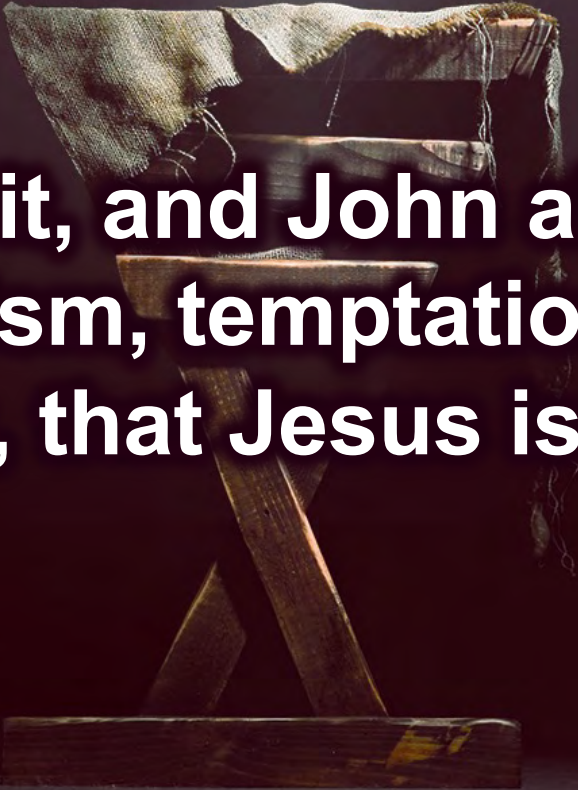
Approval

- Baptism
- Temptation
- Herald

The Approval of the King

§ § 24-27

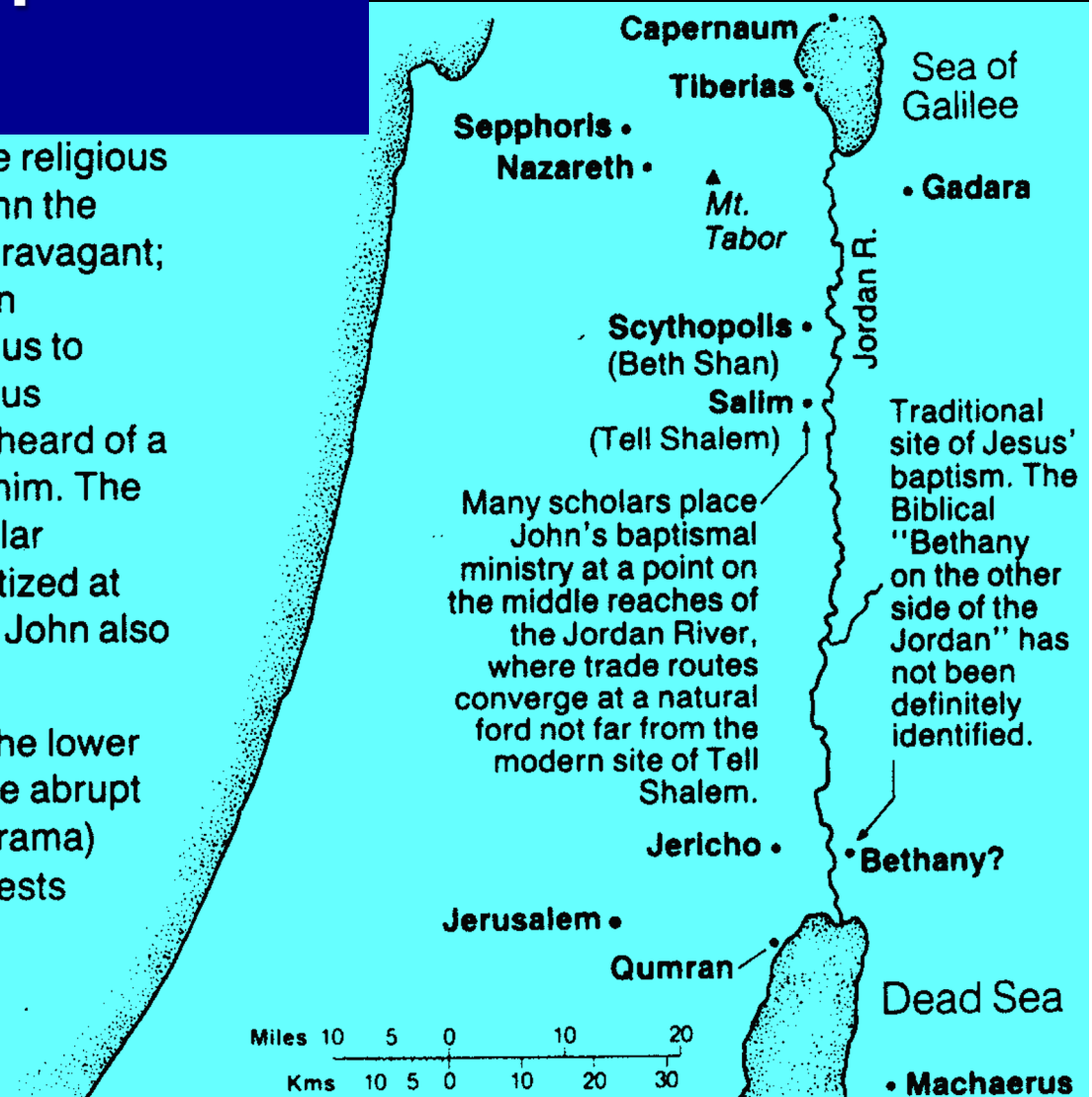
**The Father, Spirit, and John all testify through
Christ's baptism, temptation, and herald,
respectively, that Jesus is the Messiah**



Jesus' Baptism & Temptation (3:23–4:11)

Events surrounding Jesus' baptism reveal the intense religious excitement and social ferment of the early days of John the Baptist's ministry. Herod had been rapacious and extravagant; Roman military occupation was harsh. Some agitation centered around the change of procurators from Gratus to Pilate in A.D. 26. Most of the people hoped for a religious solution to their low political fortunes, and when they heard of a new prophet, they flocked out into the desert to hear him. The religious sect (Essenes) from Qumran professed similar doctrines of repentance and baptism. Jesus was baptized at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan (see Jn 1:28). John also baptized at "Aenon near Salim" (Jn 3:23).

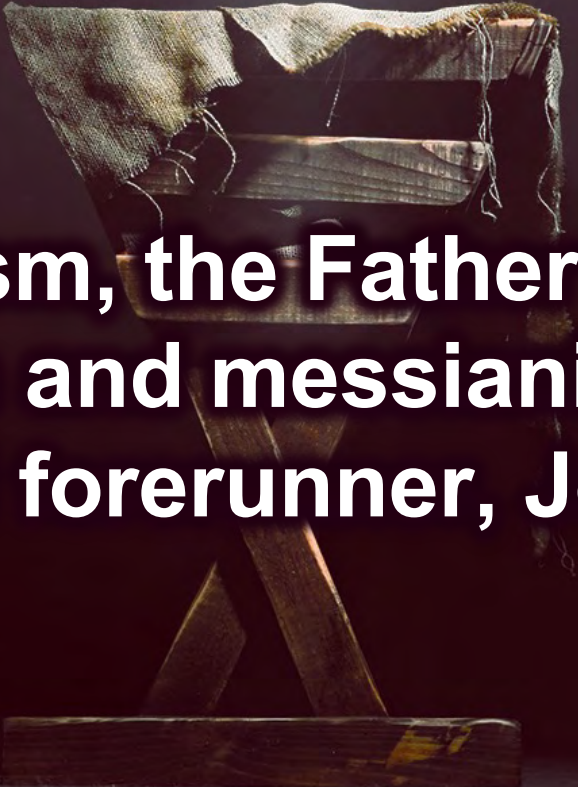
The temptation took place in (1) the desert region of the lower Jordan Valley, (2) a high mountain (possibly one of the abrupt cliffs near Jericho that present an unsurpassed panorama) and (3) the pinnacle of the temple, from which the priests sounded the trumpet to call the city's attention to important events.



1. At His Baptism

§ 24

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23a



At his baptism, the Father approves of Christ's person and messianic work through the designated forerunner, John the Baptist

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:1-16

Mark 1:1-11

Luke 3:1-22

John 1:1-34



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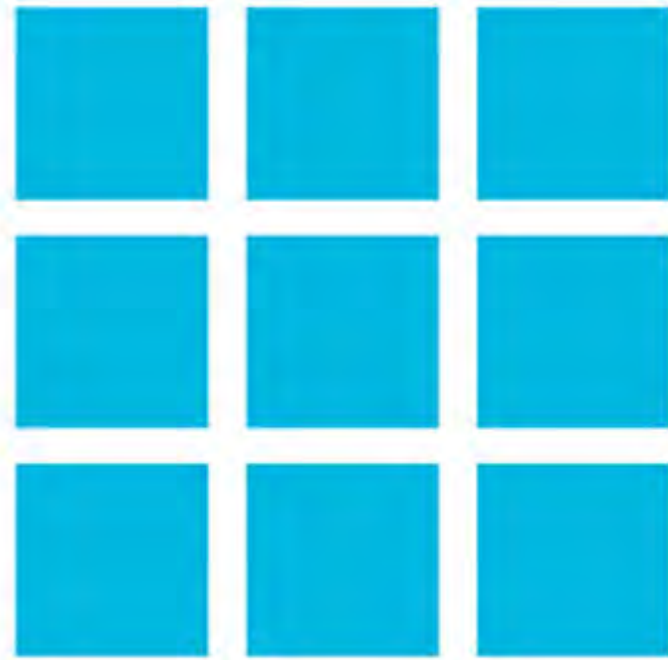












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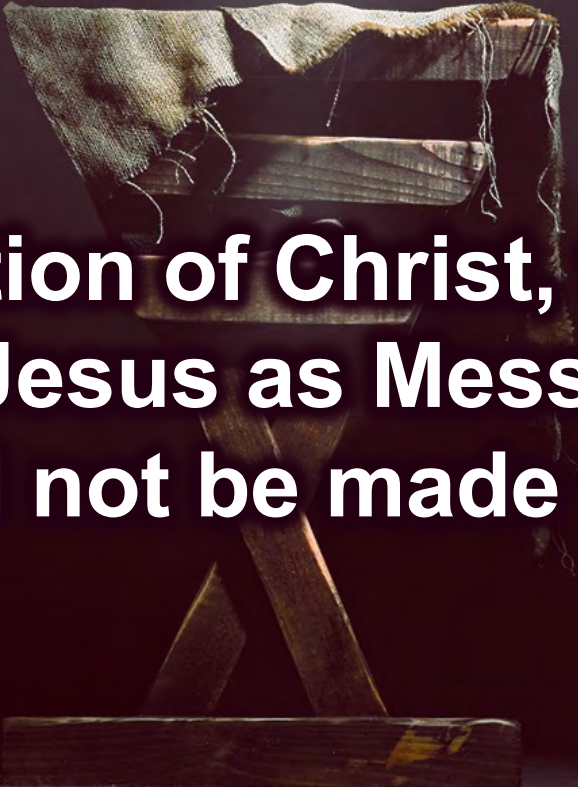
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2. Through His Temptation

§ 25

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 4:1-13



**At the temptation of Christ, the Holy Spirit
approves of Jesus as Messiah in that He
could not be made to sin**



The Things of the World

Comparing Some Key Texts



World (1 John 2:15-16)	Sources of Temptation	Eve (Gen. 3)	Christ (Matt. 4; Luke 4)
"Cravings of sinful man"	Ungodly bodily desires • sex outside marriage • gluttony • etc.	"Good for food"	Stones to bread
"Lust of the eyes"	Greed, coveting (10th commandment)	"Pleasing to the eye"	Possess all kingdoms
"Boasting of what he has and does"	Pride & boasting of: • occupation • position • worldly advantages • etc.	"Desirable for gaining wisdom"	Acclaim by men ("throw yourself from the temple")



The Ministry Beginning & Temptation of Jesus

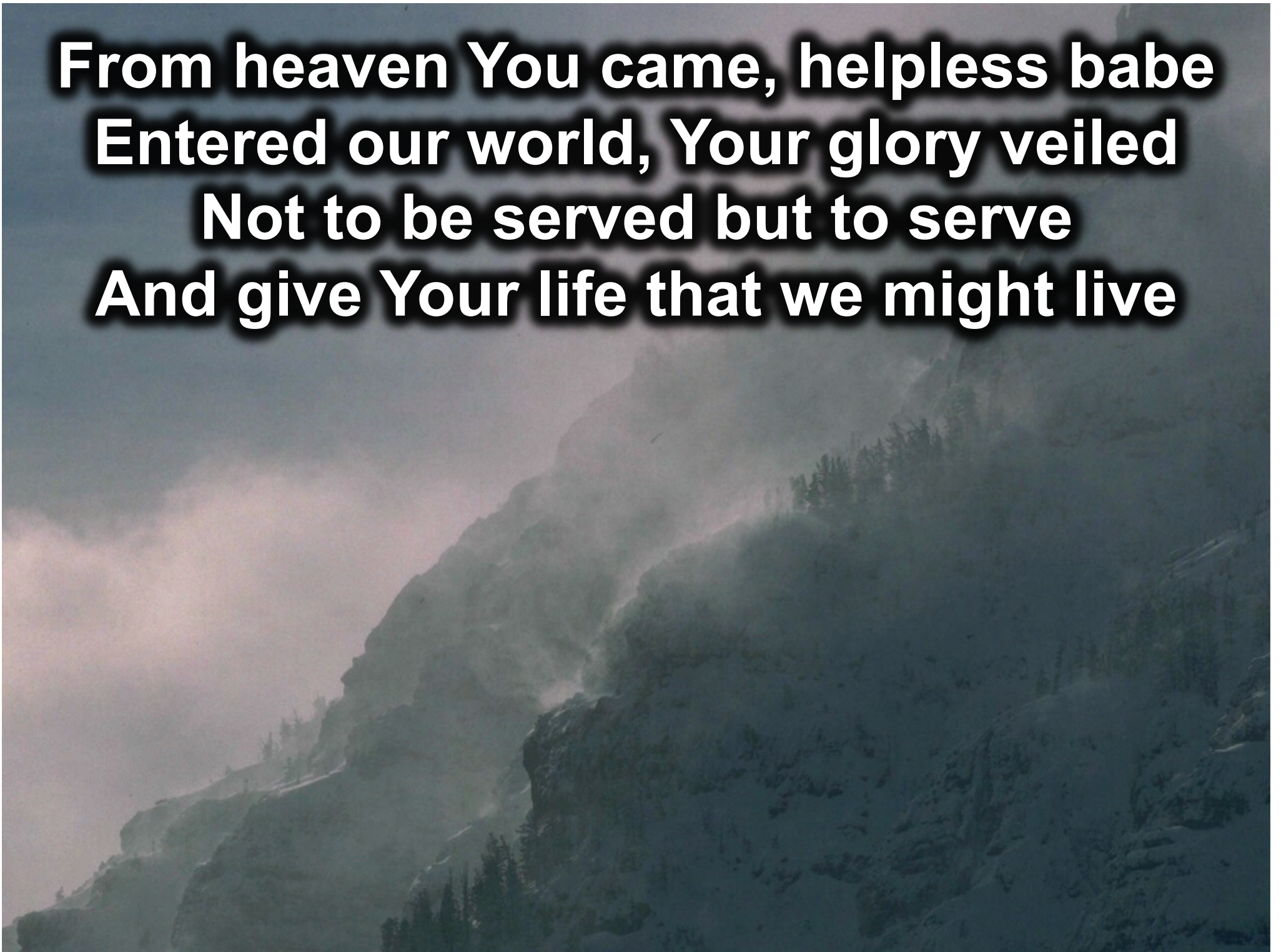
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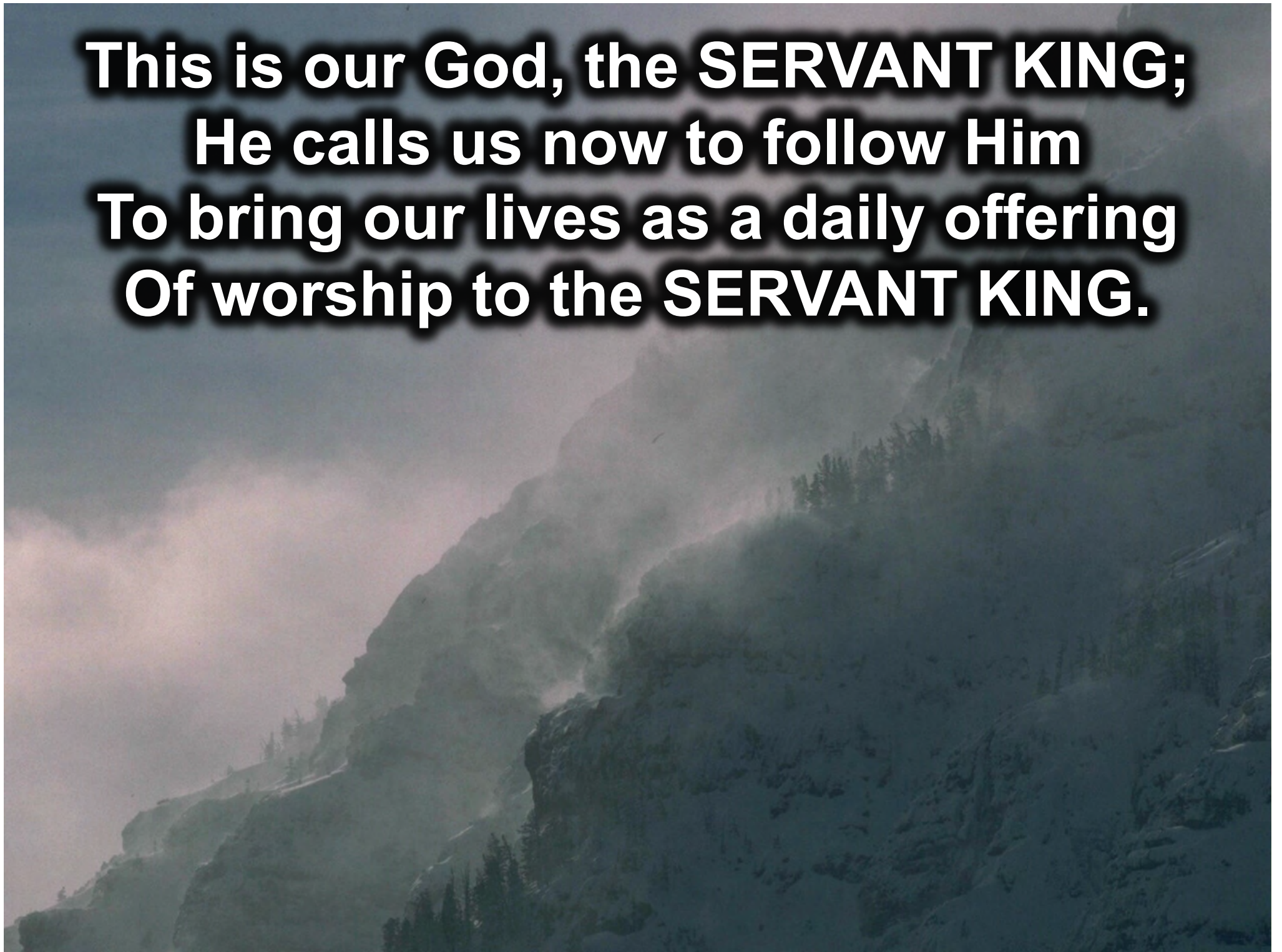


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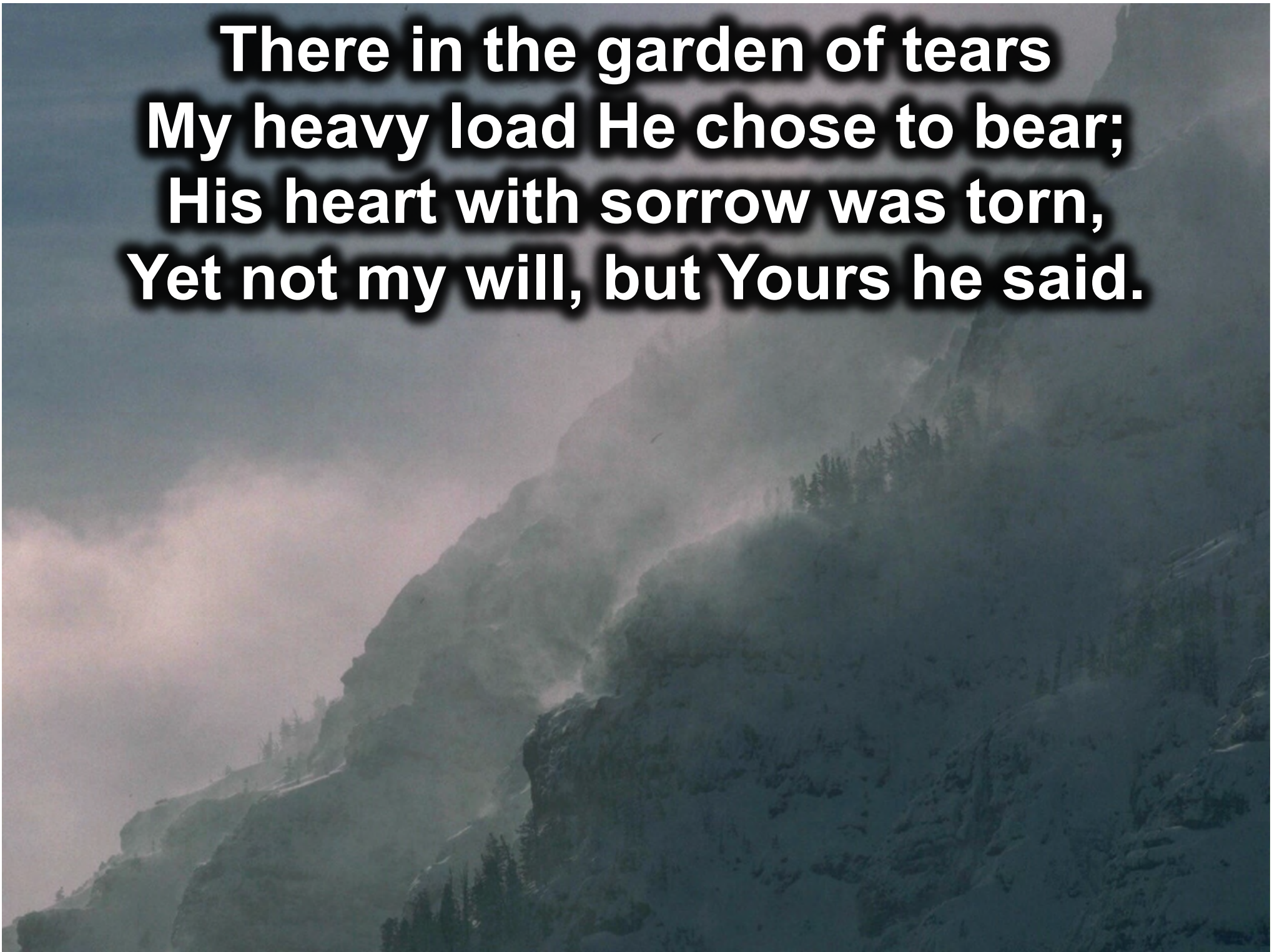
**From heaven You came, helpless babe
Entered our world, Your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live**



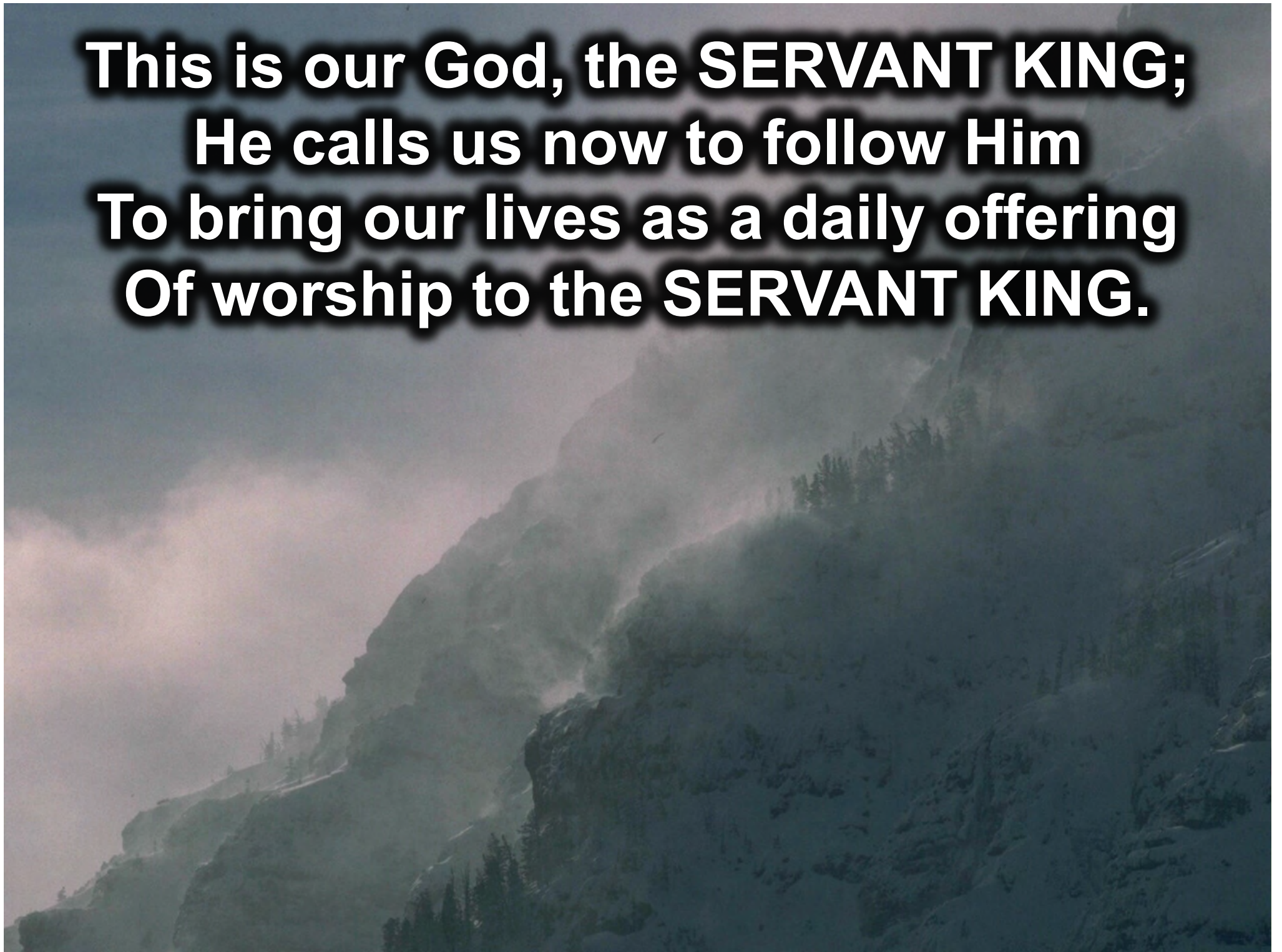
**This is our God, the SERVANT KING;
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the SERVANT KING.**



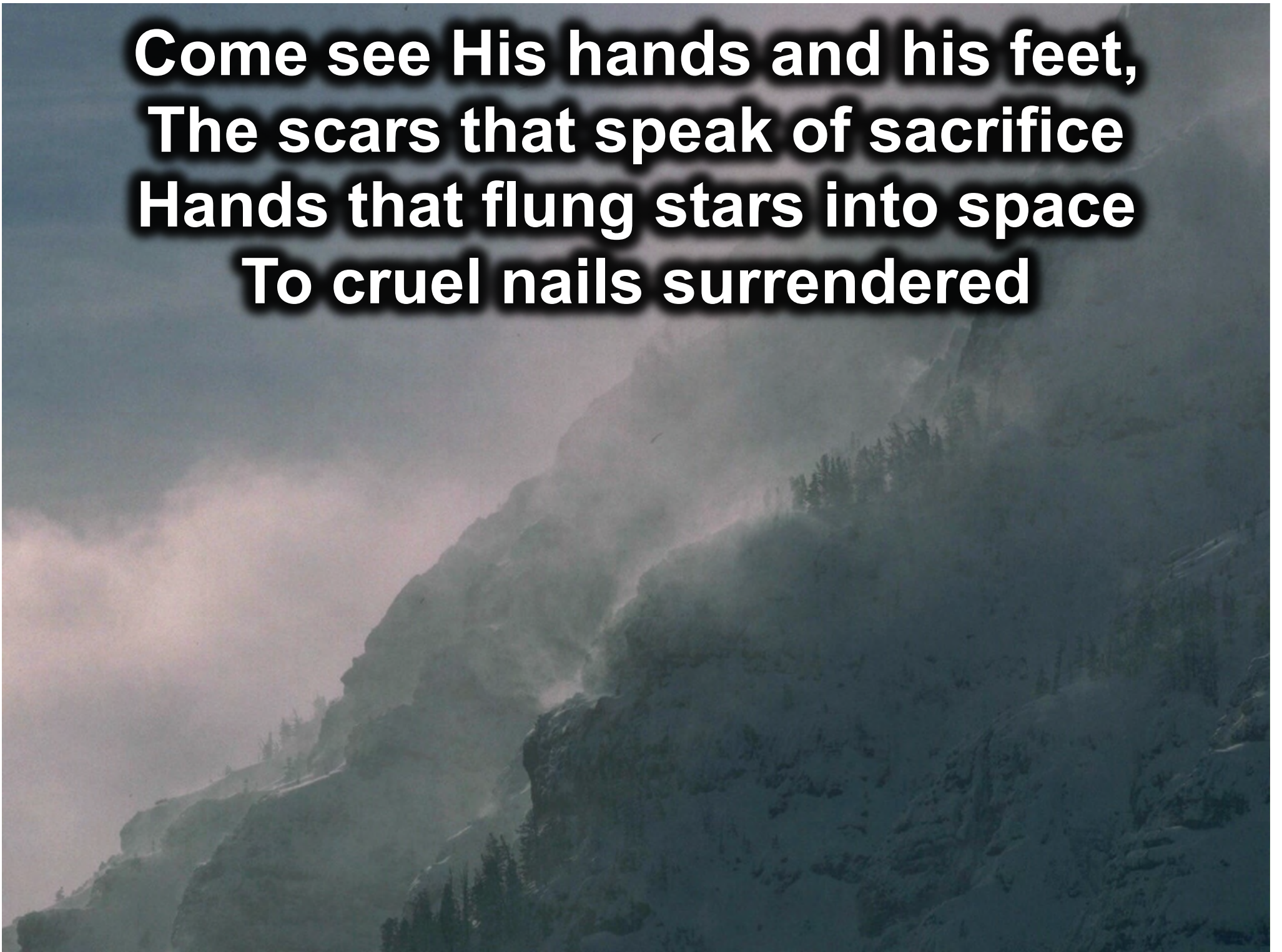
**There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet not my will, but Yours he said.**



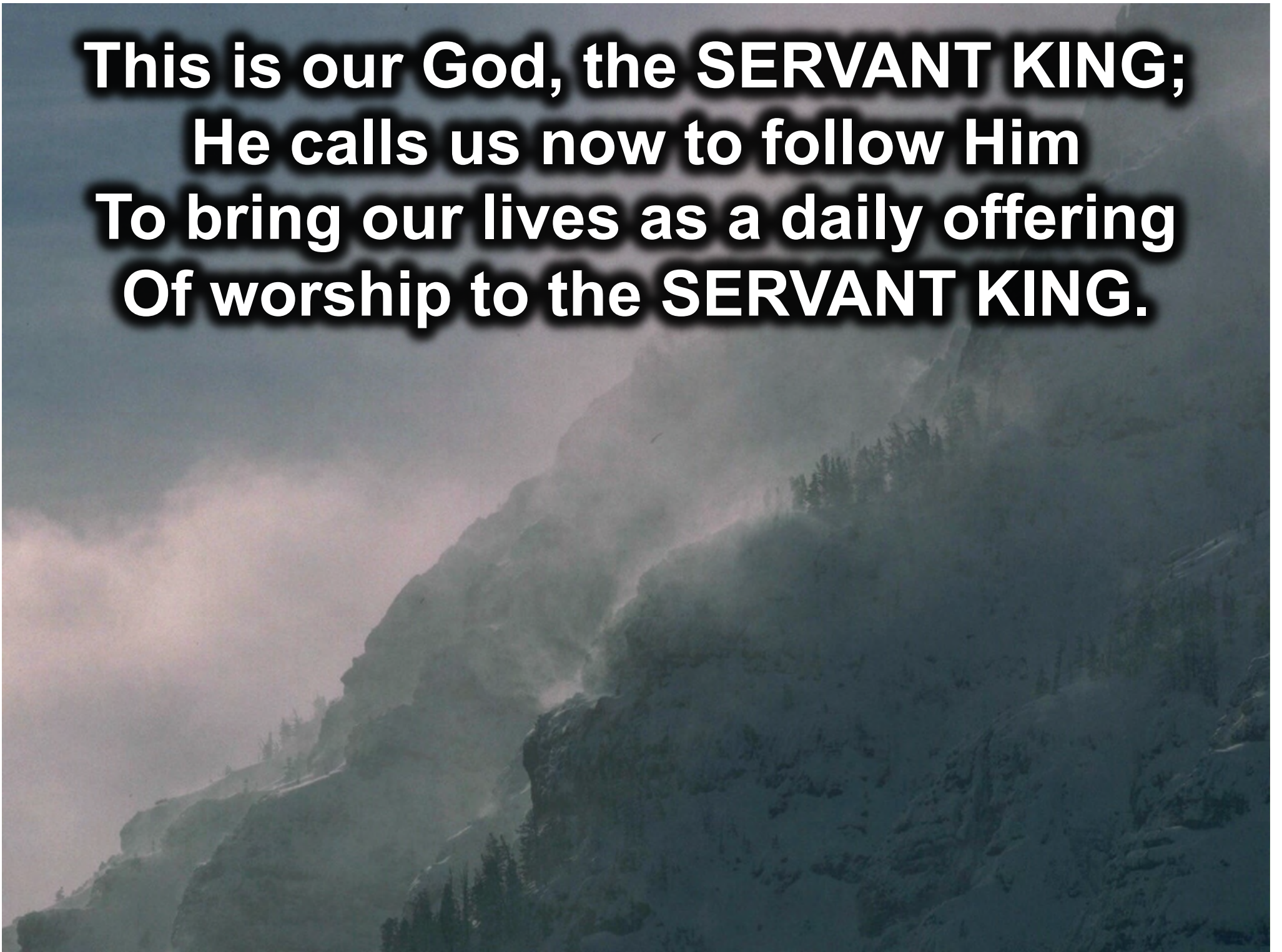
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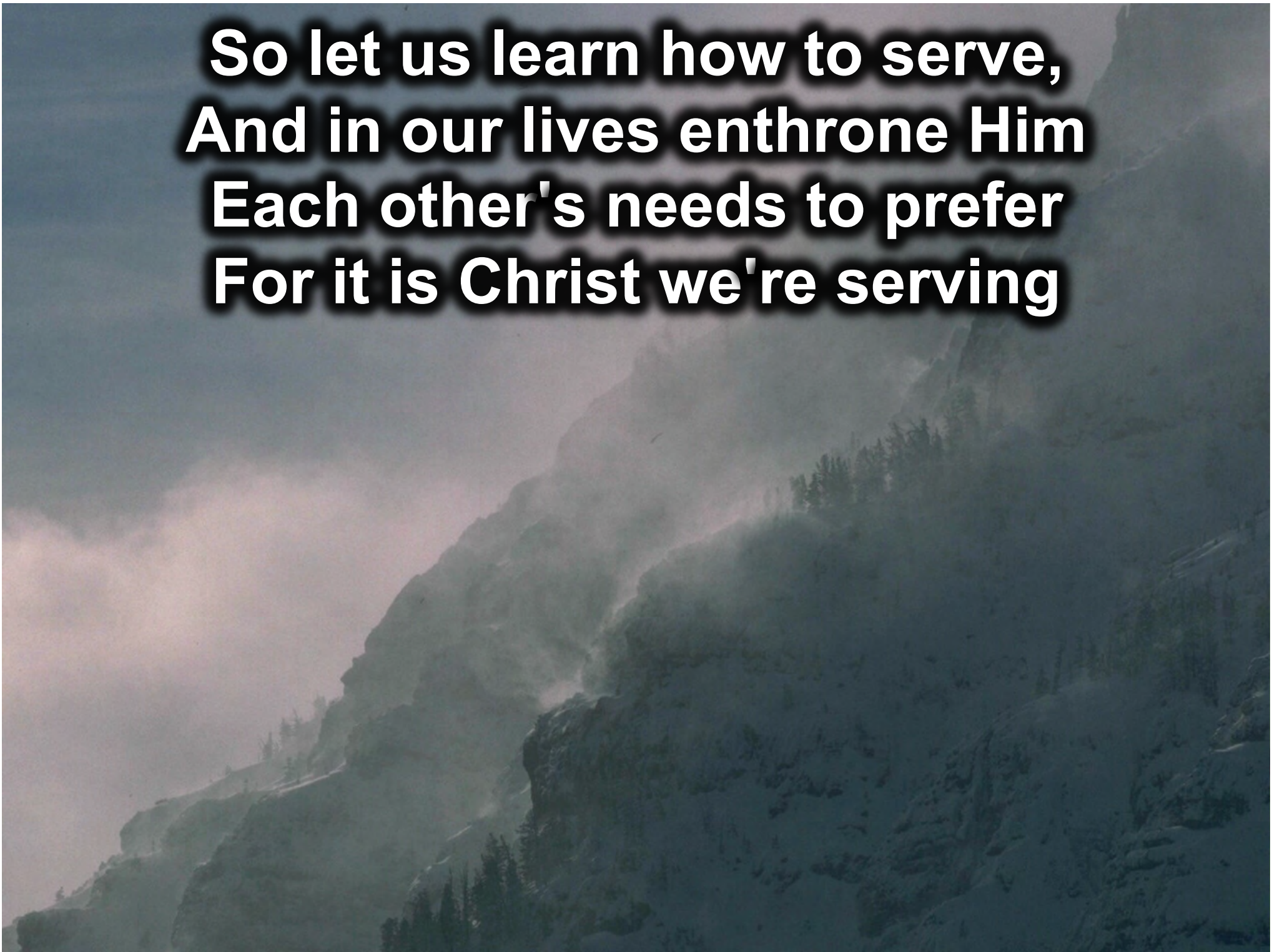
**Come see His hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered**



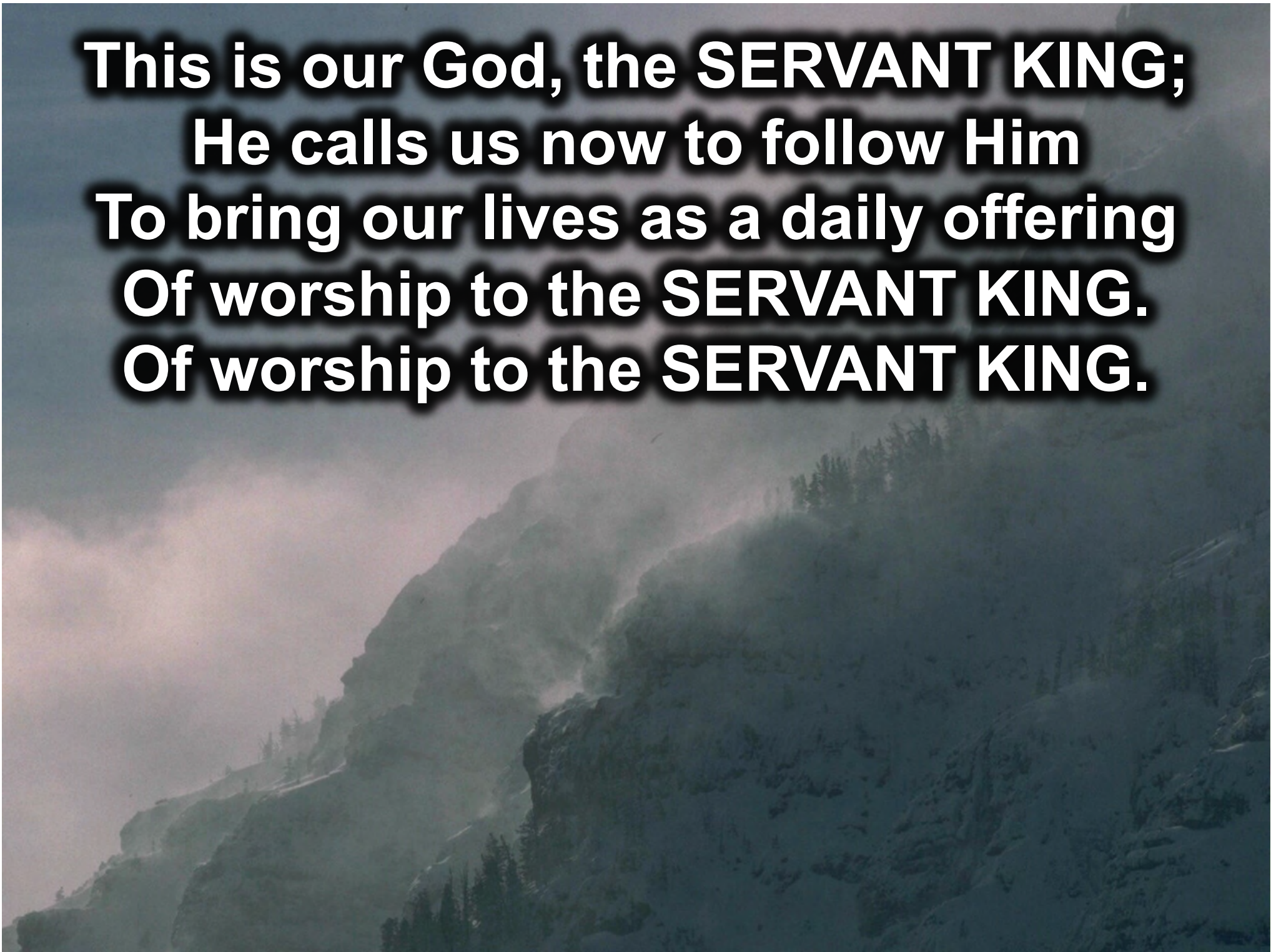
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**So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving**



**This is our God, the SERVANT KING;
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the SERVANT KING.
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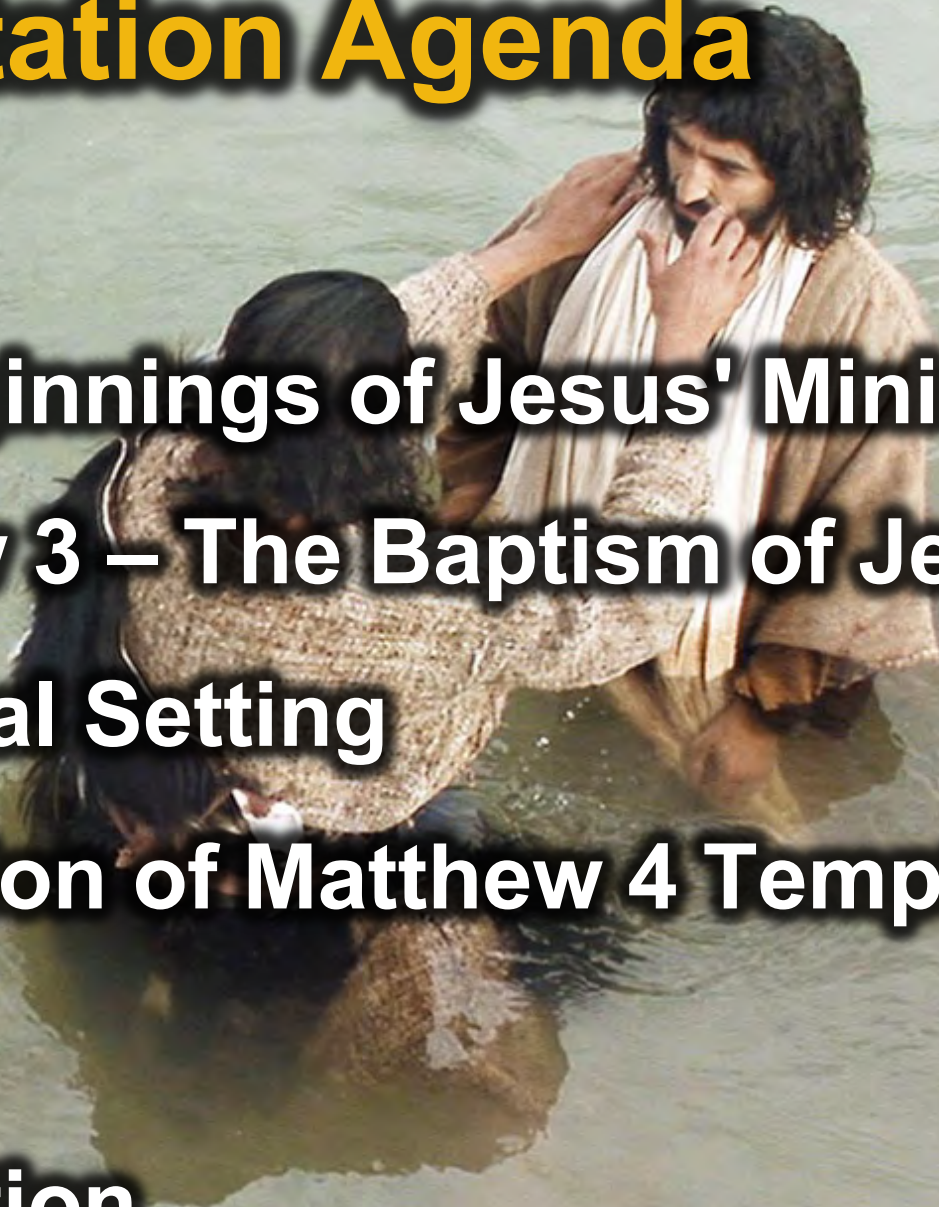
A man with dark, curly hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a brown sash, is walking across a rocky, arid desert landscape. The ground is covered in small rocks and sparse green shrubs. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Matthew 4:1-11

Satan
tempted
Jesus
—But what
preceded
this?

Presentation Agenda

- **Review**
- **The Beginnings of Jesus' Ministry**
- **Matthew 3 – The Baptism of Jesus**
- **Historical Setting**
- **Exposition of Matthew 4 Temptation**
- **Theme**
- **Application**



Review

- **The Genealogy of Christ**
- **The Certainty of the Gospel**
- **Jesus was a Genuine Historical Figure**
- **The Birth of Christ was the Fulfillment of God's Salvation Plan**

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

Jesus comes from Galilee to be baptized

Jesus returns to Jordan to call disciples

John the Baptist preaches in the wilderness of Judea and baptizes in River Jordan

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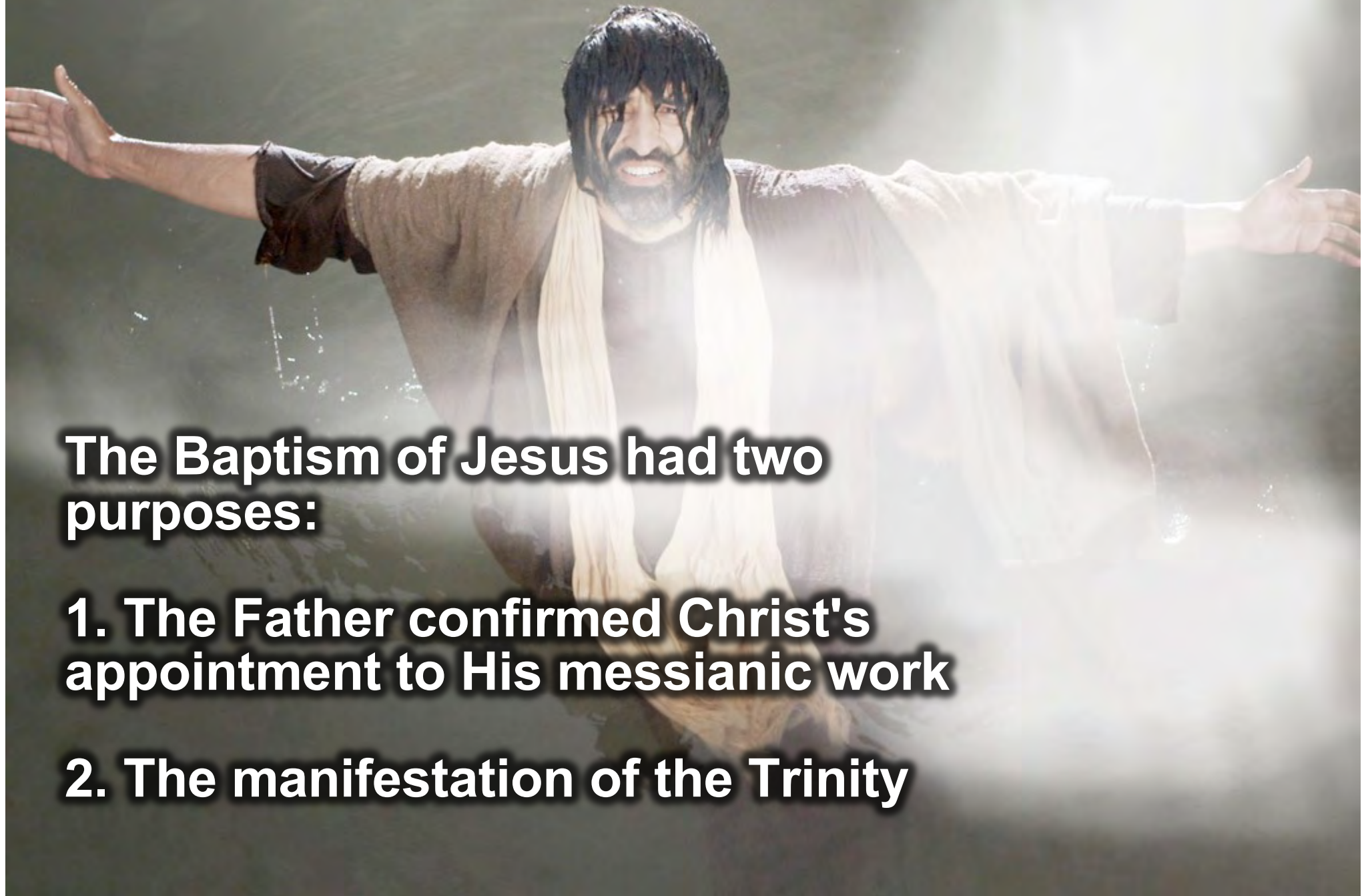
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3

Jesus returns to Galilee (first miracle in Cana)

The Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness to be tested





The Baptism of Jesus had two purposes:

- 1. The Father confirmed Christ's appointment to His messianic work**
- 2. The manifestation of the Trinity**

Historical Setting

Time: AD 30 (John the Baptist AD 29)

Then (4:1) – immediately (Mark 1:12)

Place: Led up into the wilderness – Likely the wilderness was higher than the bed of the Jordan River in the barren region northwest of the Dead Sea



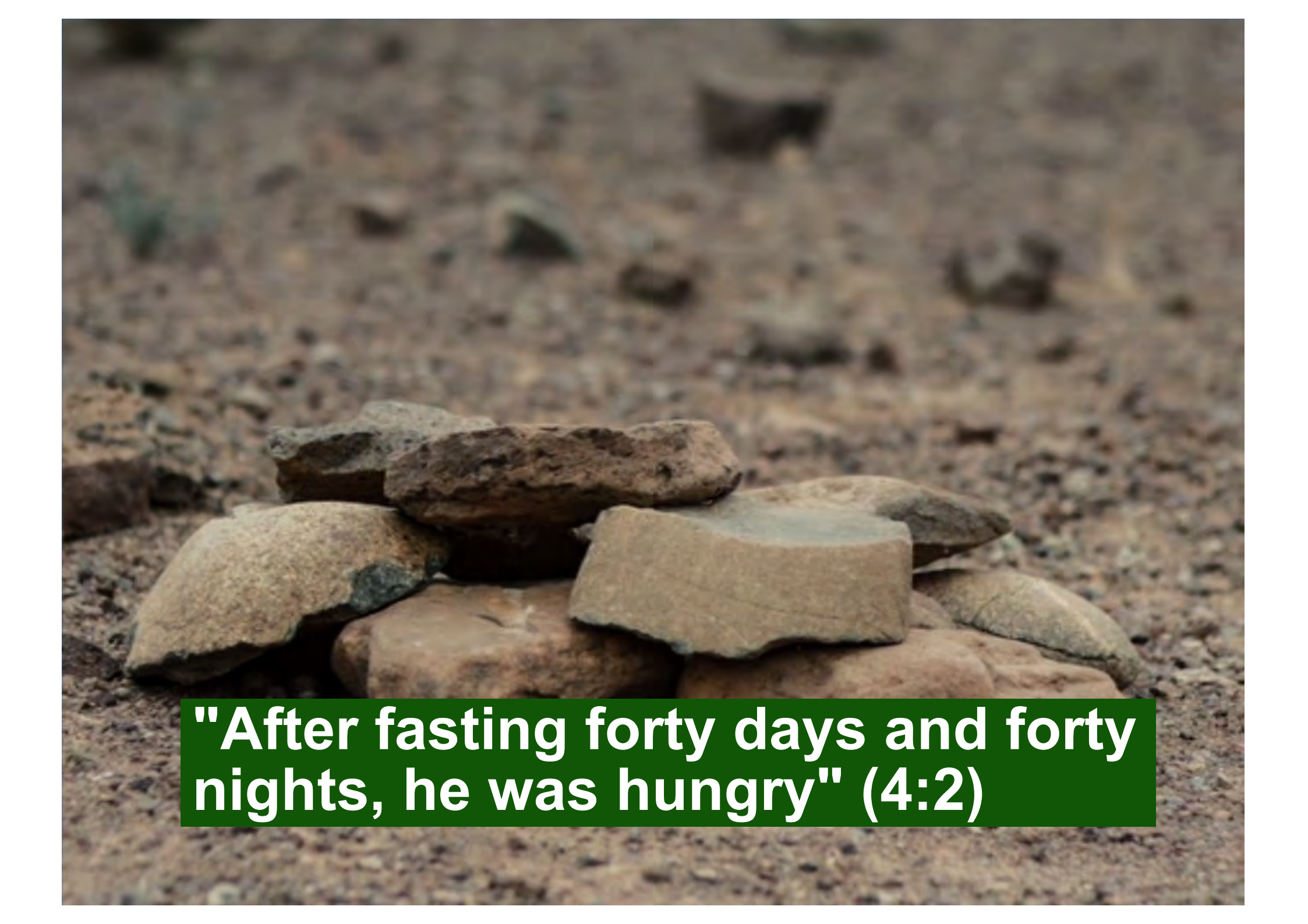
Exposition on Matthew 4:1-11

"Then **Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil**" (4:1)

Verse 1 sums up the whole passage

The Spirit is the same Spirit noted in (3:16).....the Spirit of God



A close-up photograph of a small pile of flat, light-brown stones or pebbles resting on a sandy, textured ground. The stones are irregular in shape and size, with some showing darker, possibly mineral-rich, spots. The background is a blurred expanse of similar sand and small stones, creating a sense of a dry, barren landscape.

"After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry" (4:2)

To be tempted had two-fold meaning:

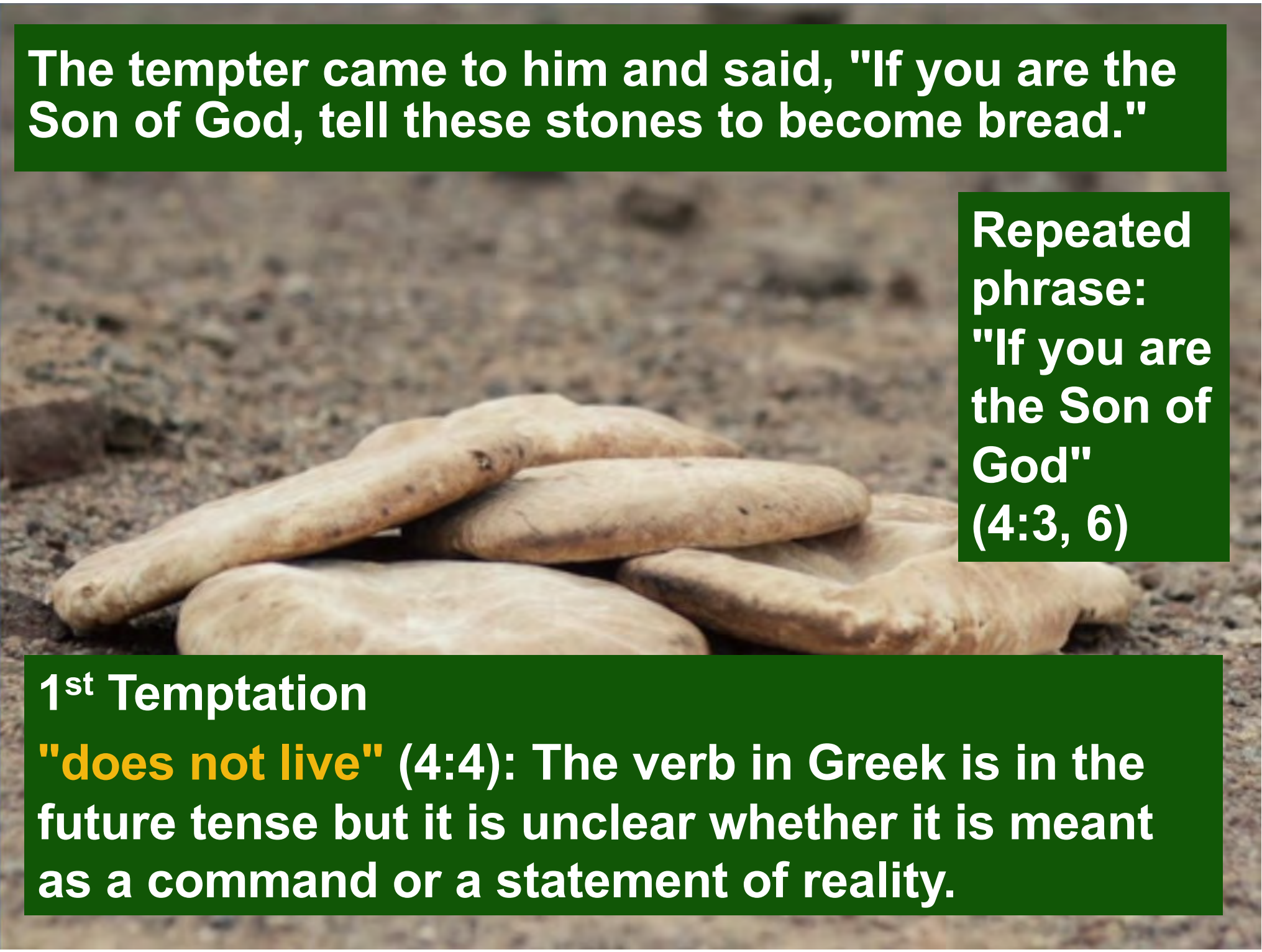
Incite or entice to evil; seduce

Vs

Test

God does not tempt men with evil

(James 1:13; e.g., Abraham in Gen 22:1)



The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Repeated
phrase:
"If you are
the Son of
God"
(4:3, 6)

1st Temptation

"does not live" (4:4): The verb in Greek is in the future tense but it is unclear whether it is meant as a command or a statement of reality.

A composite image showing a man dressed as Jesus standing on the roof of a classical building, which is a representation of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The building features large columns and a pediment. The background is a clear blue sky.

"holy city": The temple in Jerusalem

**"highest point of the temple":
Southeast temple wall with a
vertical drop of 500 to 600 feet
into the Kidron Valley.**

2nd Temptation

**Ps 91:11-12 (4:6): Is not
incorrect citation but
rather using it in wrong
context (misapplication)**

"very high mountain": Likely symbolic as the traditional Mount of Temptation was not high enough to view all the kingdoms of the world

3rd Temptation

"bow down" (4:9): To throw oneself to the ground as a sign of devotion before a divine being or a high-ranking person.



Theme:

The Victorious King



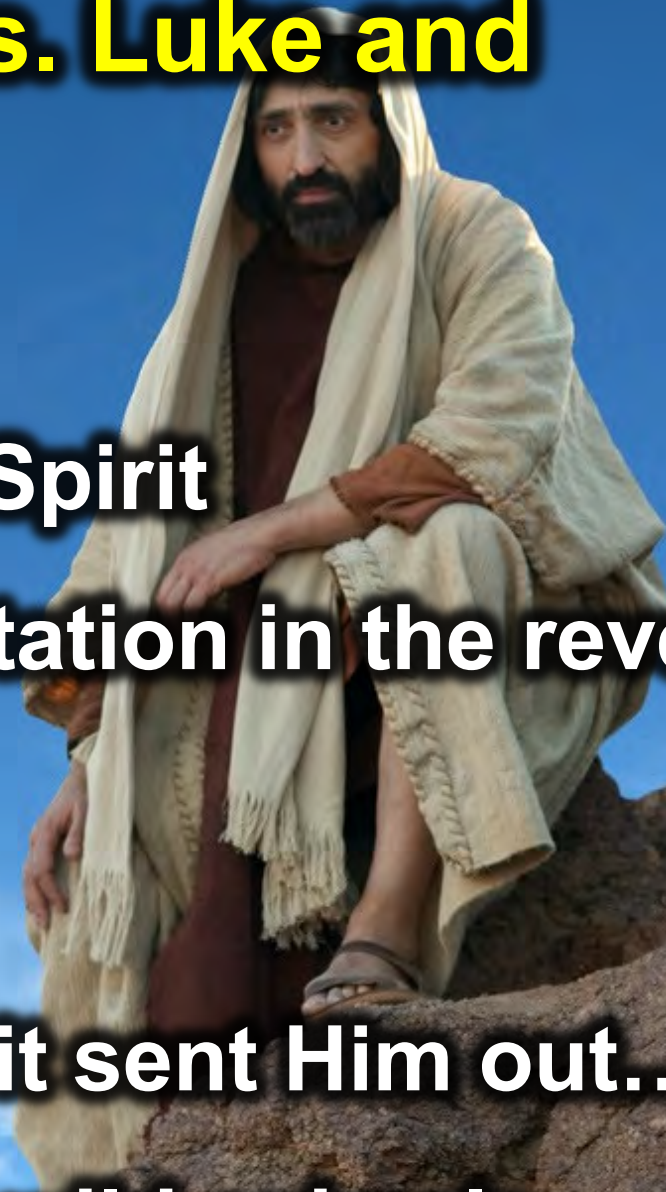
The temptation is in all three Synoptic Gospels. Luke and Mark add:

Luke 4:1-13

- Full of the Holy Spirit
- 2nd and 3rd temptation in the reverse order

Mark 1:12-13

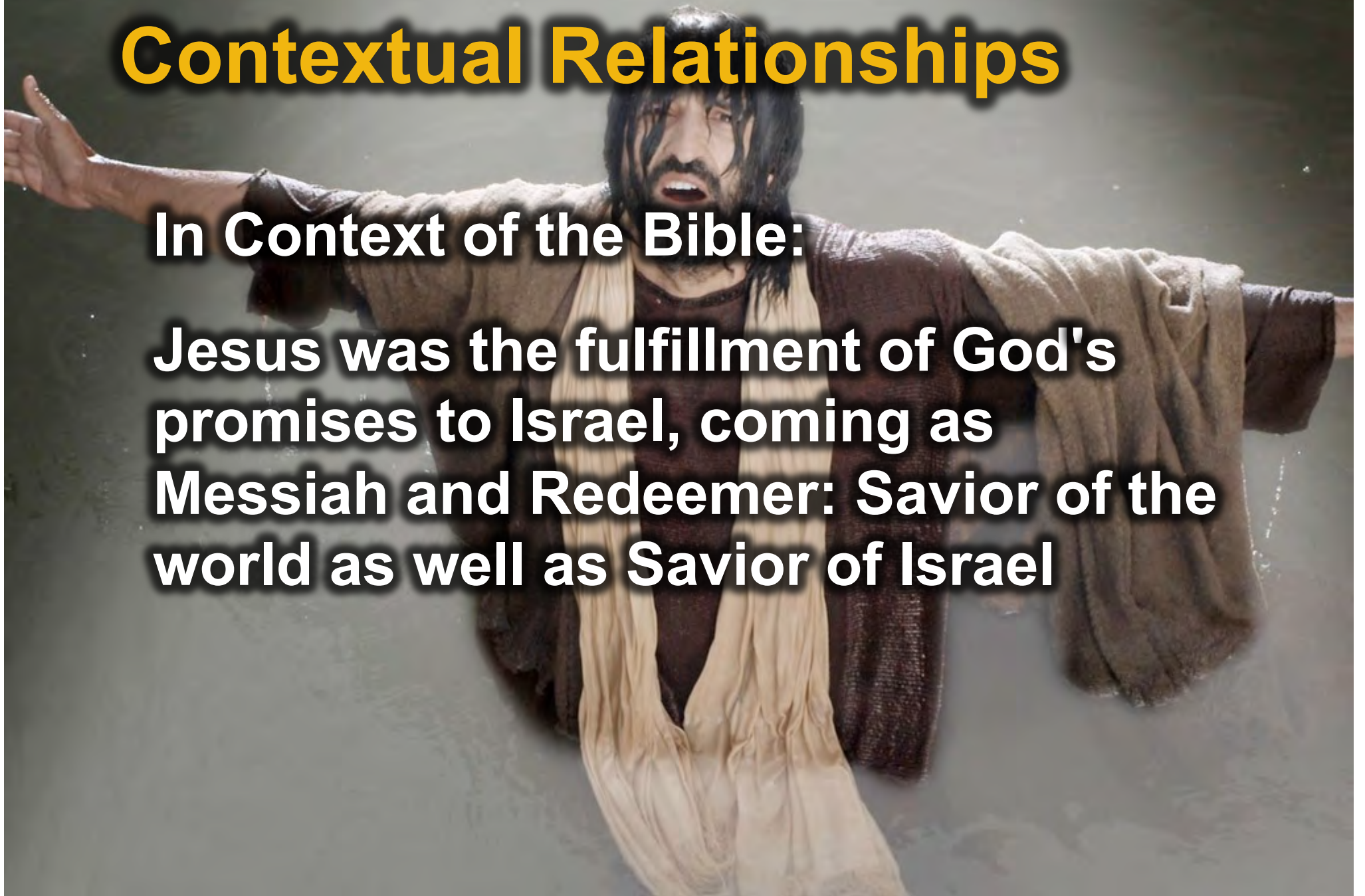
- At once the Spirit sent Him out.....
- He was with the wild animals



Contextual Relationships

In Context of the Bible:

Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel, coming as Messiah and Redeemer: Savior of the world as well as Savior of Israel



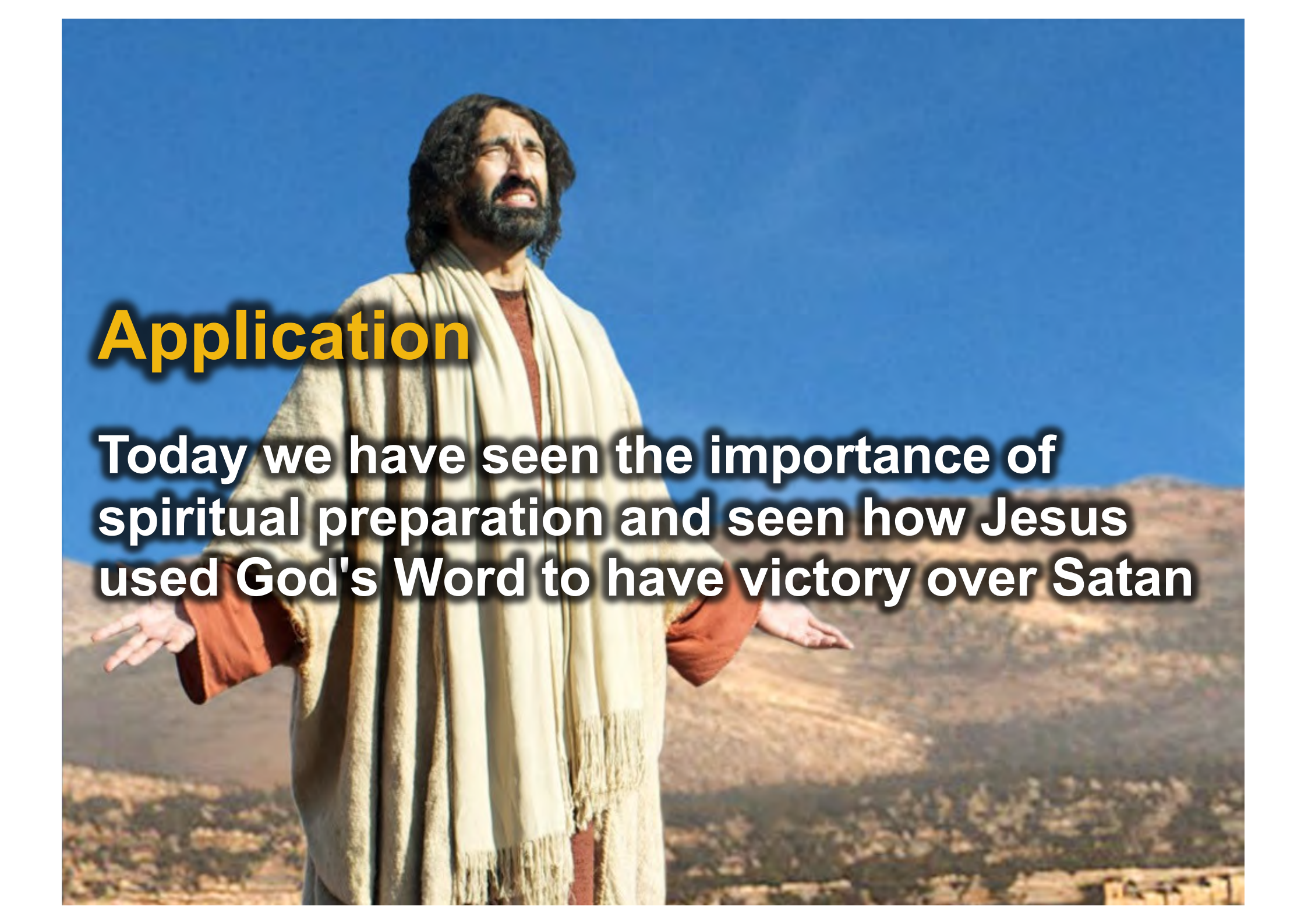
In Context of Matthew

Matthew proved that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. It also explained that the Kingdom is postponed due to Israel's rejection of Christ as King and for believing Jews to see His present Kingdom authority residing in the Church.



In the Context of the Passage

- **To show Jesus as King**
- **To show Jesus is sinless**
- **To model for us how to fight temptation**
- **To show us Christ is qualified to help us have victory over Satan**

A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe with a red sash, stands with arms outstretched against a blue sky and a hilly landscape. The text "Application" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Application

Today we have seen the importance of spiritual preparation and seen how Jesus used God's Word to have victory over Satan



God's testing increases our faith and develops perseverance in us so that we will remain faithful to our calling (James 1:2-4)



a reminder:

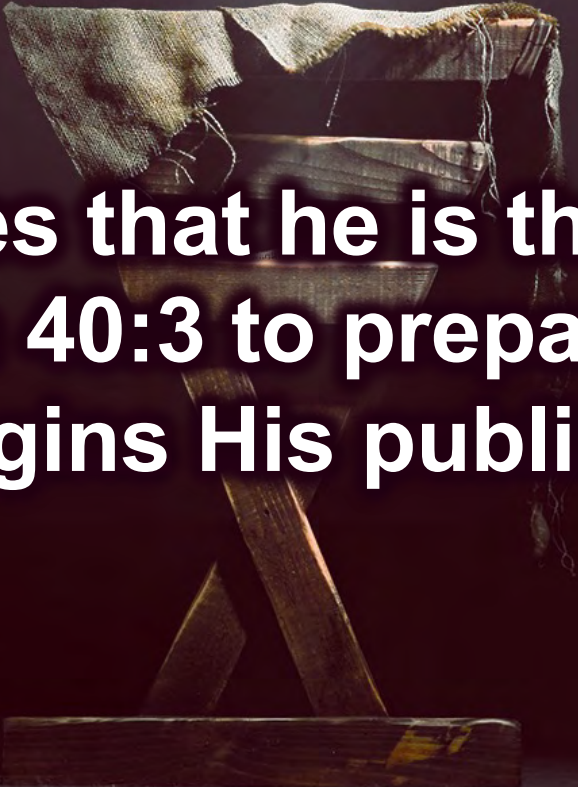


**In your next trial, look to
Jesus' model since he is
qualified to help us resist
the devil**



3. By His Herald

§ § 26-27



**John testifies that he is the forerunner
fulfilling Isaiah 40:3 to prepare Israel before
Jesus begins His public ministry**

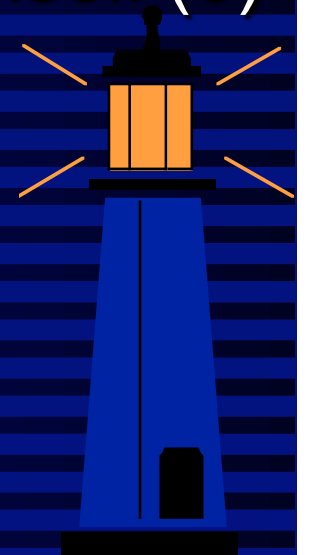
Christ Alone is the Light

John (1:6-9)

- Came to the world (6)
- Came into existence (6)
- A Man (6)
- Testified of the Light (7-8)

Jesus (1:1-5)

- Made the world (3)
- Was in the beginning (1a)
- The Word, or God (1c)
- Was the Light Himself (9)



a. Testimony of John Before the Leaders

§ 26

John 1:19-28

John answers Israel's leaders that he is the forerunner of Messiah to fulfill Malachi 4:5 so they will accept Christ and His message



JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:1-16

Mark 1:1-11

Luke 3:1-22

John 1:1-34

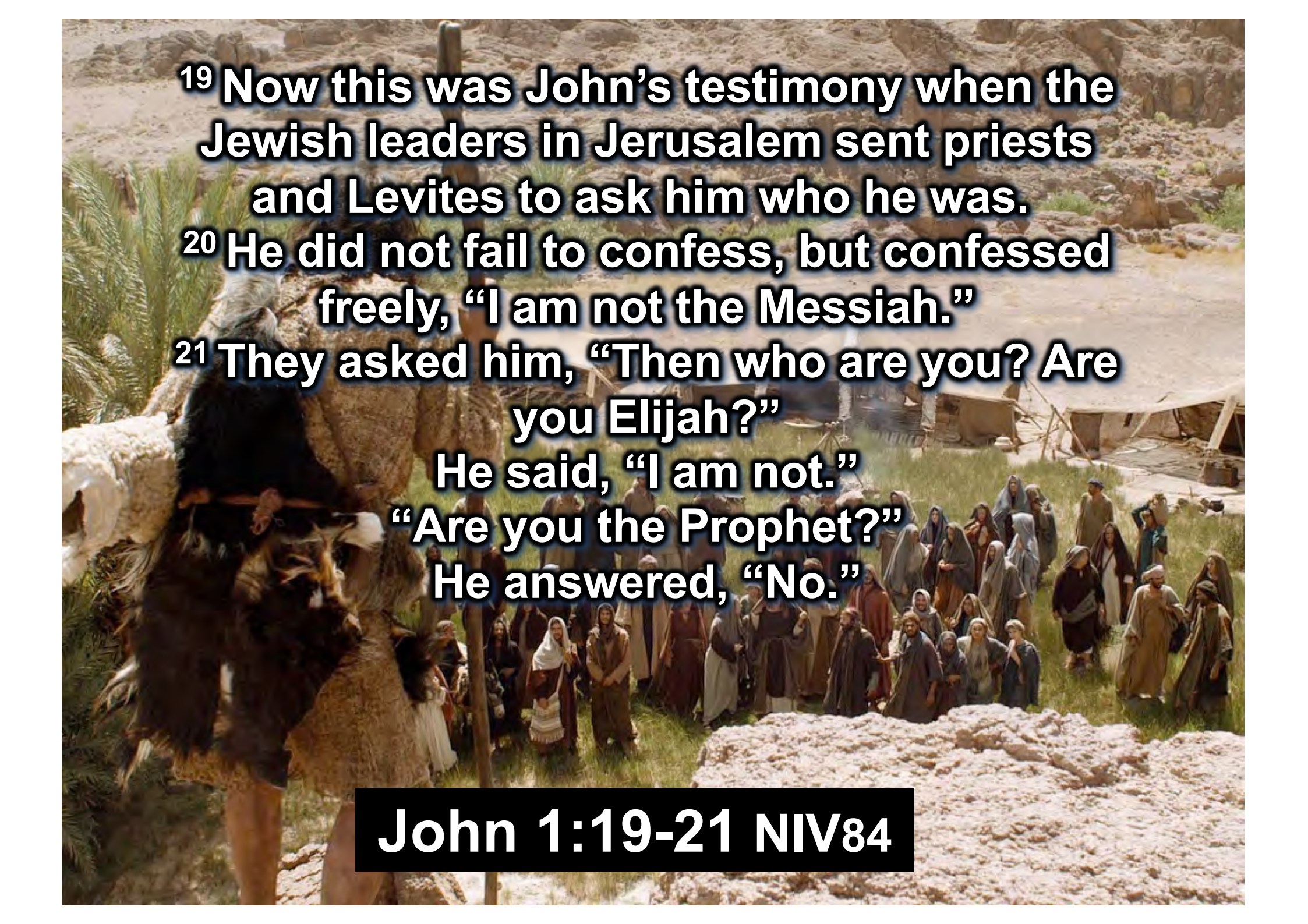


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¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

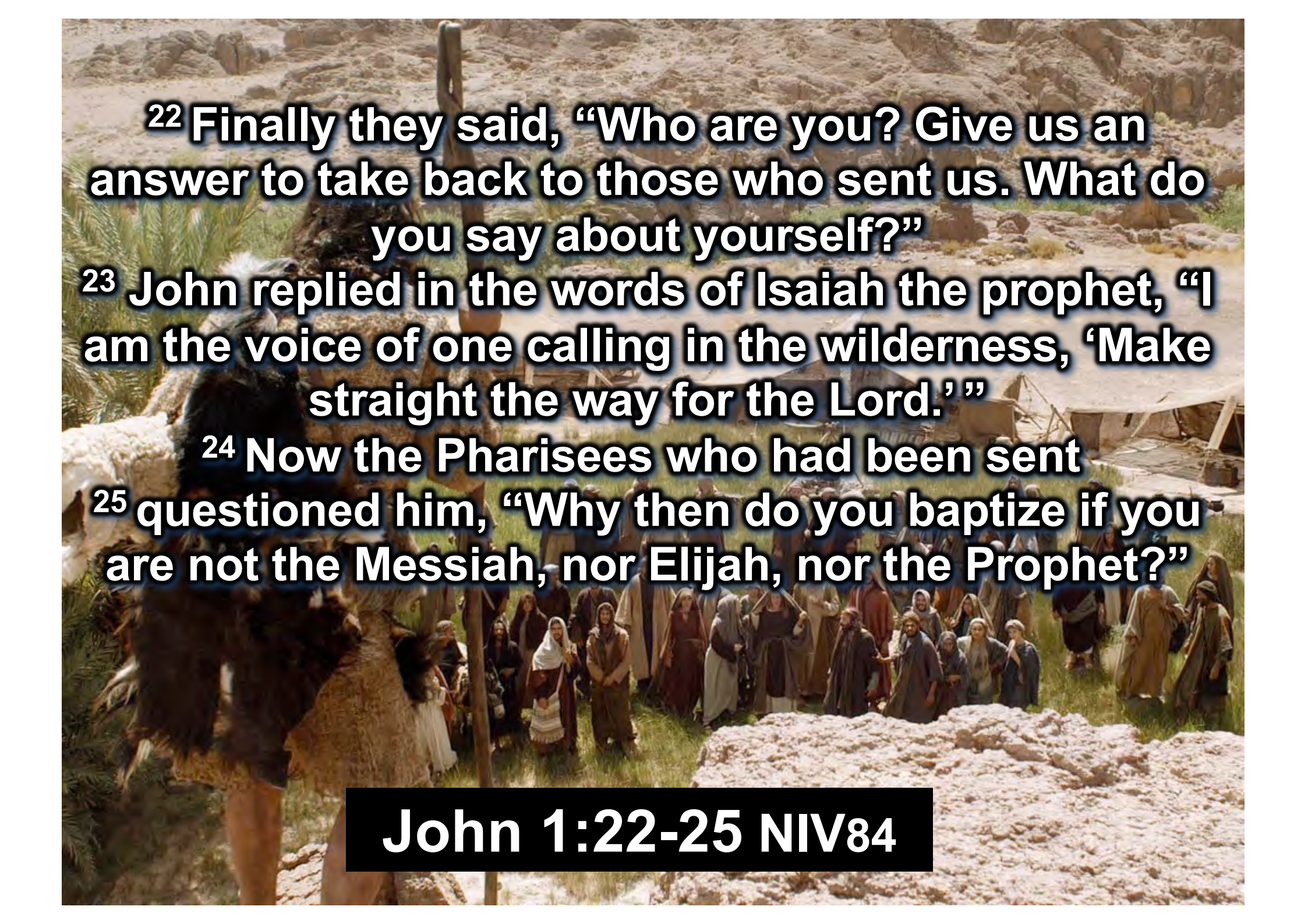
²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

John 1:19-21 NIV84



²² Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

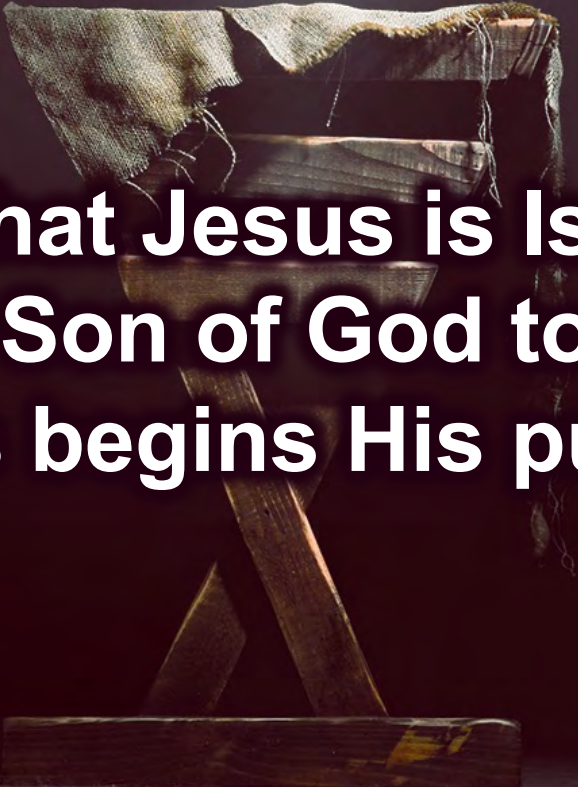
²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent
²⁵ questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

John 1:22-25 NIV84

b. Testimony of John to Christ

§ 27

John 1:29-34



John testifies that Jesus is Israel's Passover Lamb and the Son of God to prepare Israel before Jesus begins His public ministry

Can you
number these
events in
chronological
order?



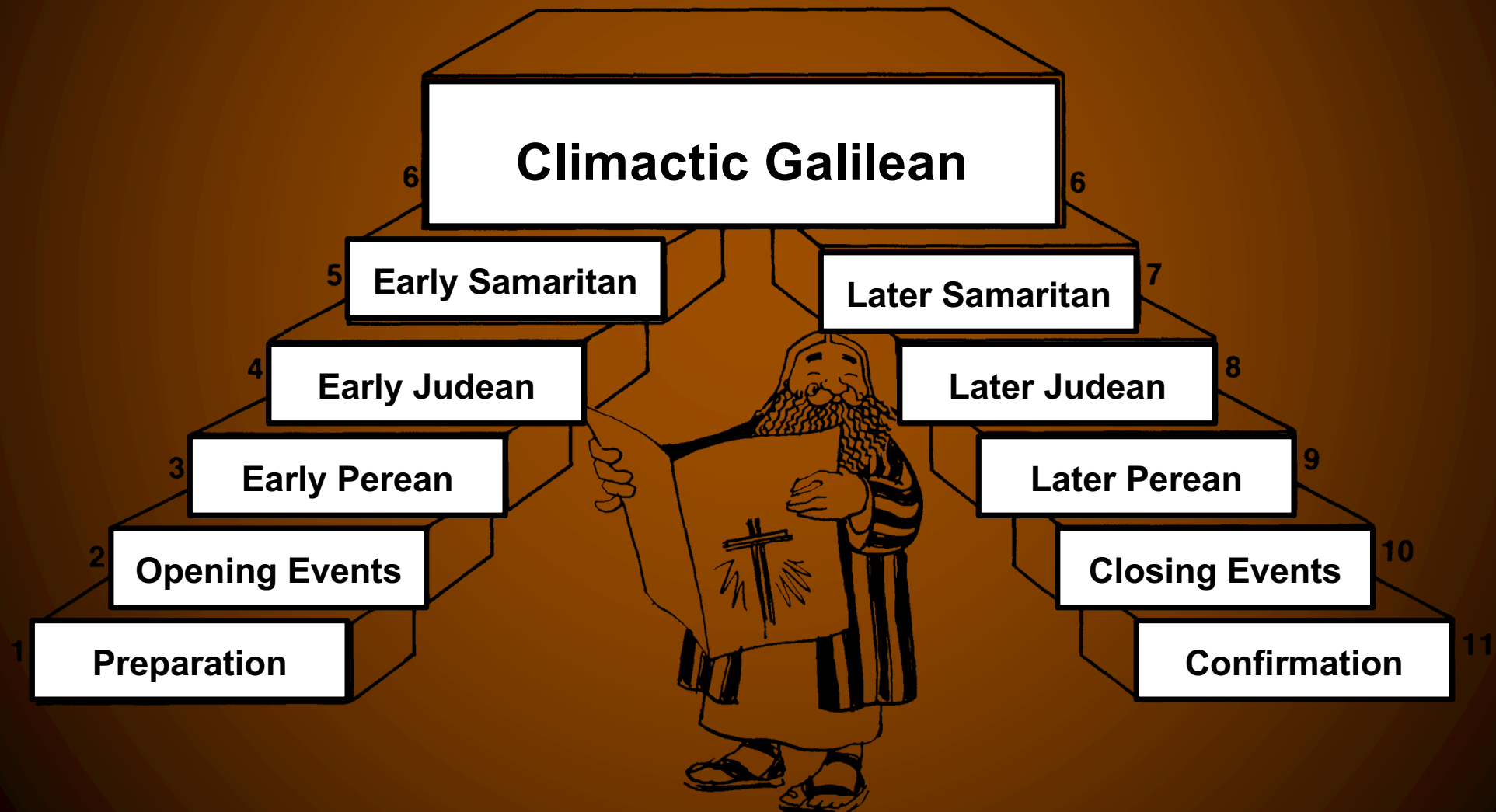
- 4 Guest at Wedding
- 6 Interview with Nicodemus
- 3 Enemy's 3 Temptations
- 7 Message on Mount
- 1 Birth in Bethlehem
- 5 Housecleaning the Temple (1st time)
- 10 Washing Disciples' Feet
- 8 Parables of Kingdom
- 2 Carpenter in Nazareth
- 9 Tomb of Lazarus

Angels	Luke 1:5-38; Matthew 1:18-25	Nazareth, Jerusalem
Birth	Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12	Bethlehem
Carpenter	Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39-52	Nazareth
Dove	Matthew 3:11-17; Luke 3:15-23	Jordan River
Enemy	Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13	Wilderness, northeast Judea
Followers	John 1:19-51; Mark 3:14-19	Perea, Galilee
Guest	John 2:1-11	Cana
Housecleaning	John 2:13-22	Jerusalem
Interview	John 3:1-21	Jerusalem
Jacob's well	John 4:5-42	Samaria
Kin	Luke 4:16-31	Nazareth
Location	Matthew 4:13-22	Capernaum
Message	Matthew 5–7	Capernaum area
Nature	Luke 7:1-35	Capernaum area, Galilee
Opposition	Matthew 12:22-50	Capernaum
Parables	Matthew 13:1-53; Mark 4:1-34	Capernaum area
Question	Matthew 16:13-28; Luke 9:22-36	Caesarea Philippi
Revelation	Matthew 17:1-13	Iturea, Mt. Hermon
Stoning	John 10:22-39	Jerusalem
Tomb	John 11:1-54	Bethany near Jerusalem
Upset	Matthew 21–23	Jerusalem
Vision	Matthew 24–25	Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet
Washing	John 13	Jerusalem, Upper Room
Xecution	Matthew 26:30–27:56	Jerusalem
Yes!	Matthew 28; Luke 24:1-49	Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee
Zion	Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12	Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet

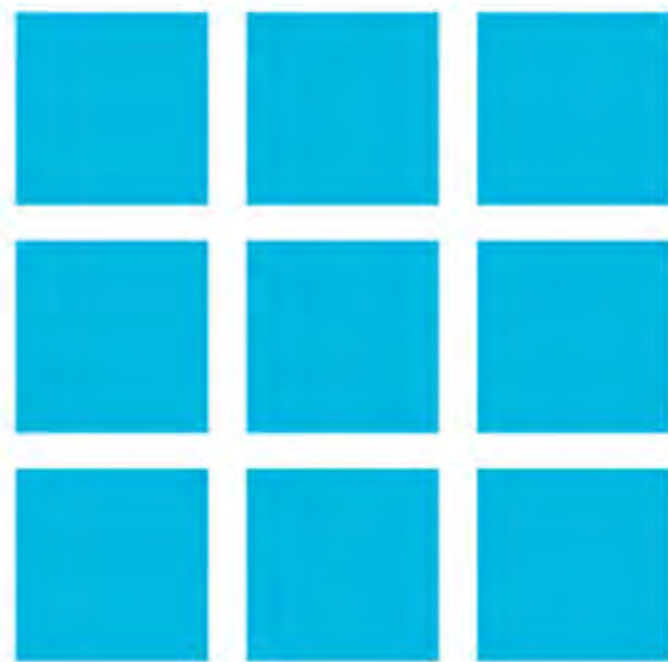
Great Periods in the Life of Christ

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“The Son of Man... came to minister and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45)



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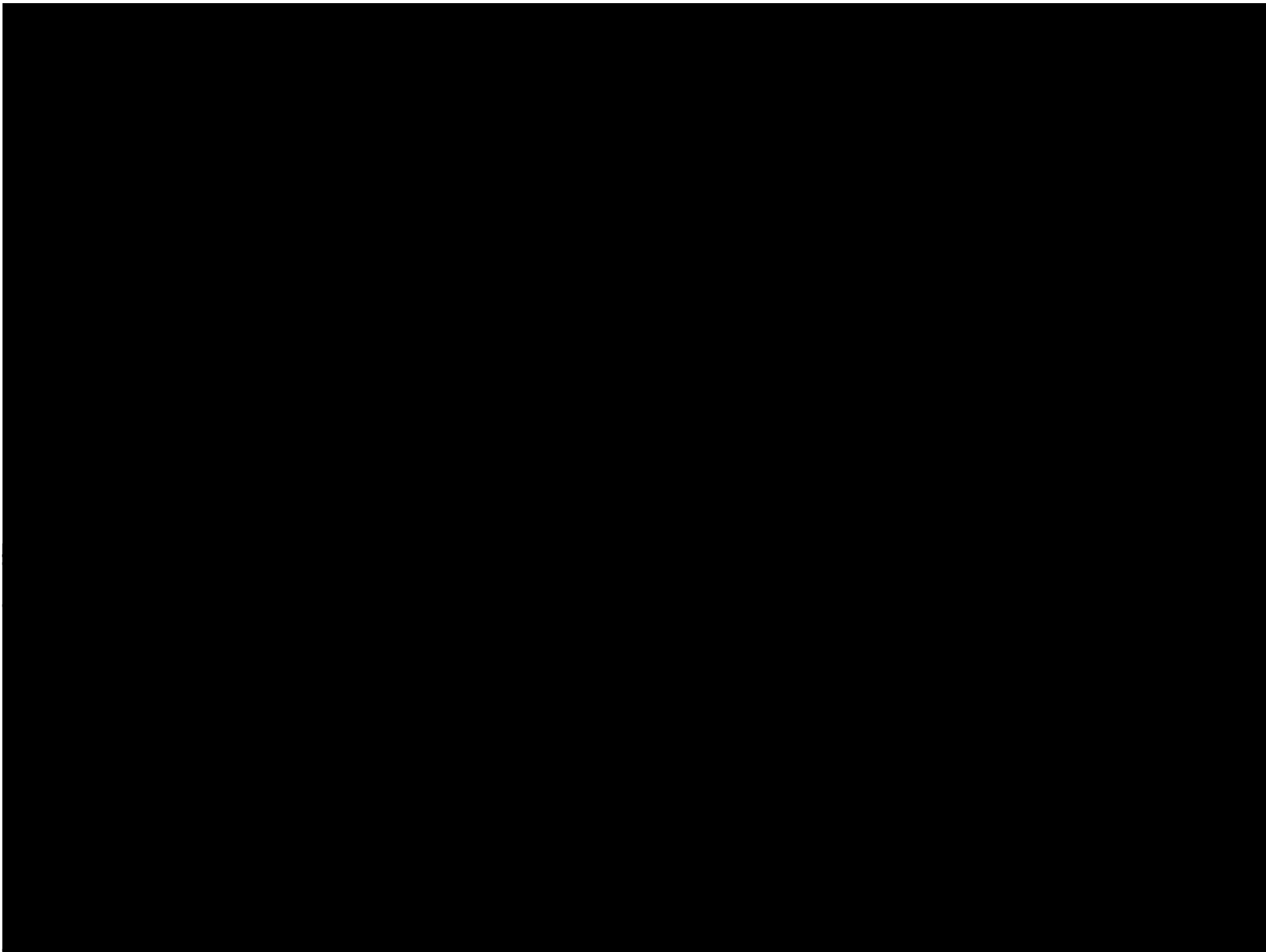
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