

The Story of Christmas

The background of the slide is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper center. In the lower portion, there are silhouettes of people and a cityscape. On the left, a group of people is walking, with one person carrying a pack on their back. On the right, there are silhouettes of buildings, including a tower with a dome and a minaret, and a city wall.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

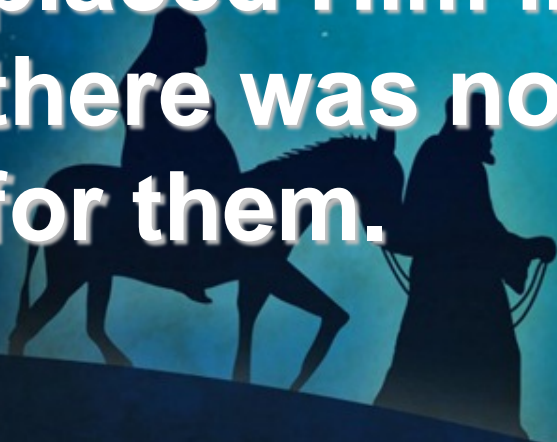
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The background features a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper center. In the lower portion, there are silhouettes of three figures on camels or horses, representing the Three Kings, and a town with lit windows and a palm tree on the right. The overall scene is set against a gradient of blue and green.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a Child.

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6 While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



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8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.



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10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.



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12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen The, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child,



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18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.



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20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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John 10:11-15 (NIV)

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep.



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So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

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14 “I am the good shepherd; I know
My sheep and My sheep know Me —
15 just as the Father knows Me and I
know the Father—and I lay down My
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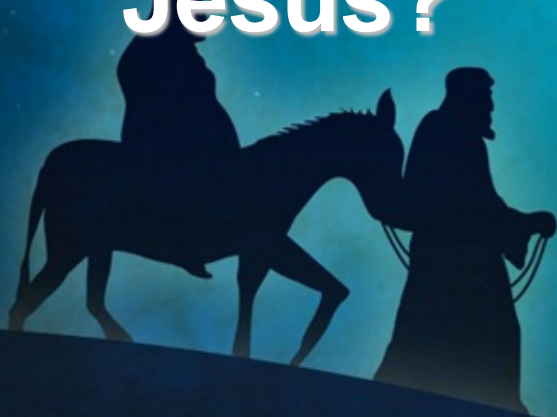
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1. Are you one of His sheep?
2. How invested are you in following Jesus?
3. Does your life give glory to Jesus?



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