

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

PLANS



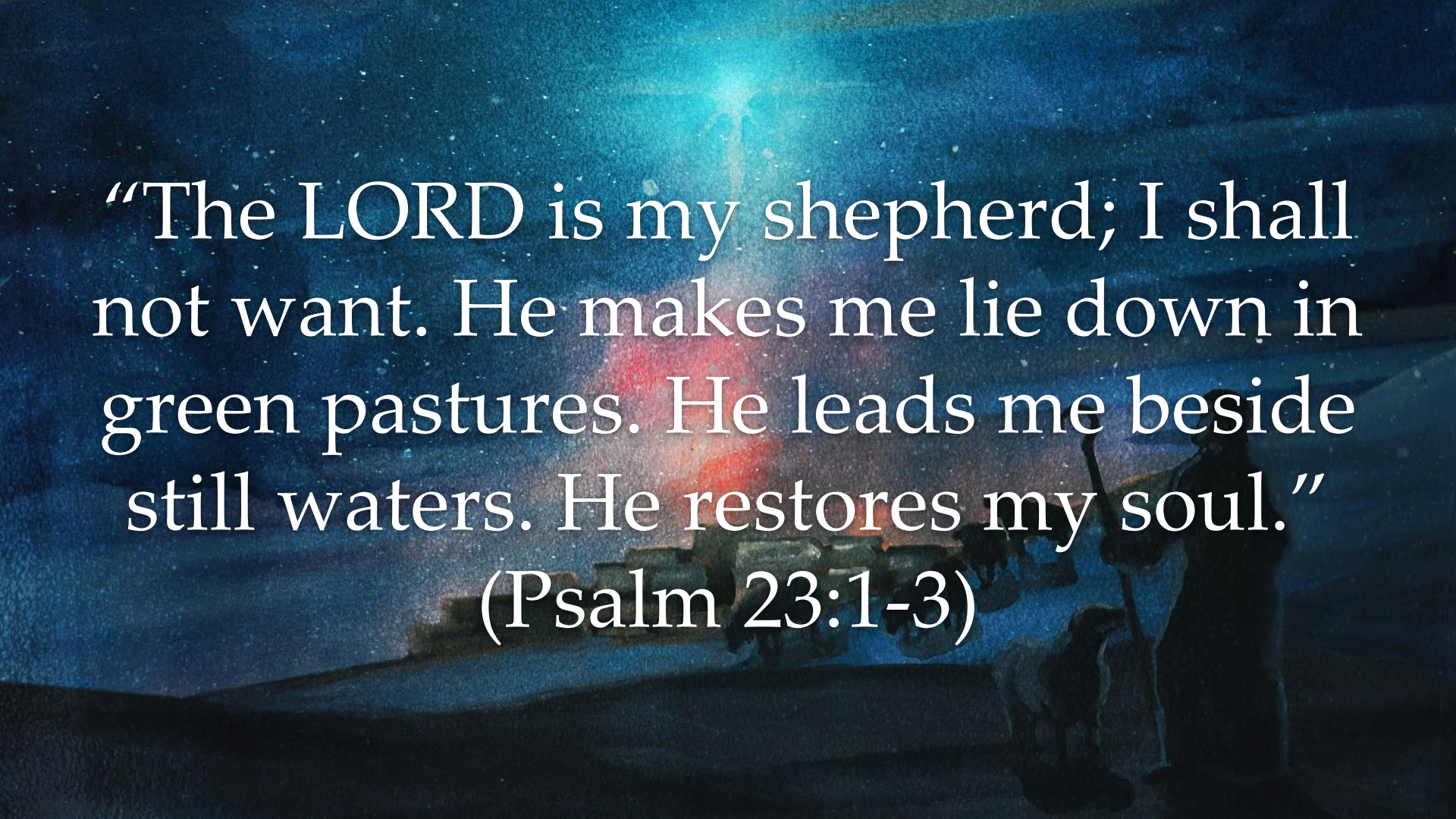
Q1: Who is traveling?



Luke 2:8 (ESV)

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.



A shepherd with a staff and sheep in a field at sunset. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun, with long shadows cast across the grass. The shepherd stands on the right, holding a staff, with several sheep gathered around him. The background shows rolling hills under a sky with soft, colorful clouds.

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.”

(Psalm 23:1-3)

**Q2: Why do the shepherds
embark on their journey?**



Luke 2:9-11 (ESV)

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great 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."

- SAVIOR - one who liberates God's people from all that oppresses them



- CHRIST - God's anointed, handpicked emissary, who comes in God's authority to carry out His will, fulfill His promises, & establish His reign

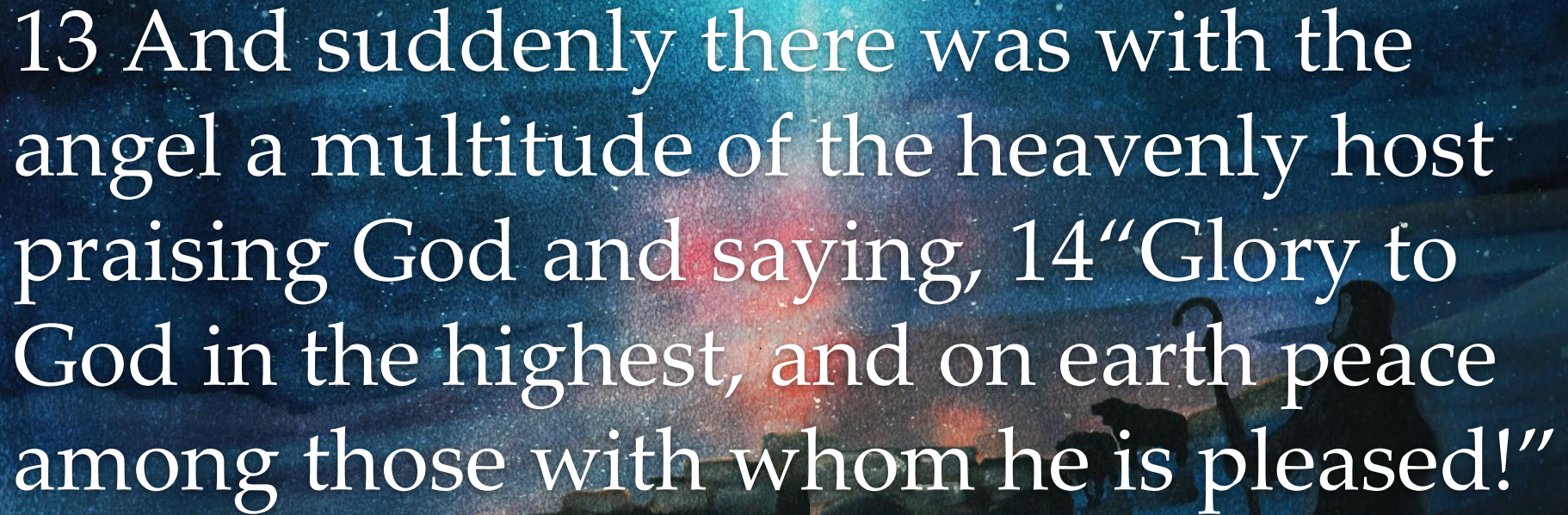


- THE LORD - Yahweh, the great “I am who I am,” God Himself, God with us



Luke 2:13-14 (ESV)

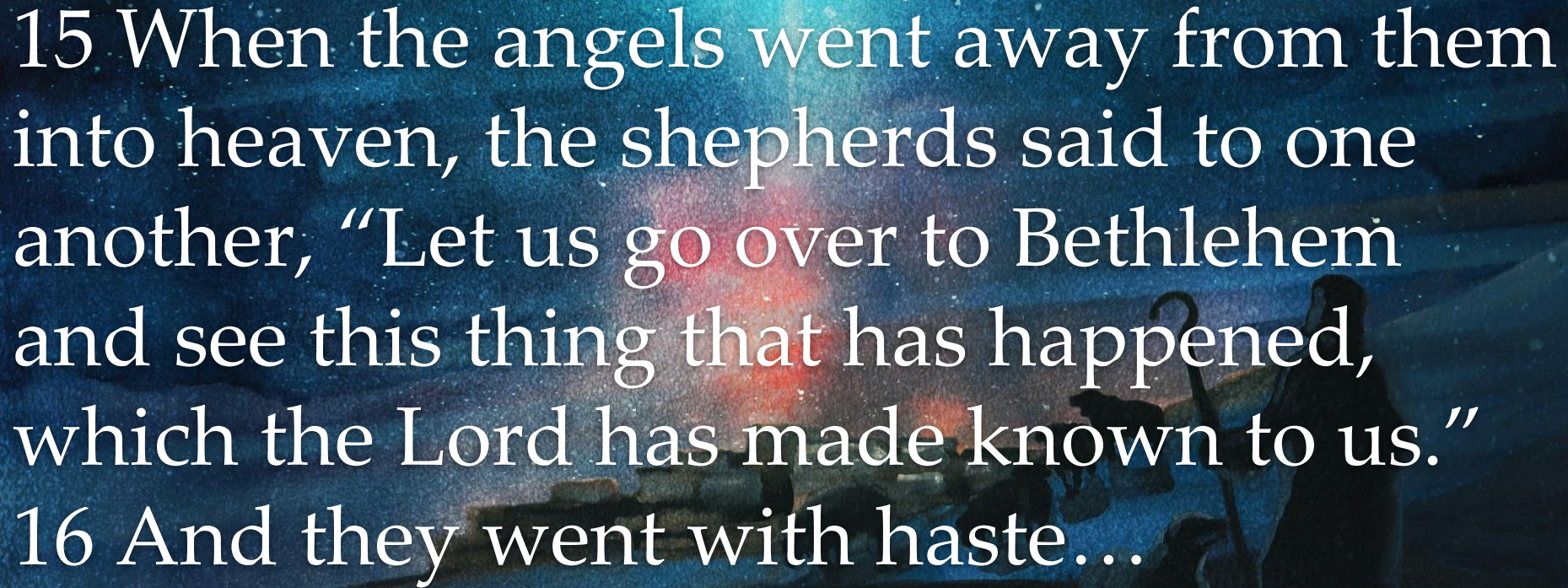
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

A silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and sheep against a starry night sky. The shepherd is on the right, holding a staff. Several sheep are visible in the foreground and middle ground. The background is a dark blue and black sky filled with stars and a faint nebula or galaxy.

Luke 2:15-16 (ESV)

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...



Q3: What was the journey like?



Luke 2:12 (ESV)

12 “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

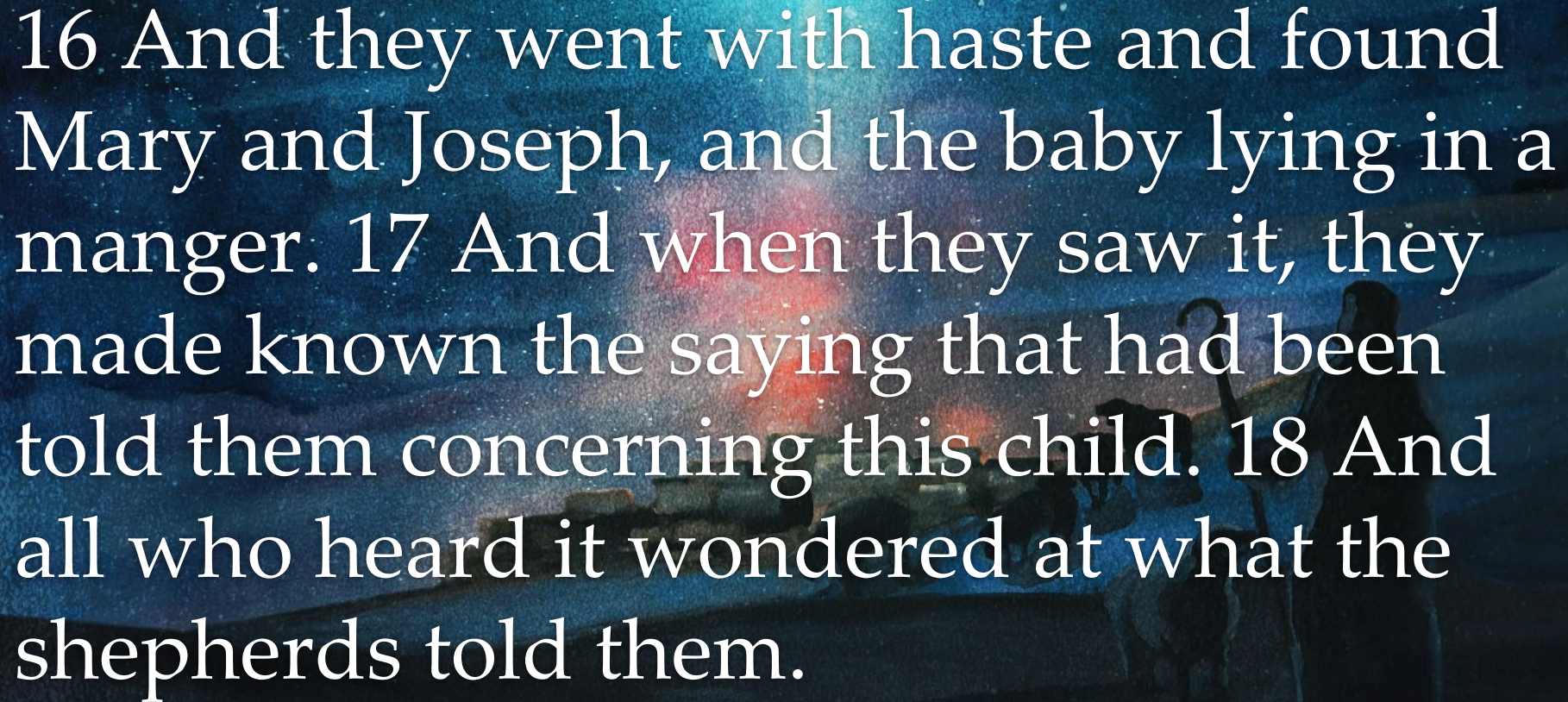


A dark, atmospheric scene with a bright blue and red light source in the background, silhouettes of a shepherd and sheep, and a stack of logs in the foreground.

**Q4: Why do our travelers
end up at their particular
destination?**

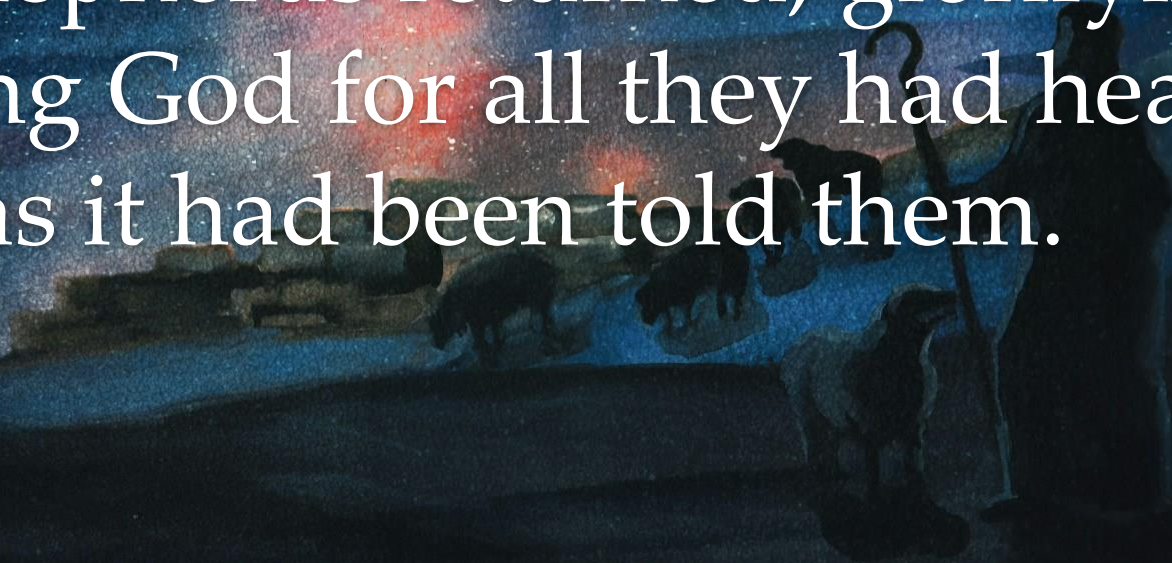
Luke 2:16-18 (ESV)

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.

The background of the text is a dark, atmospheric illustration. It features a night sky with a prominent star or light source, possibly the Star of Bethlehem, casting a glow. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of figures, likely shepherds, standing in a field or near a manger. The overall mood is mysterious and reverent.

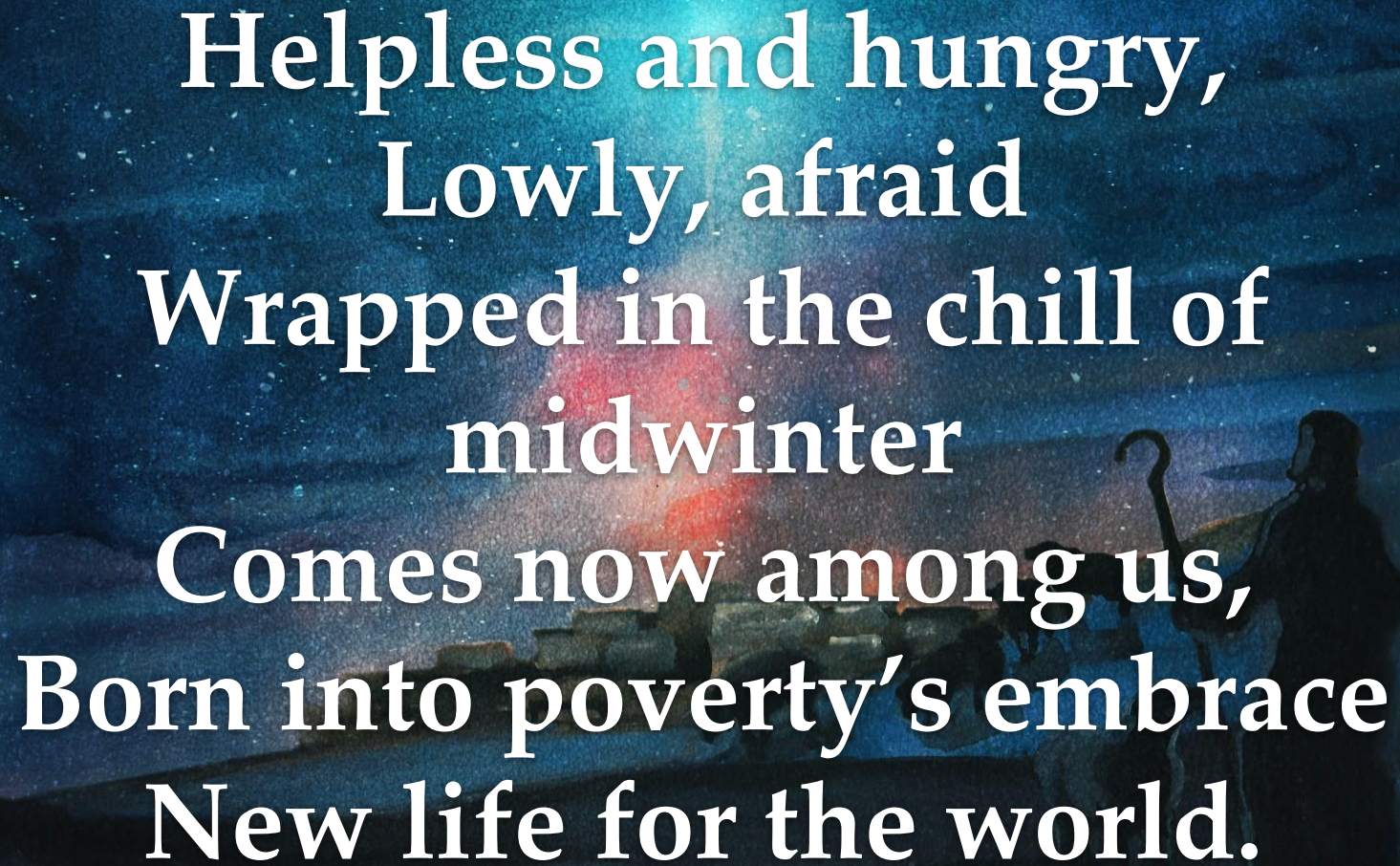
Luke 2:19-20 (ESV)

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.

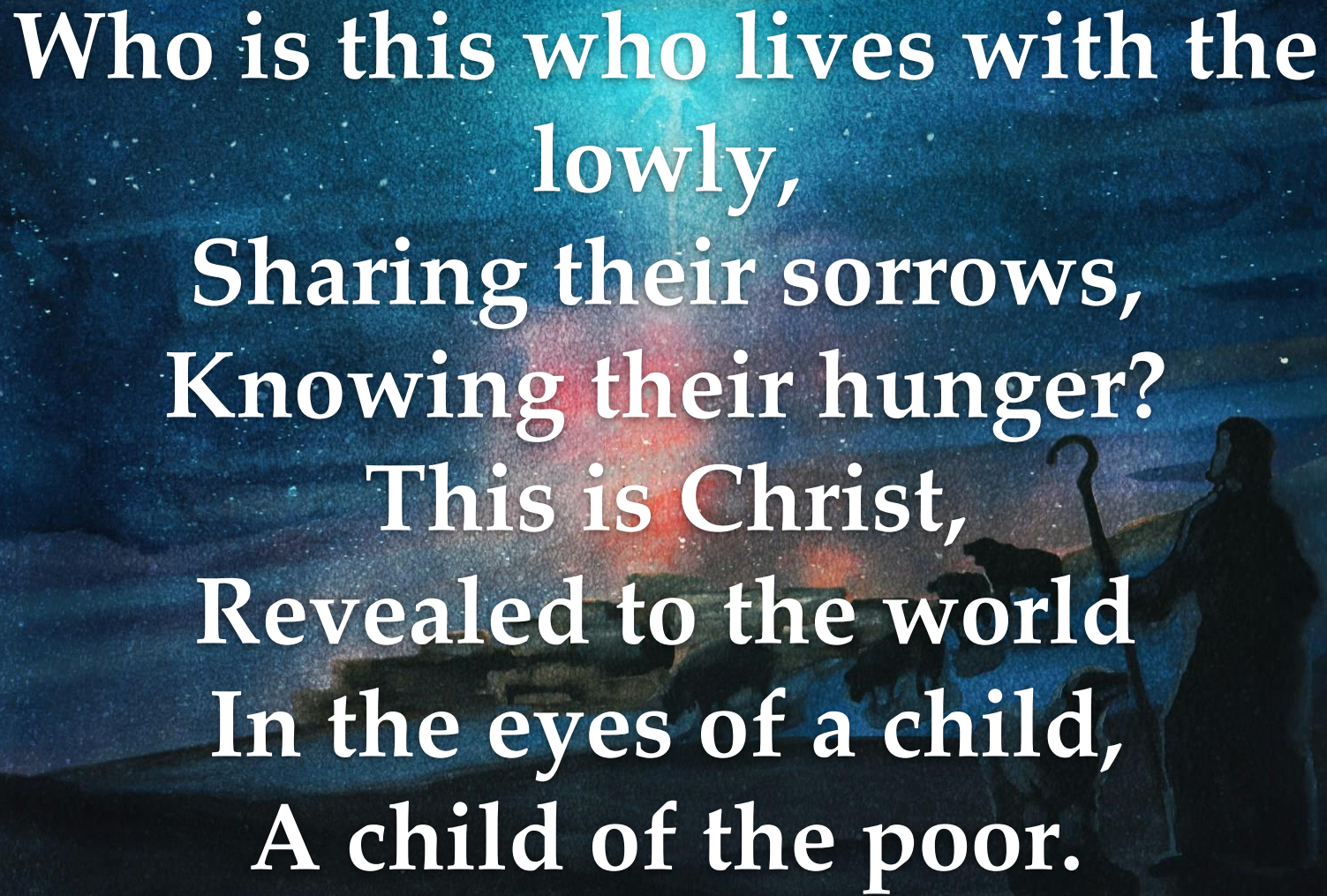


A shepherd is silhouetted against a dark, starry night sky, holding a staff and tending to a flock of sheep. The scene is illuminated by a soft, ethereal light, possibly from a star or planet, creating a sense of wonder and divine presence. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

The shepherds are
welcomed to BEHOLD the
Christ child and the
experience changes them.

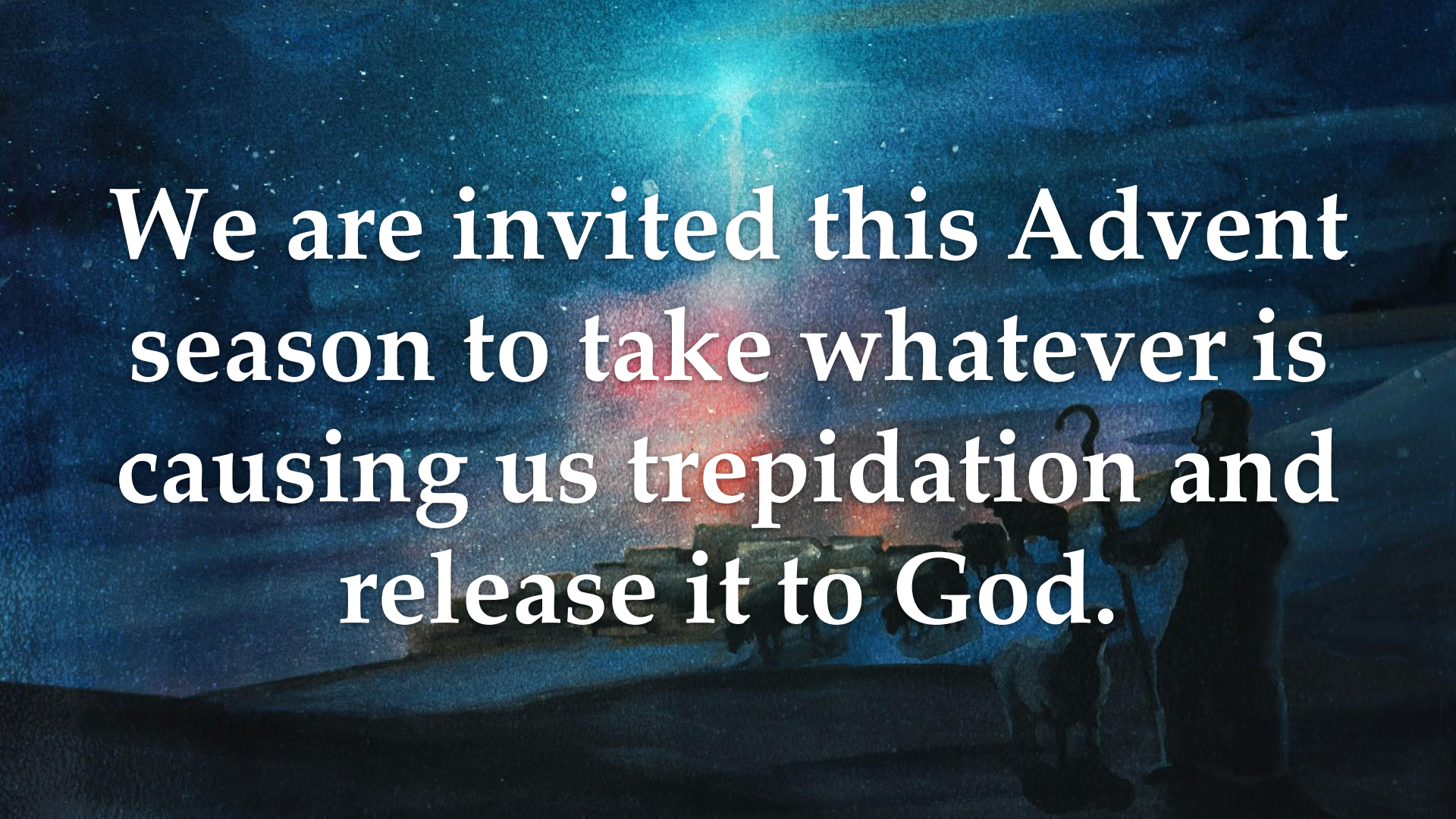
The background is a dark, atmospheric scene with a blue and red glow. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of people and a dog. One person is holding a cane. The scene is set in a dark, possibly snowy or sandy, environment. The text is overlaid on this scene.

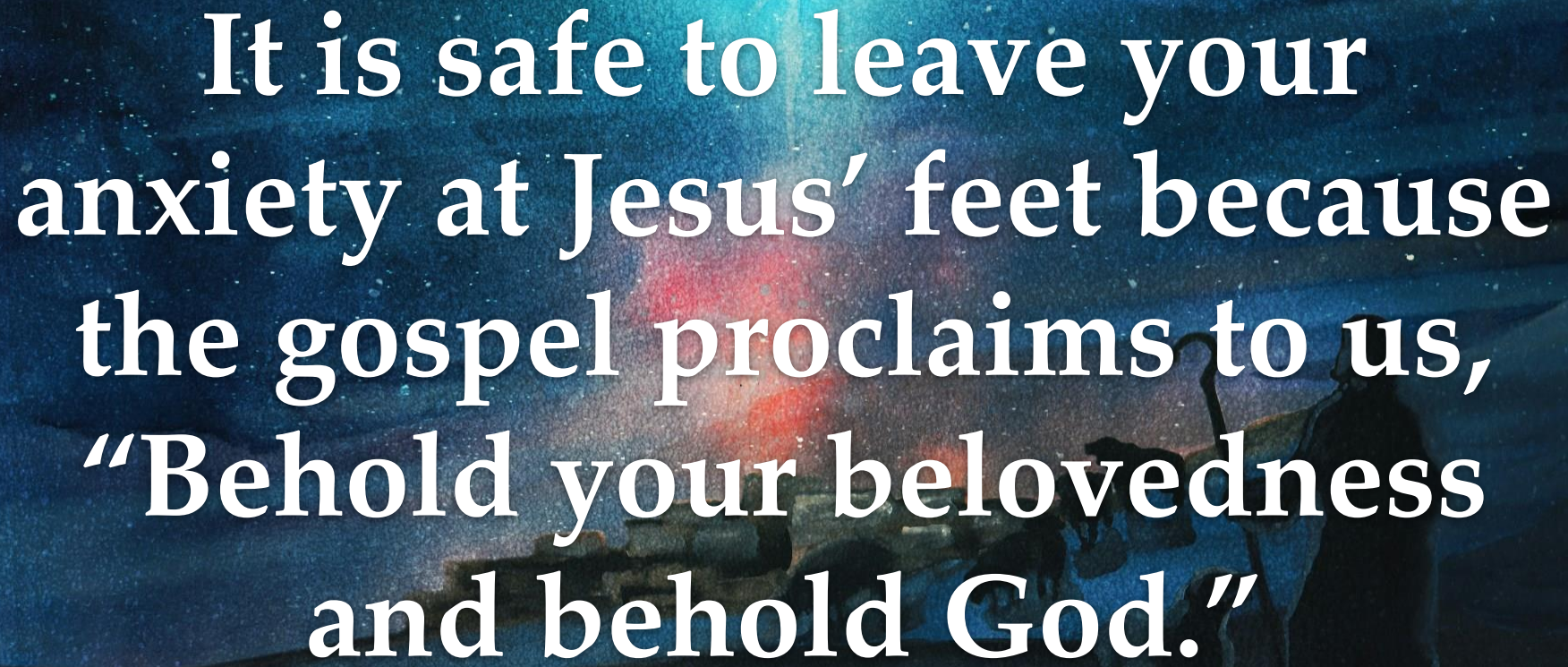
Helpless and hungry,
Lowly, afraid
Wrapped in the chill of
midwinter
Comes now among us,
Born into poverty's embrace
New life for the world.

A silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and sheep against a starry night sky. The shepherd is on the right, holding a long staff. Several sheep are visible in the foreground and middle ground. The background is a dark blue and black sky filled with stars and a faint nebula or galaxy. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Who is this who lives with the
lowly,
Sharing their sorrows,
Knowing their hunger?
This is Christ,
Revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child,
A child of the poor.

We are invited this Advent season to take whatever is causing us trepidation and release it to God.

The background is a dark, textured blue and black scene. In the center, there is a bright, glowing light source that creates a lens flare effect, illuminating the surrounding area. Below the light, there are faint silhouettes of what appear to be buildings or structures. In the lower right foreground, there is a dark silhouette of a person standing and holding a long staff or pole. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.



It is safe to leave your
anxiety at Jesus' feet because
the gospel proclaims to us,
"Behold your belovedness
and behold God."

Philippians 2:4-7(ESV)

4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



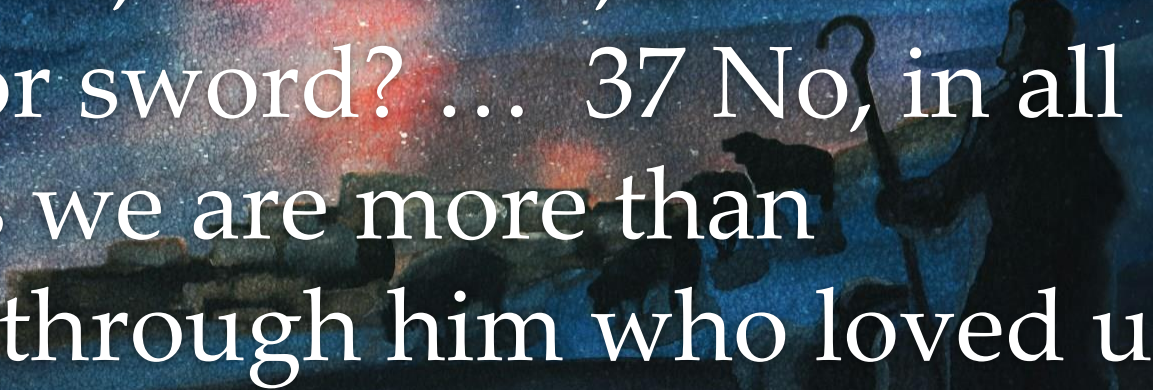
Romans 8:31-32 (ESV)

31 If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?



Romans 8:35, 37 (ESV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

A silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and sheep against a starry night sky. The shepherd is on the right, holding a staff, with several sheep following him. The background is a dark blue and black sky filled with stars and a nebula-like glow.

**Be aware: beholding
requires an active response.**



