

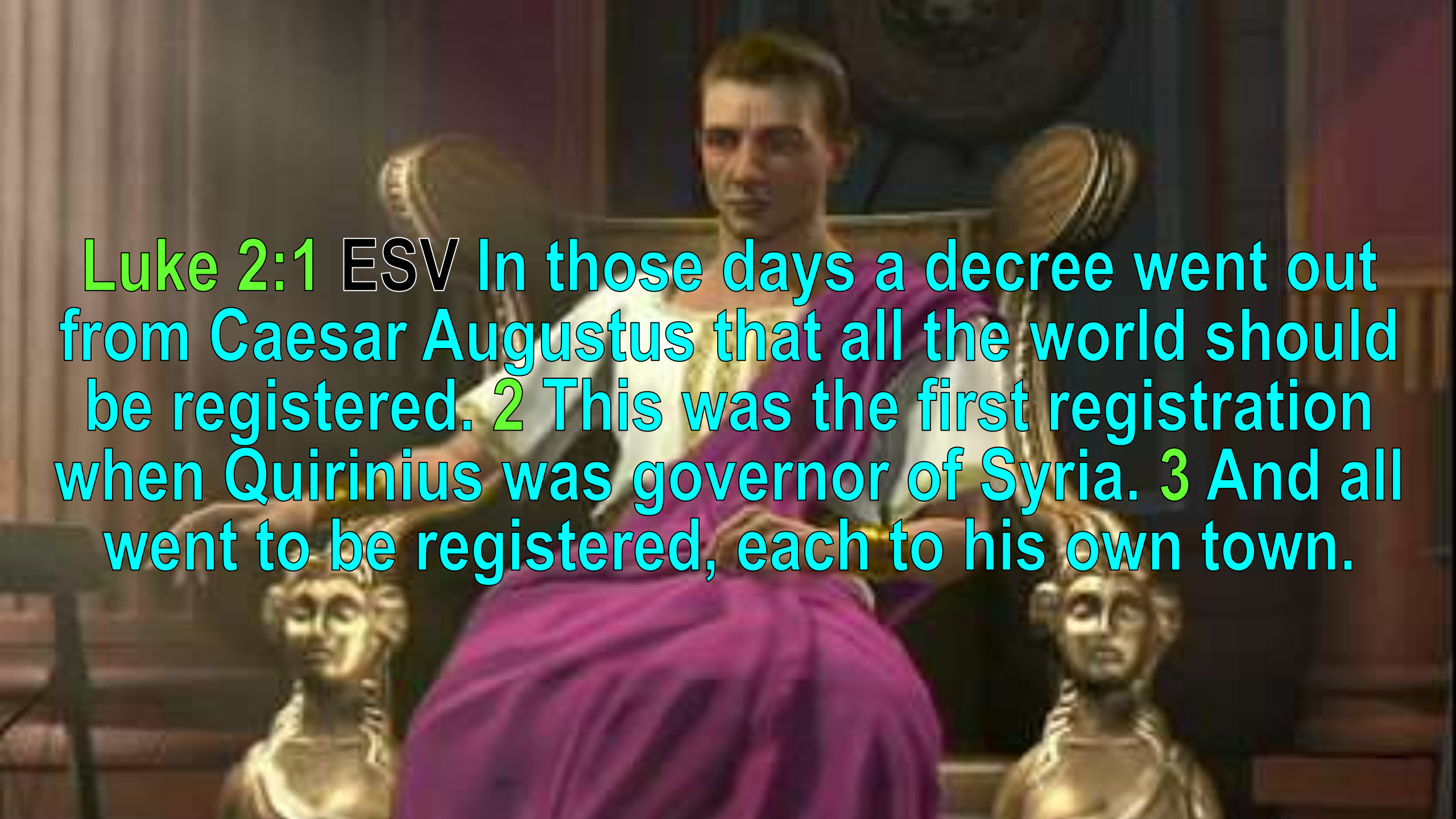
# Journey With Jesus #183

## What Jesus Said About

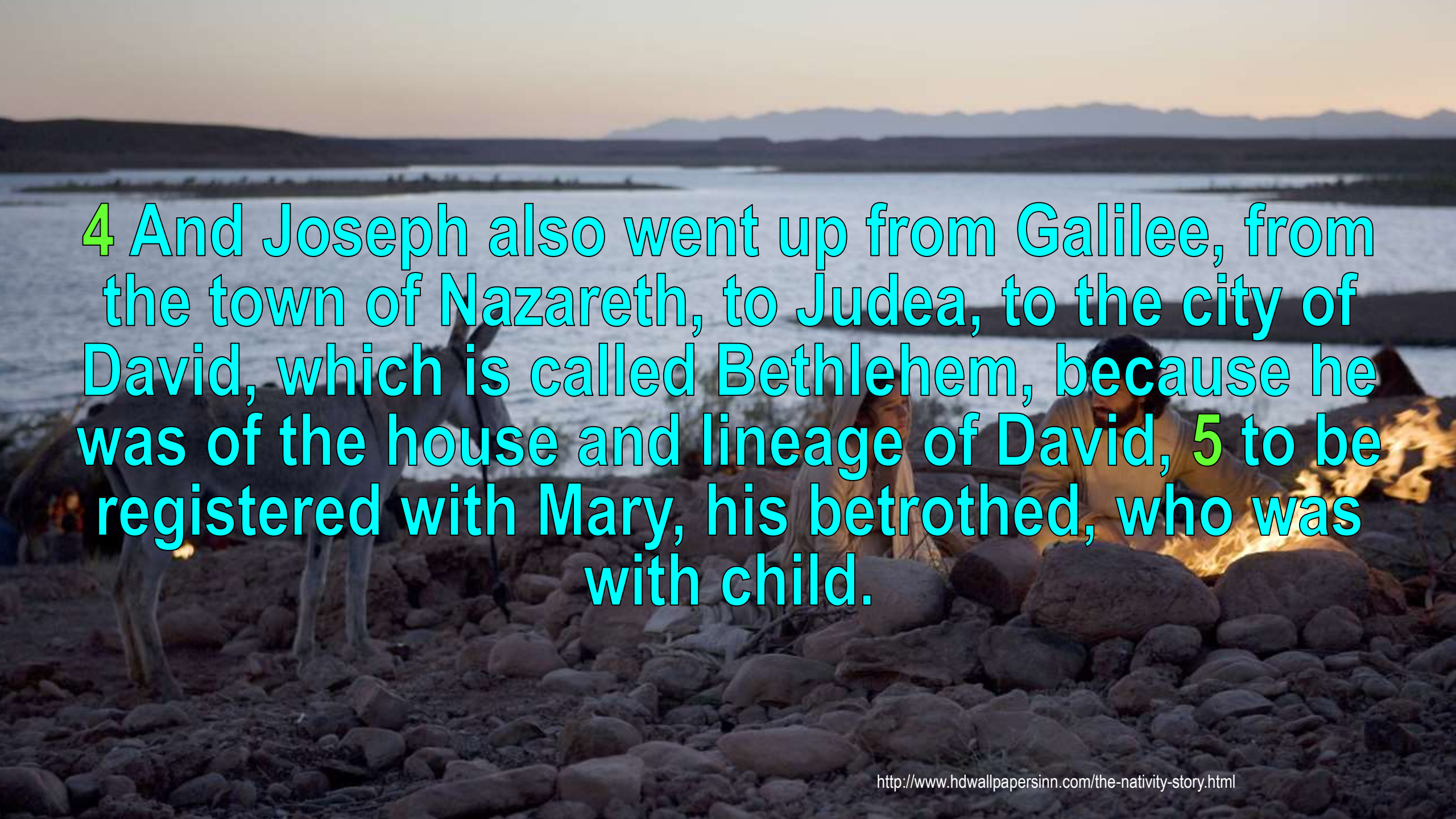
# Why He Came to Earth

We are covering a lot of Scriptures today so I'm going to let most of the verses speak for themselves.



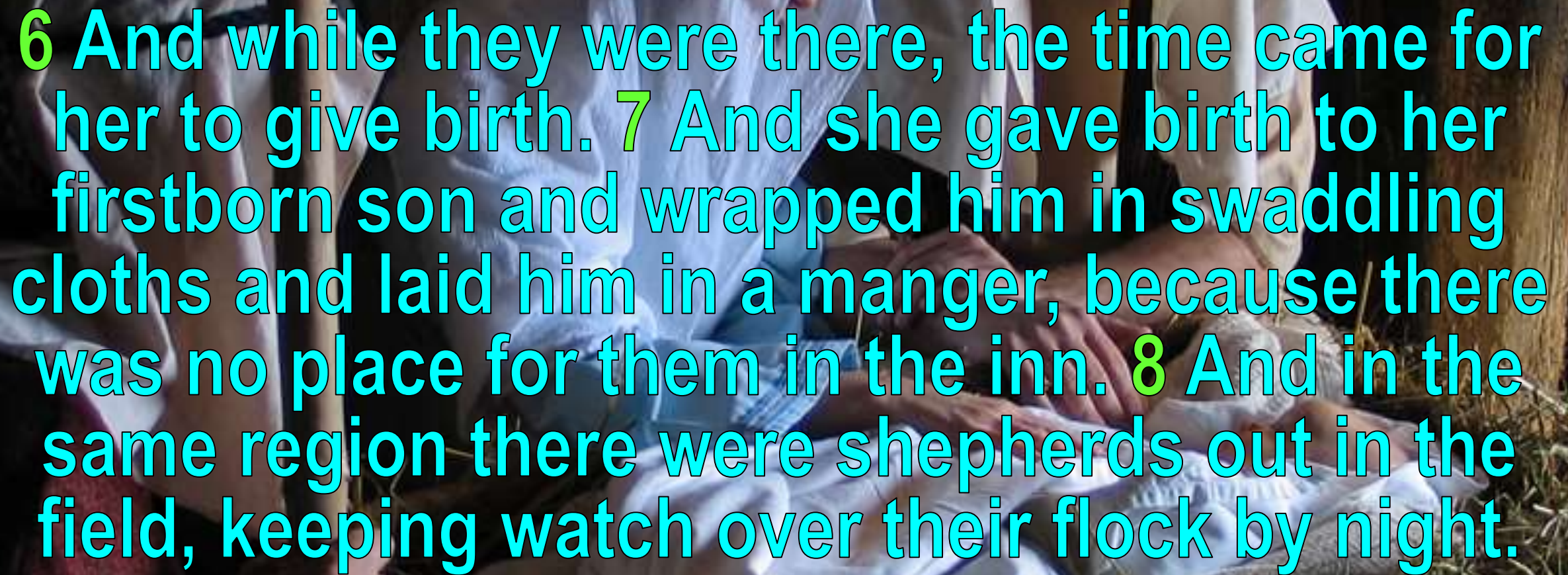
A man with short brown hair, wearing a purple robe over a white tunic, sits on a wooden throne. He has a serious expression. In front of him are two golden statues of figures with curly hair. The background is a dark, wood-paneled wall.

**Luke 2:1** ESV In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town.



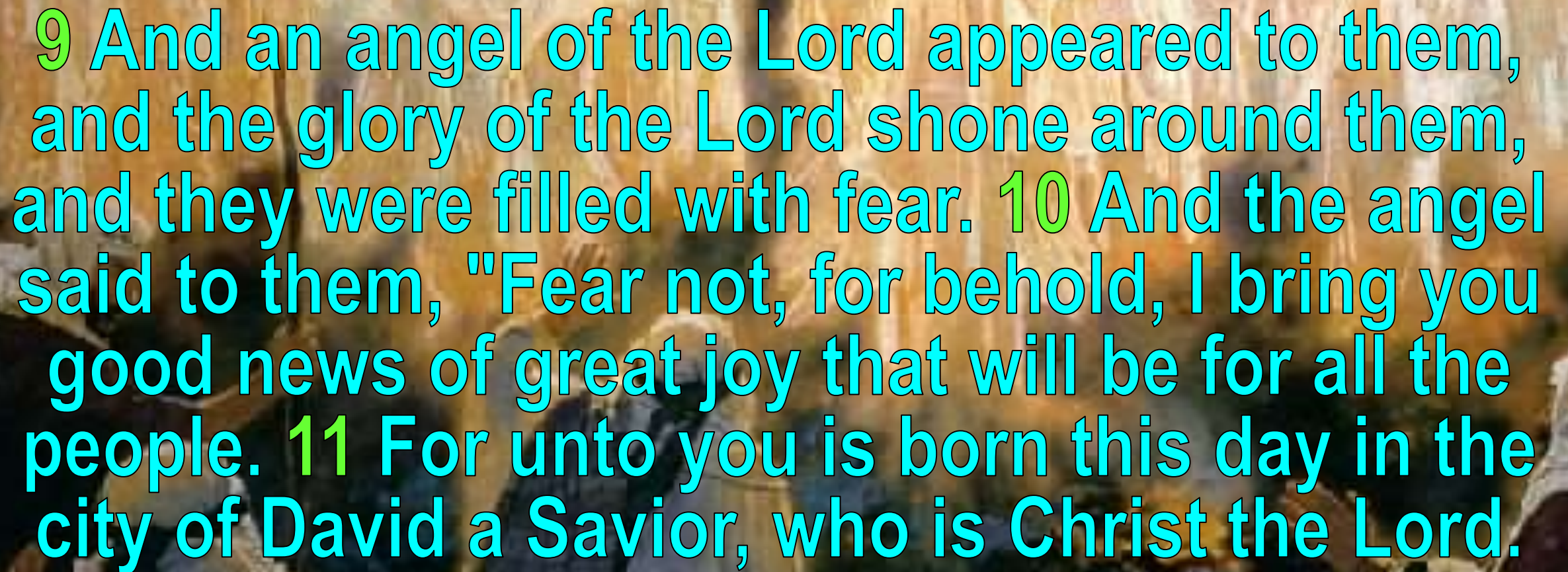
4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.





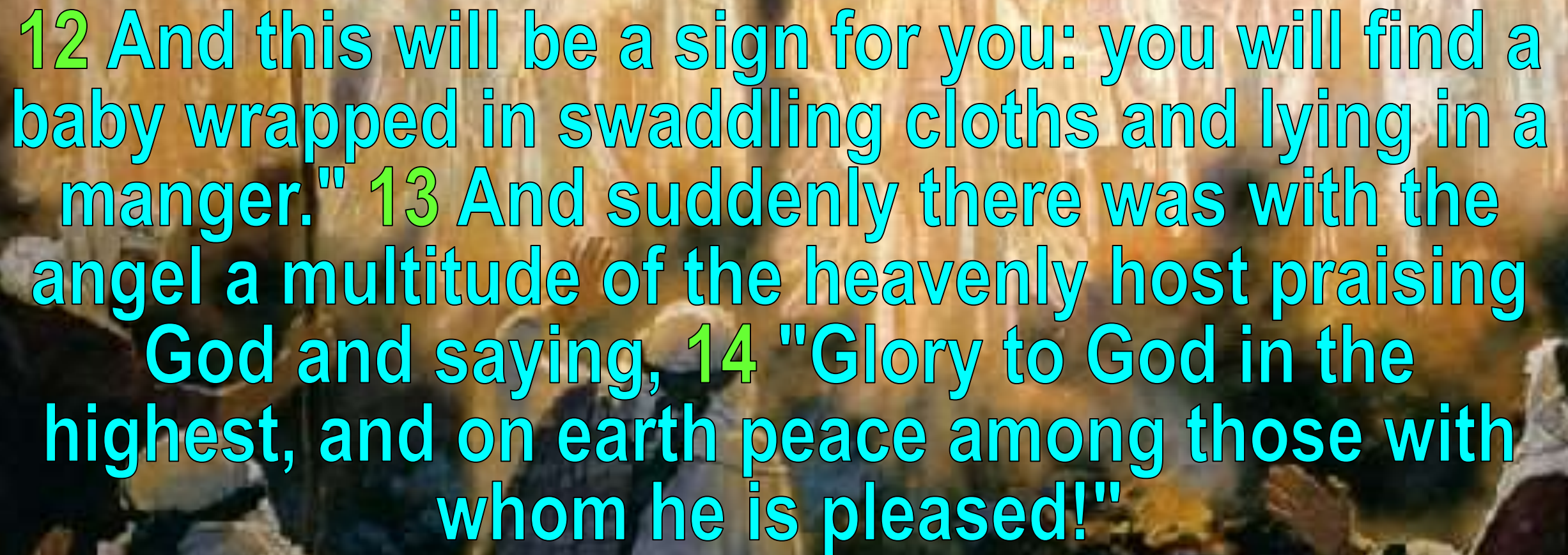
**6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. **8** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.





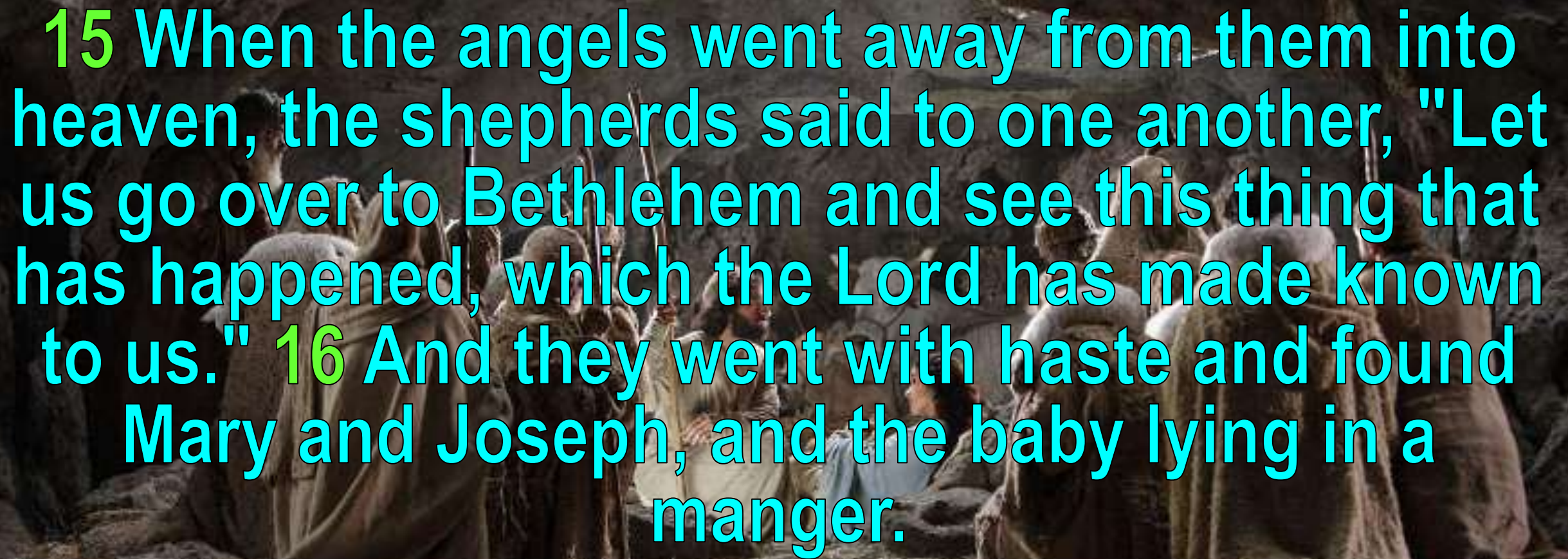
**9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. **10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.





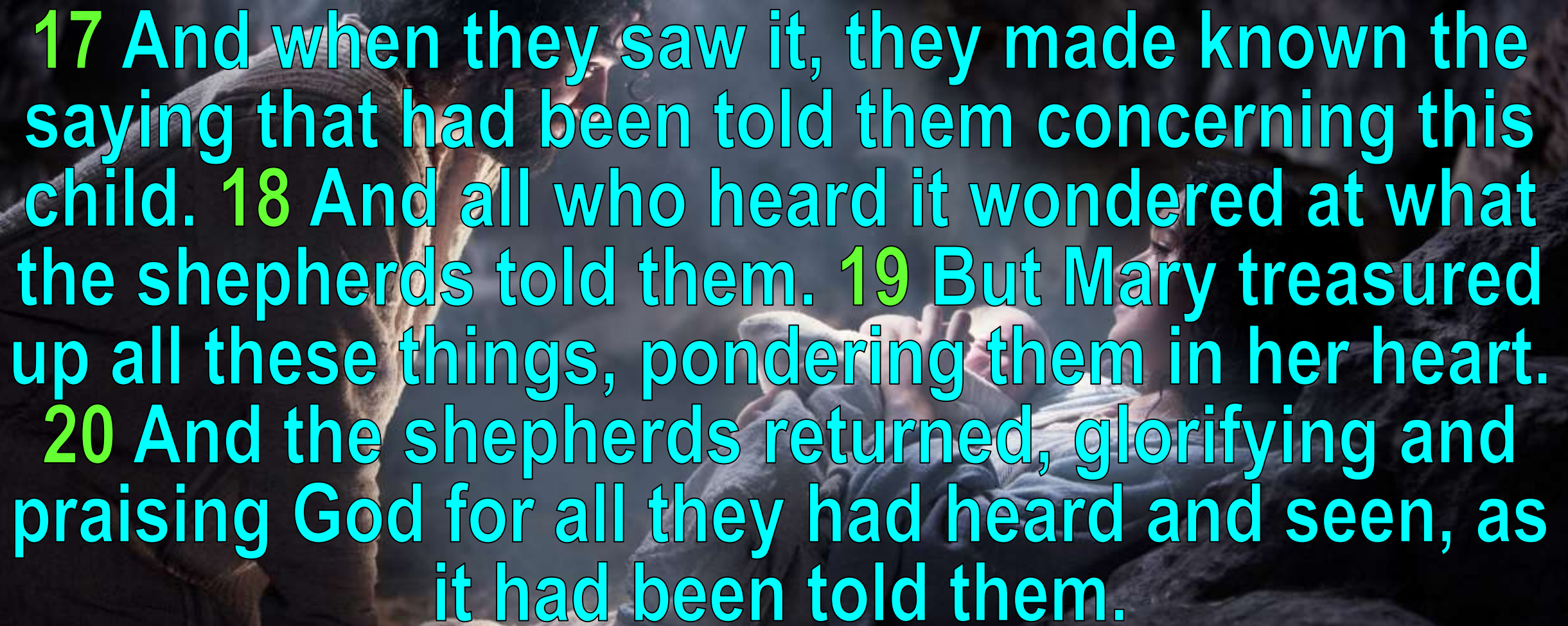
**12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



A scene from a nativity play. In the center, a woman (Mary) and a man (Joseph) are seated on the ground. The woman is wearing a blue robe and has her hands clasped. The man is wearing a brown robe and is looking towards the right. They are surrounded by several men in brown robes, some of whom are holding long wooden staffs. The setting is a dark, rocky cave or stable with a dirt floor. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

**15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.





**17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

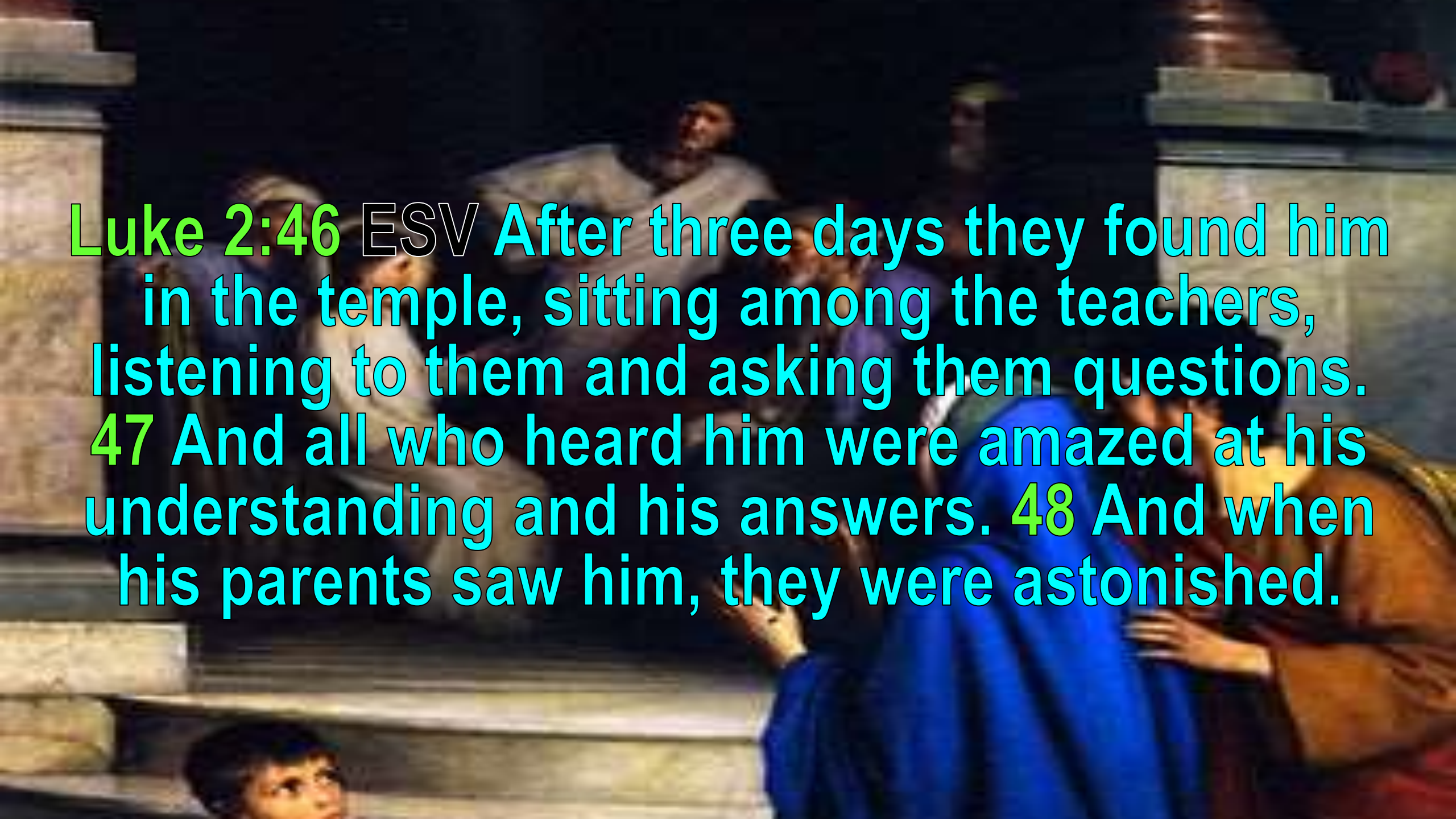


**We have very few details of Jesus' life growing up. At 12 years of age it seems clear He knew who He was & what He was sent to earth to do.**

**Remember Jesus stayed behind when Mary & Joseph returned home after the Passover.**

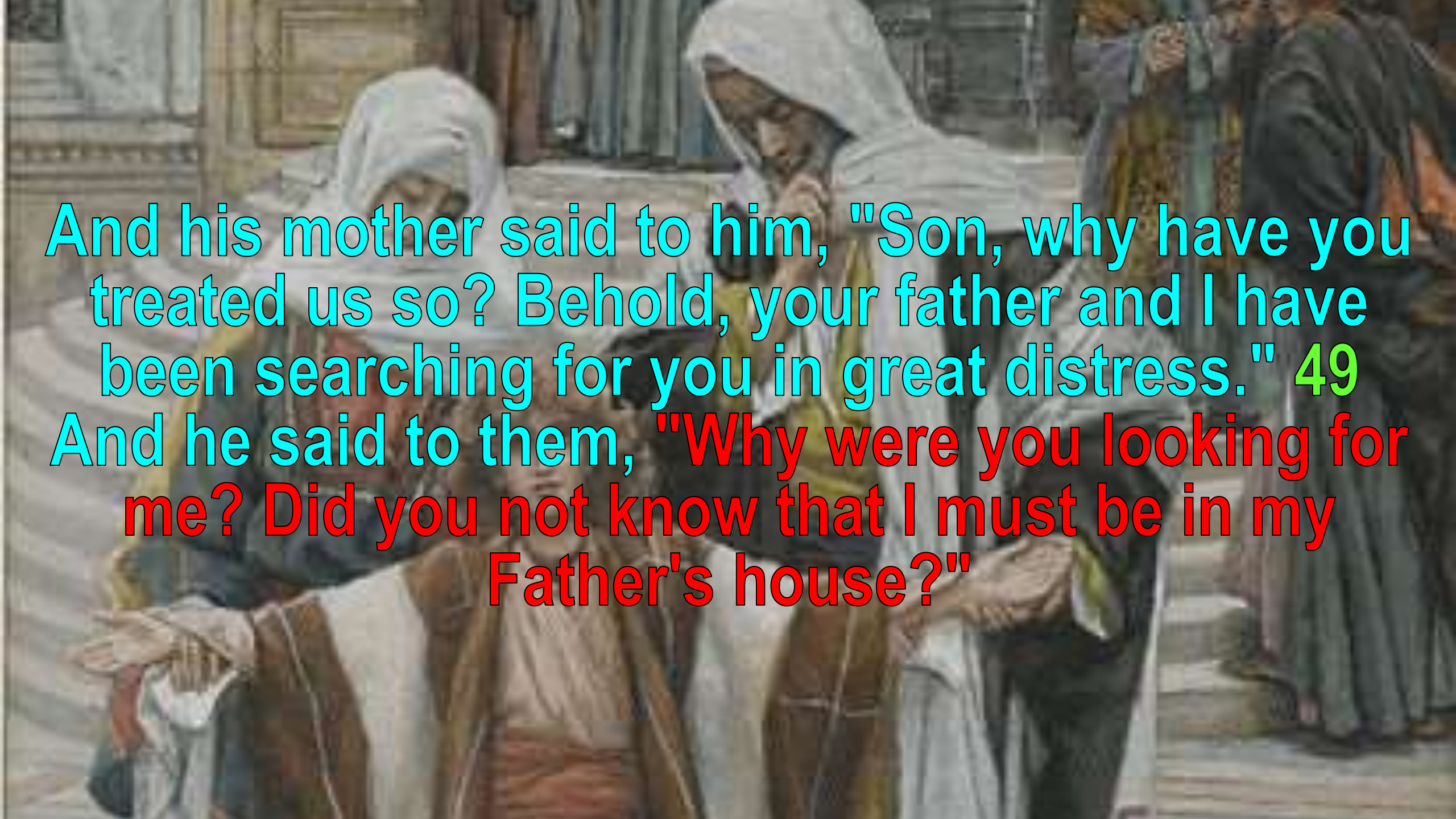




A painting depicting Jesus sitting among teachers in a temple, surrounded by a crowd of people. The scene is set in a grand, classical-style interior with stone columns and steps. Jesus is seated in the center, wearing a blue robe, looking towards the right. He is surrounded by several men in traditional robes, some of whom appear to be teachers or scholars. In the foreground, a young boy is looking up at Jesus. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant religious event.

**Luke 2:46** **ESV** After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48** And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.





And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49  
And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"



It's obvious Jesus was speaking of God The Father. Years later Jesus pointed out to the Jews God The Father sent Him.

**John 8:42** ESV Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

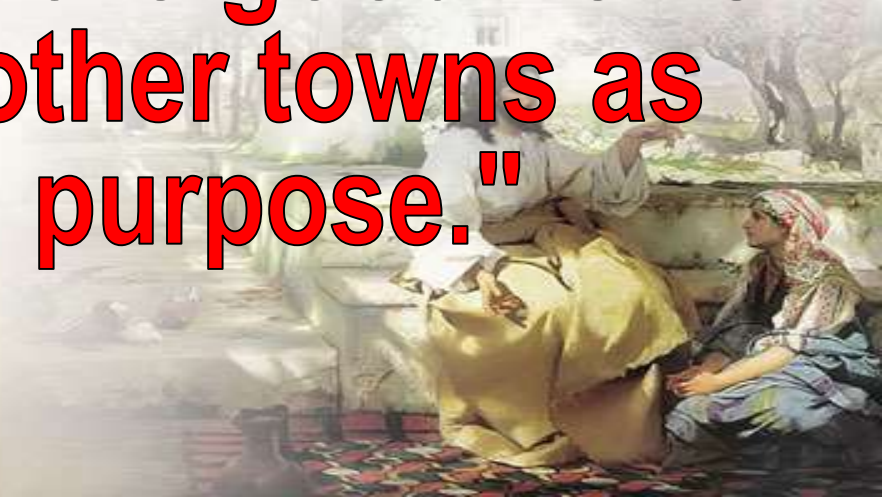
This angered the Jews so they picked up stones to throw at him.





Jesus tells people He was sent for a purpose.

**Luke 4:42 ESV** And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, **43** but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."





# I Came to Fulfill the Law and the Prophets

**Matthew 5:17 ESV** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. **18** For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.





**19** Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.





**Gal 3:24 ESV** So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

He was the end of the law. After faith is come we are no longer under the guardian.

The law was a system of types and shadows all of which Christ was the fulfillment.

In the same way he fulfilled the prophets.

Their predictions were fulfilled in him.

It is strange that anyone should give the meaning "perpetuate" to the word "fulfill." (BWJ)





**Galatians 3:21 ESV** Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. **22** But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.





23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

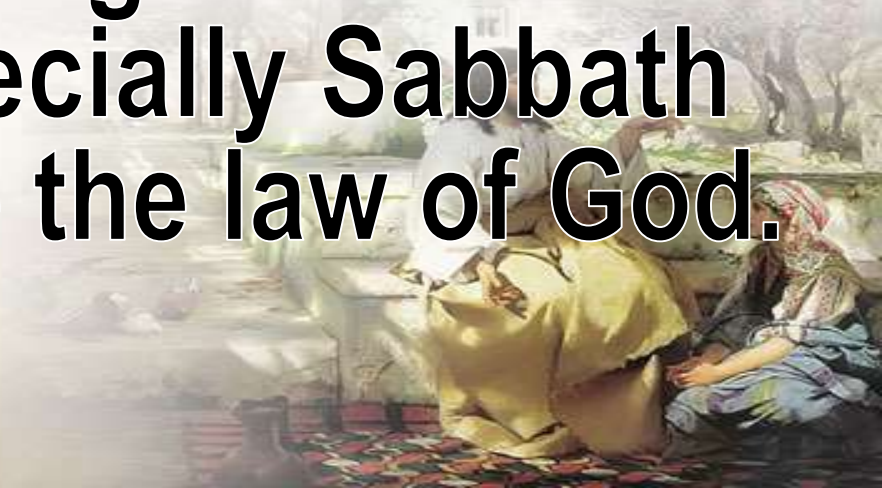




**Jesus wants to make it clear that He has authority apart from the Law of Moses, but not in contradiction to it. Jesus added nothing to the law except one thing that no man had ever added to the law: perfect obedience. This is certainly one way Jesus came to fulfill the law.**

**Even though He often challenged man's interpretations of the law (especially Sabbath regulations), Jesus never broke the law of God.**

**(Guzik)**





**Luke 4:16** **ESV** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. **17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.





He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."





I came to seek and to save  
what was lost

Remember the story & song about the wee-little  
man, Zacchaeus?

**Luke 19:9** ESV And Jesus said to him, "Today  
salvation has come to this house, since he also  
is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man  
came to seek and to save the lost."





**We must always be careful how we take the meaning of this word lost.**

**In the New Testament it does not mean damned or doomed. It simply means in the wrong place. A thing is lost when it has got out of its own place into the wrong place; and when we find such a thing, we return it to the place it ought to occupy.**





**A man is lost when he has wandered away from God; and he is found when once again he takes his rightful place as an obedient child in the household and the family of his Father. (DSB)**





**John 12:44 ESV** And Jesus cried out and said,  
"Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but  
in him who sent me. **45** And whoever sees me  
sees him who sent me. **46** I have come into the  
world as light, so that whoever believes in me  
may not remain in darkness. **47** If anyone hears  
my words and does not keep them, I do not  
judge him; for I did not come to judge the world  
but to save the world.





**48** The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. **49** For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. **50** And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”





**Did you catch that?**

**I do not judge...The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day...What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me... his commandment is eternal life.**





**Jesus purposely socialized with the kind of people others try to avoid.**

**He came for them!**



**Luke 5:30 ESV** And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."





After telling the parable of the shepherd leaving the 99 safe sheep to find the 1 lost sheep He compares the reaction in Heaven between 99 righteous & 1 sinner. **Luke 15:7 ESV** **Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.** He came to find the lost & provide a way back to safety.



**Repentance: The Greek term "repentance" means a change of mind.  
The Hebrew term for "repentance" means a change of action.  
Both are required for true biblical repentance.  
It is turning from (repentance), as well as a turning to (faith).**



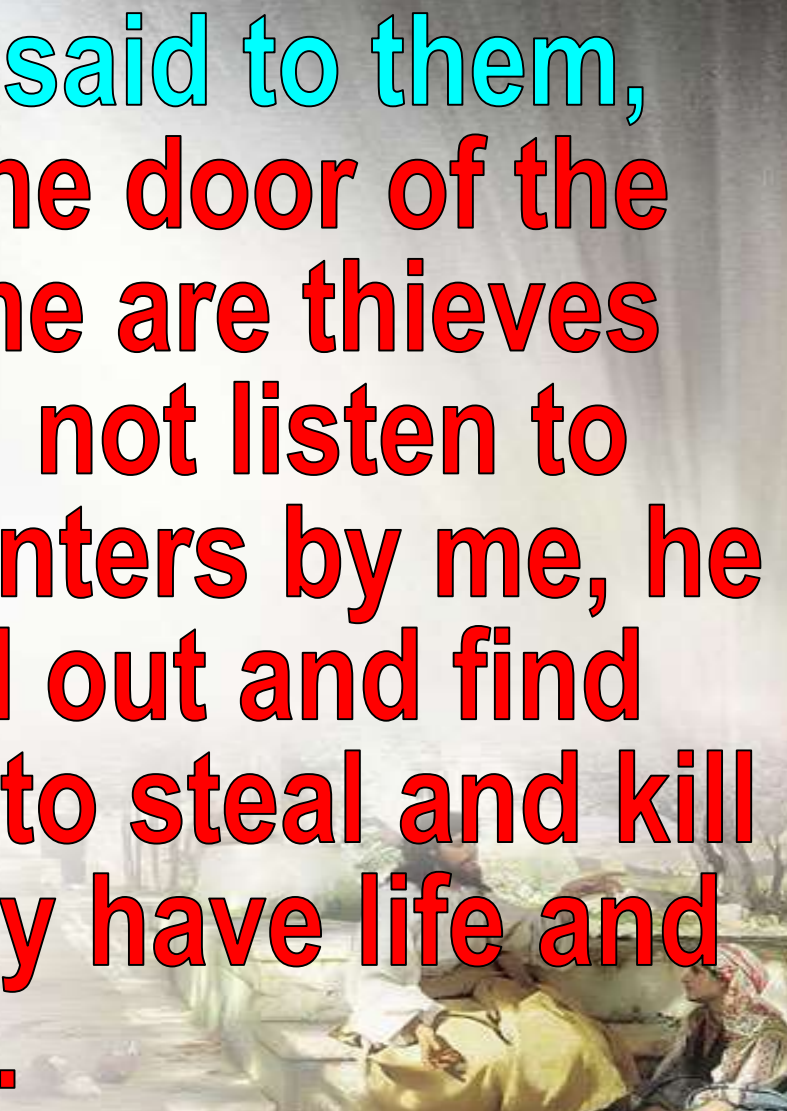


We can see this so well in **Mark 1:15 NIV** "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (cf. **Act 3:16; Act 3:19; Act 20:21**). This shows the positive aspect of faith and the negative aspect of repentance. Jesus said it so well when He said, **I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Luke 13:3**  
NIV (UtleNT)



# I came to give abundant life

**John 10:7 ESV** So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

A painting of a shepherd with sheep in a field. The shepherd is in the foreground, wearing a yellow robe and a hat, looking towards the sheep. The sheep are in a field with trees in the background. The scene is set in a hazy, outdoor environment.



Jesus promises us life and that life in abundance. What do most people consider life in abundance to be? There are those who think that abundant life has to do with lots of money and material possessions. **Luke 12:15** **ESV** **And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."**



**There are others who would say the abundant life includes power or fame or pleasure or any number of things. But those who go after money, possessions, power, fame, or pleasure will tell you that those things do not satisfy. You never get enough. There is no series of adventures, no program of pleasure, no treasury of money that will fill the void in your soul.**





**Jesus says when He is our Shepherd,  
we will have what satisfies.**

**In fact, Jesus says that not only will we have  
enough; we'll have more than enough!**

**Please take note that Jesus didn't come just to  
give us good advice.**

**Greater knowledge was not our deepest need.  
And He didn't come to give us a perfect example  
of how to live.**



**Guidance and more will power wasn't our deepest need. Jesus didn't come just to die so that He could offer us forgiveness – as if we could just get a clean slate and then be able to make it on our own. What Jesus says here goes beyond all of that. He came to give to you and to me life in such fullness that it satisfies us in abundance.**





The original language here is interesting. The term translated as “abundant” in the NIV and “to the full” in the KJV is a superlative.

You remember comparatives and superlatives from English class, right?

Good, better, best.

Which one of those words is the superlative?

Best, right?



**How about great, greater, greatest?  
Let's try full, fuller, fullest?  
Jesus is saying that the life He offers is  
better than best,  
greater than greatest,  
and  
fuller than fullest.**





The term here literally means, “superabundant; overflowing; over and above a certain quantity; a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.”

A biblical verse that expresses this concept is, **Luke 6:38 NIV Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.**

**For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**

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That's how our God is, isn't He?

**1 Corinthians 2:9 ESV** But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,  
**Ephesians 3:20 ESV**





# **I have not come to bring peace**

**Jesus lets us know in no uncertain terms He did not come to put us on “Easy Street” where we can eat, drink & be merry!**

**He came to shake things up, even bring division & hardship into our own family.**



**Luke 12:49** "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! **50** I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! **51** Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.





**52** For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. **53** They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."



**Matthew 10:34 ESV** "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. **36** And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.






**37** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

**38** And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **40** "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.



# Jesus came to serve mankind

**Mark 10:42 ESV** And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.





He came to give his life  
as a ransom for many

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.“

Jesus' ultimate service was to give his life as a ransom for many. For this purpose He came.

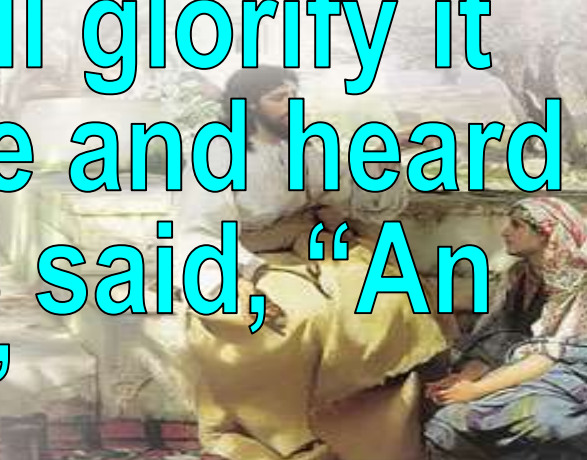


**John 12:23 ESV** And Jesus answered them,  
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be  
glorified. **24** Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a  
grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it  
remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.  
**25** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever  
hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal  
life.





**26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. **27** "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. **28** Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." **29** The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."



30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.





# Let's recap

- Jesus was sent & came from God The Father to preach the good news of the kingdom of God.
- Jesus came To Fulfill the Law and the Prophets
- Jesus came to seek and to save what was lost
- Jesus came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance



- Jesus came to give abundant life
- Jesus came not to bring peace but rather division, a sword
- Jesus came to save the world
- Jesus came to cast fire on the earth
- Jesus came to set family members against each other
- Jesus came to serve mankind
- Jesus came to give his life as a ransom for many





**Jesus came to earth in human form & was crucified, then showed His power over death rising from the grave on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.**

**He gives us Hope.**

**He made a very important promise.**




**John 14:1** **ESV** "Let not your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.







**Acts 1:9** **ESV** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



**1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage each other with these words.



**We've looked at reasons Jesus came to earth.  
All those reasons coming together in His  
sacrificial death, burial & resurrection point to  
the purpose He came, so He could come again  
to take those belonging to Him to their Heavenly  
home & cast the unbelievers into eternal  
damnation.**

