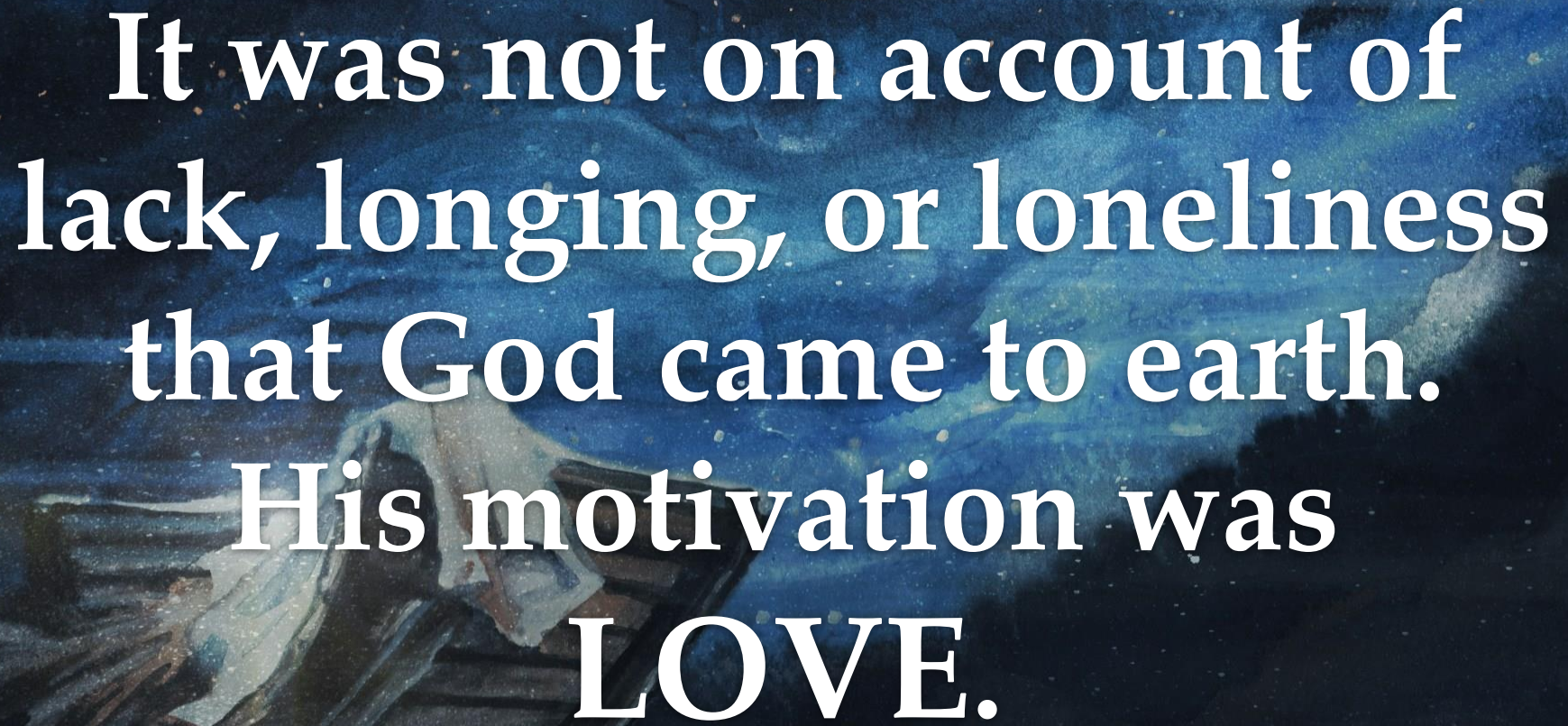


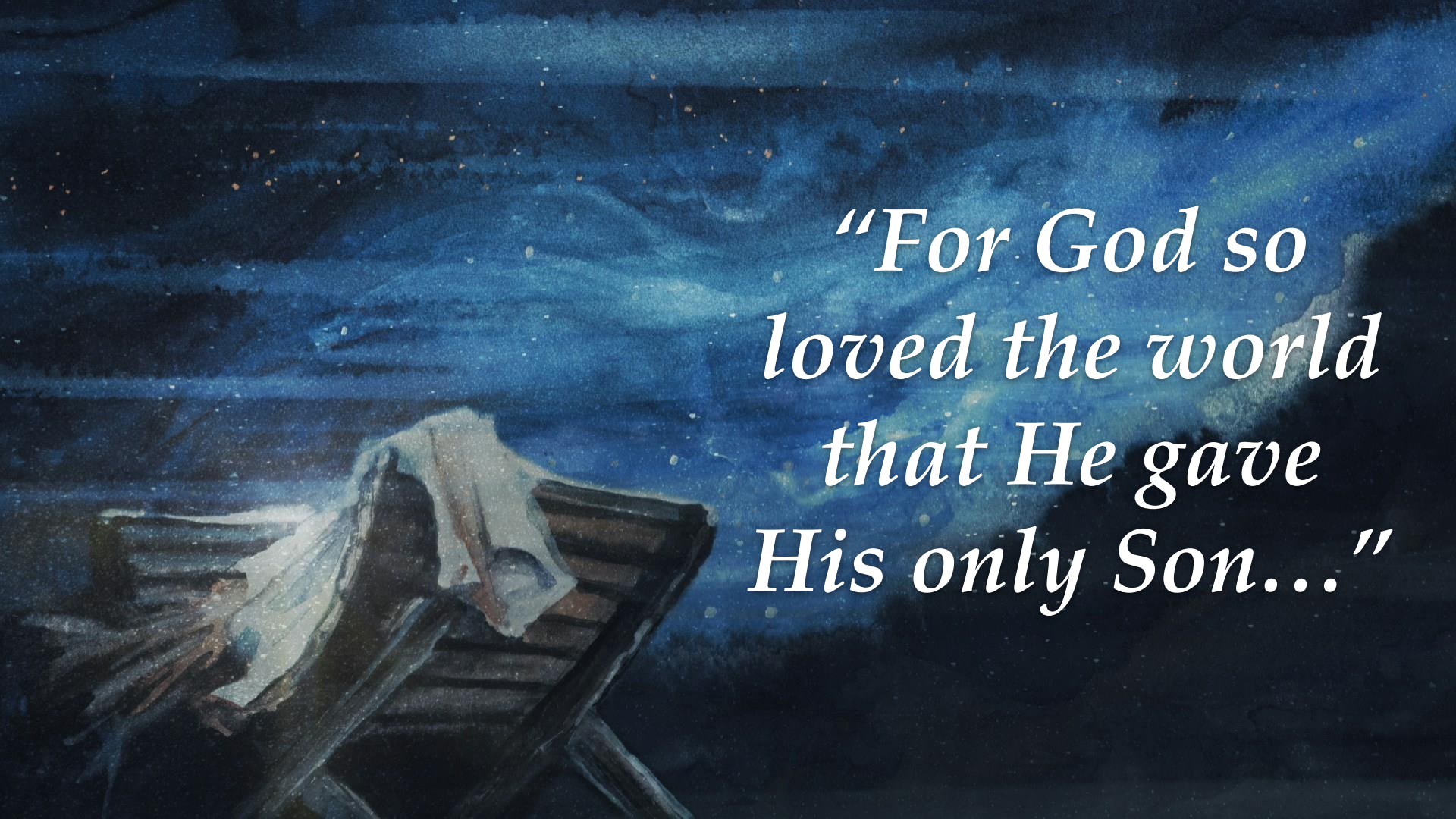


GOD'S HOLIDAY

TRAVEL PLANS

The background is a dark, textured blue with a subtle, painterly quality. In the lower-left quadrant, there is a faint, dark silhouette of a person sitting in a boat, possibly on water. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

It was not on account of  
lack, longing, or loneliness  
that God came to earth.  
His motivation was  
**LOVE.**



*“For God so  
loved the world  
that He gave  
His only Son...”*



Tonight we  
celebrate the  
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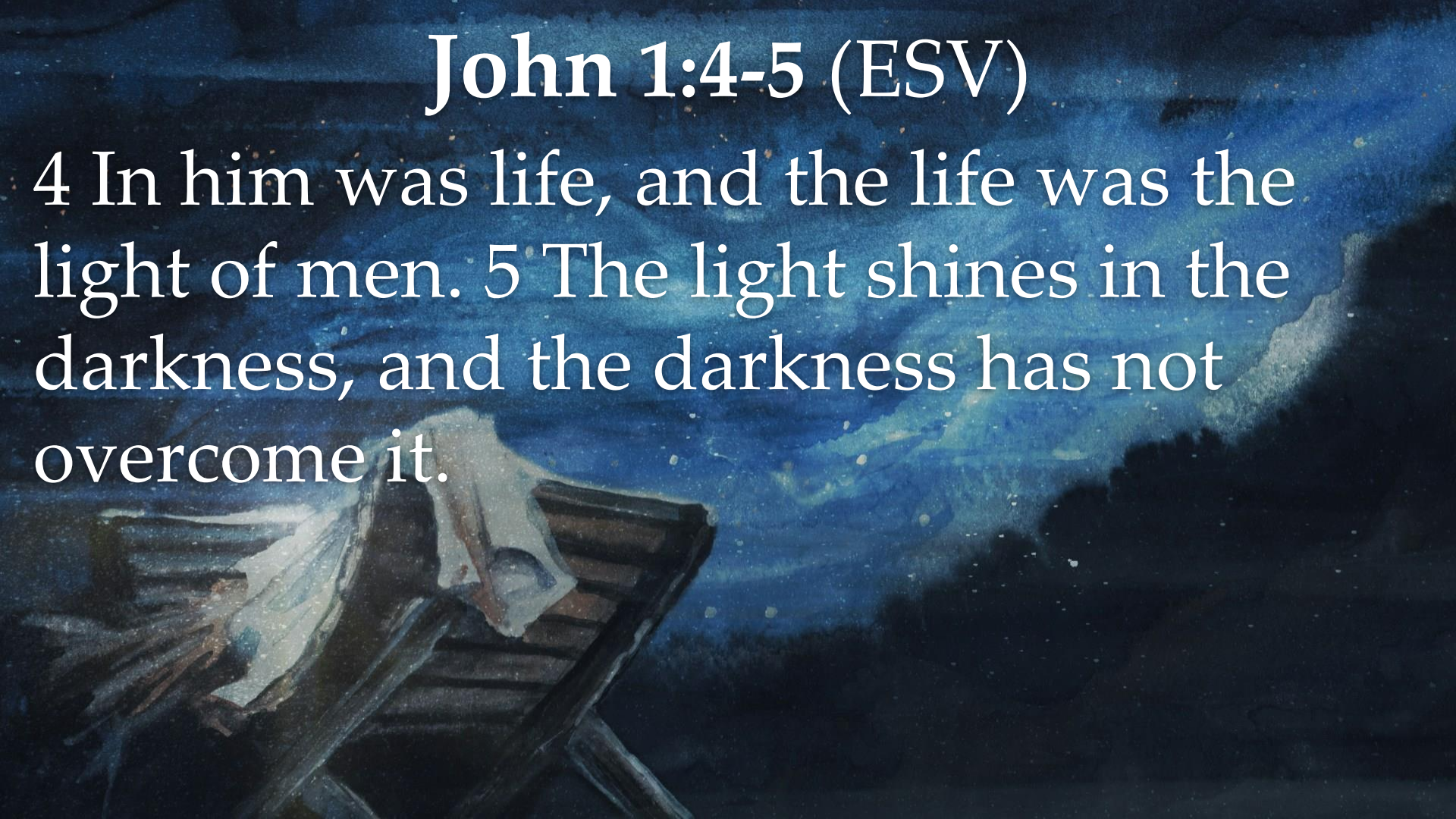


## John 1:1-3 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

# John 1:4-5 (ESV)

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.







## John 1:14, 18 (ESV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

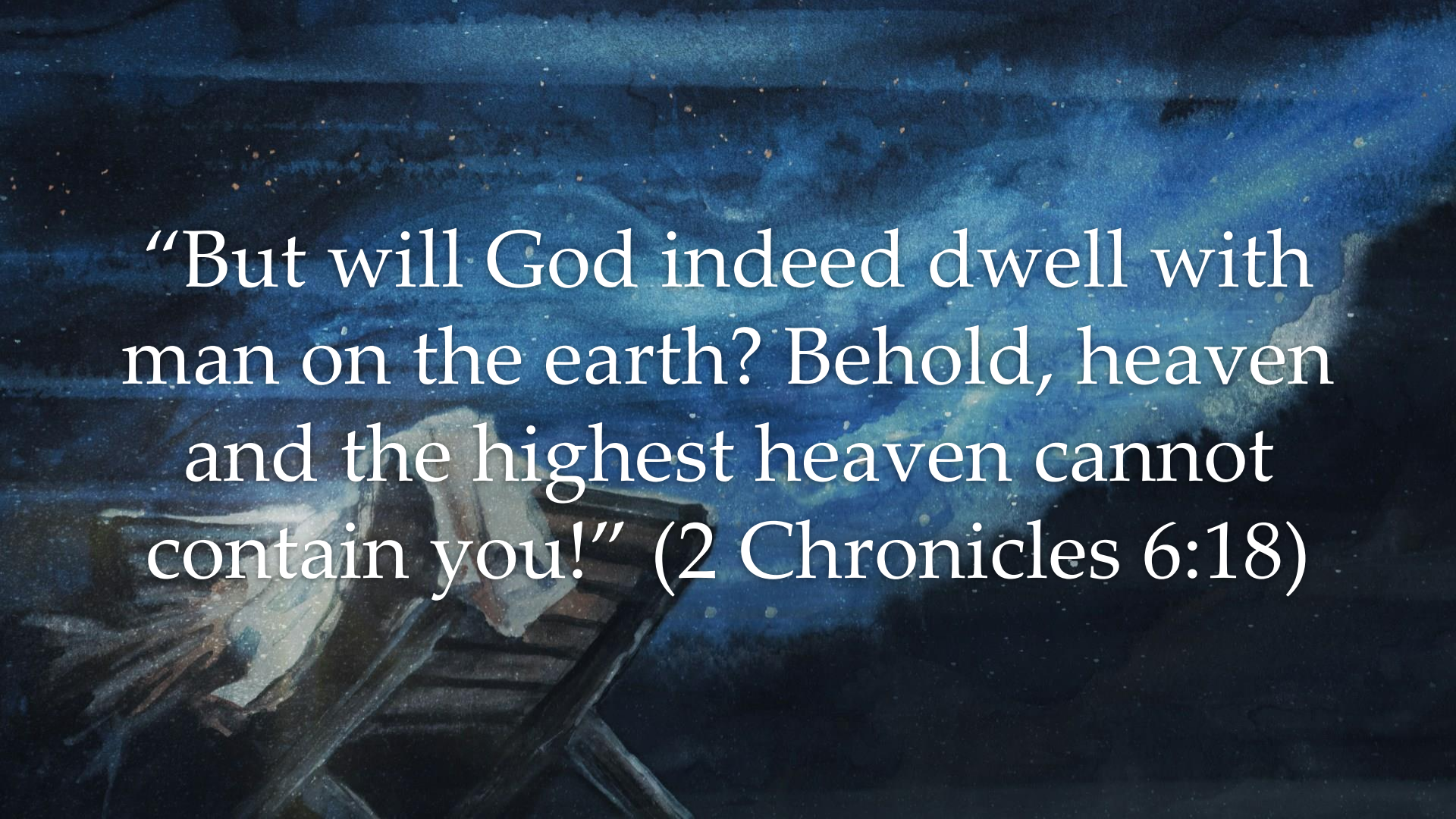


A painting depicting the infant Jesus lying in a wooden manger. The scene is set against a dark, starry night sky with a soft, ethereal light emanating from the manger. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

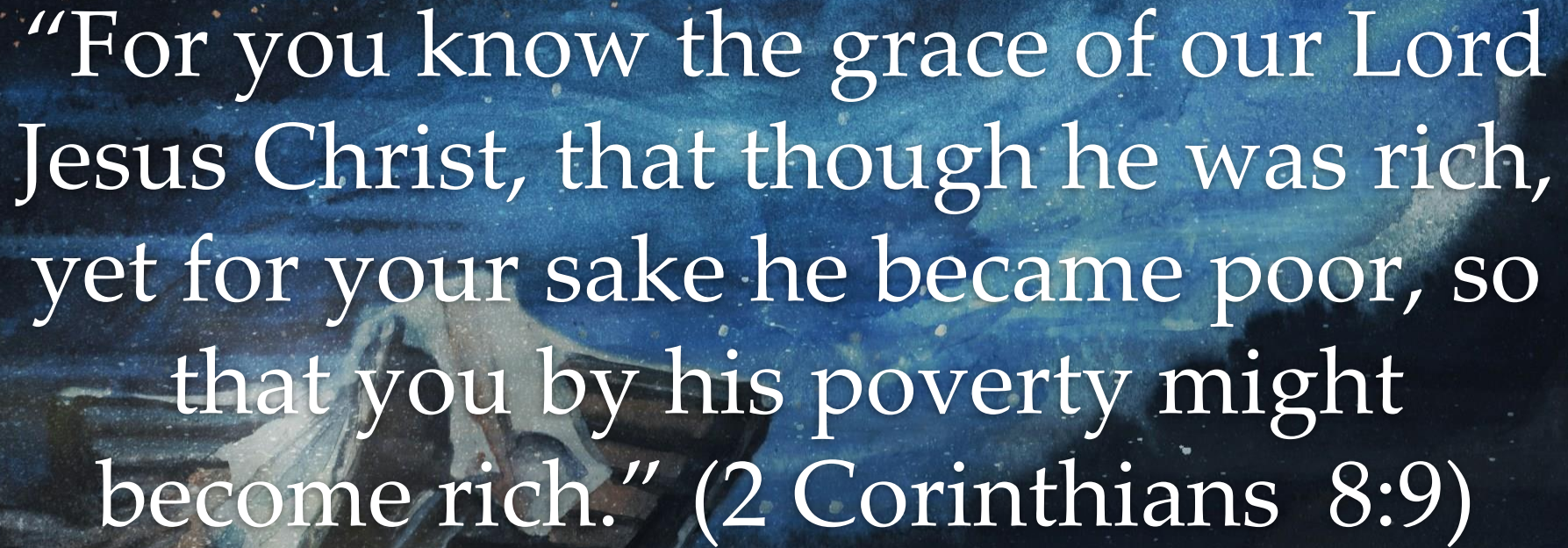
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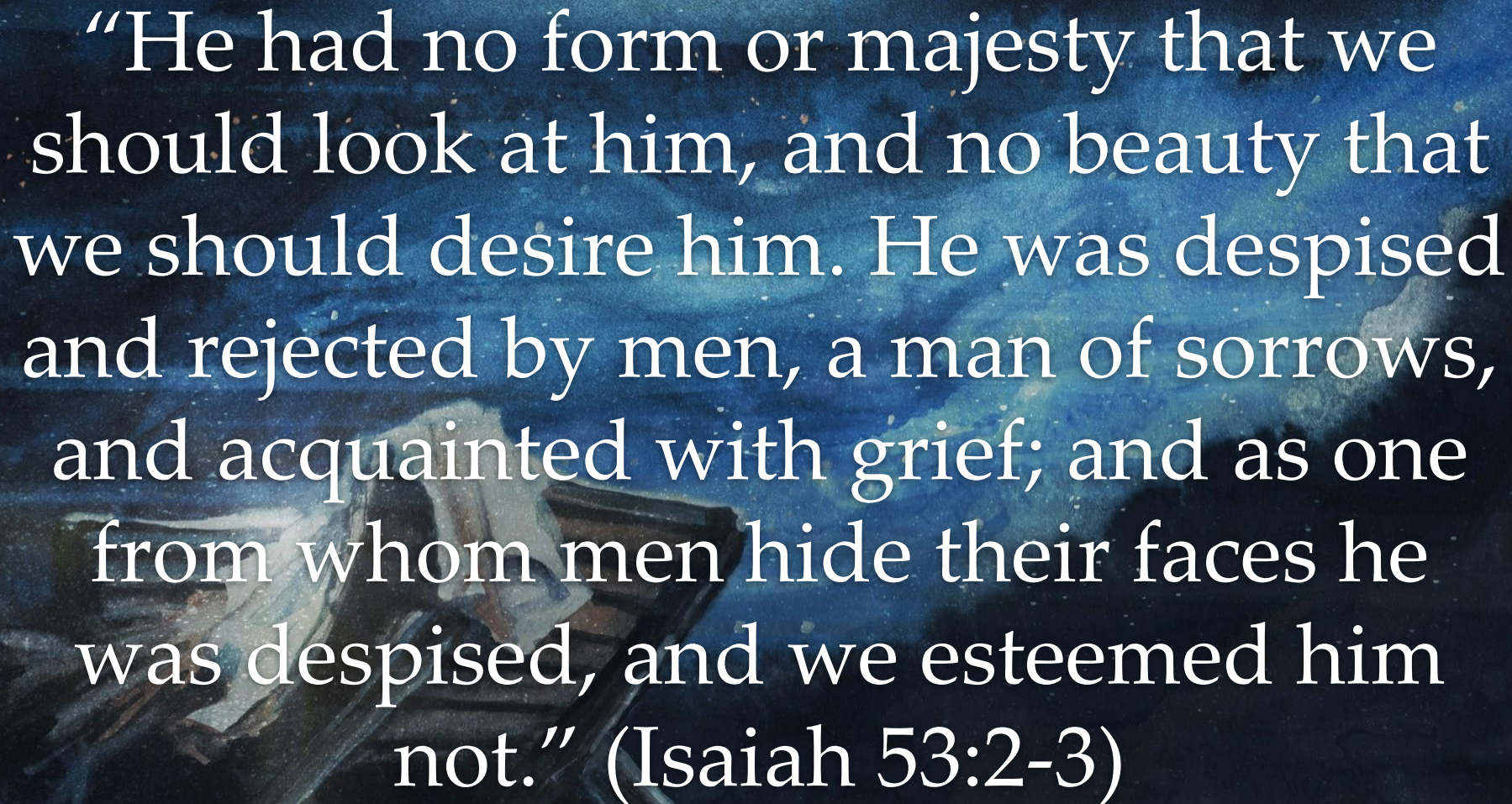
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“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you!” (2 Chronicles 6:18)



“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

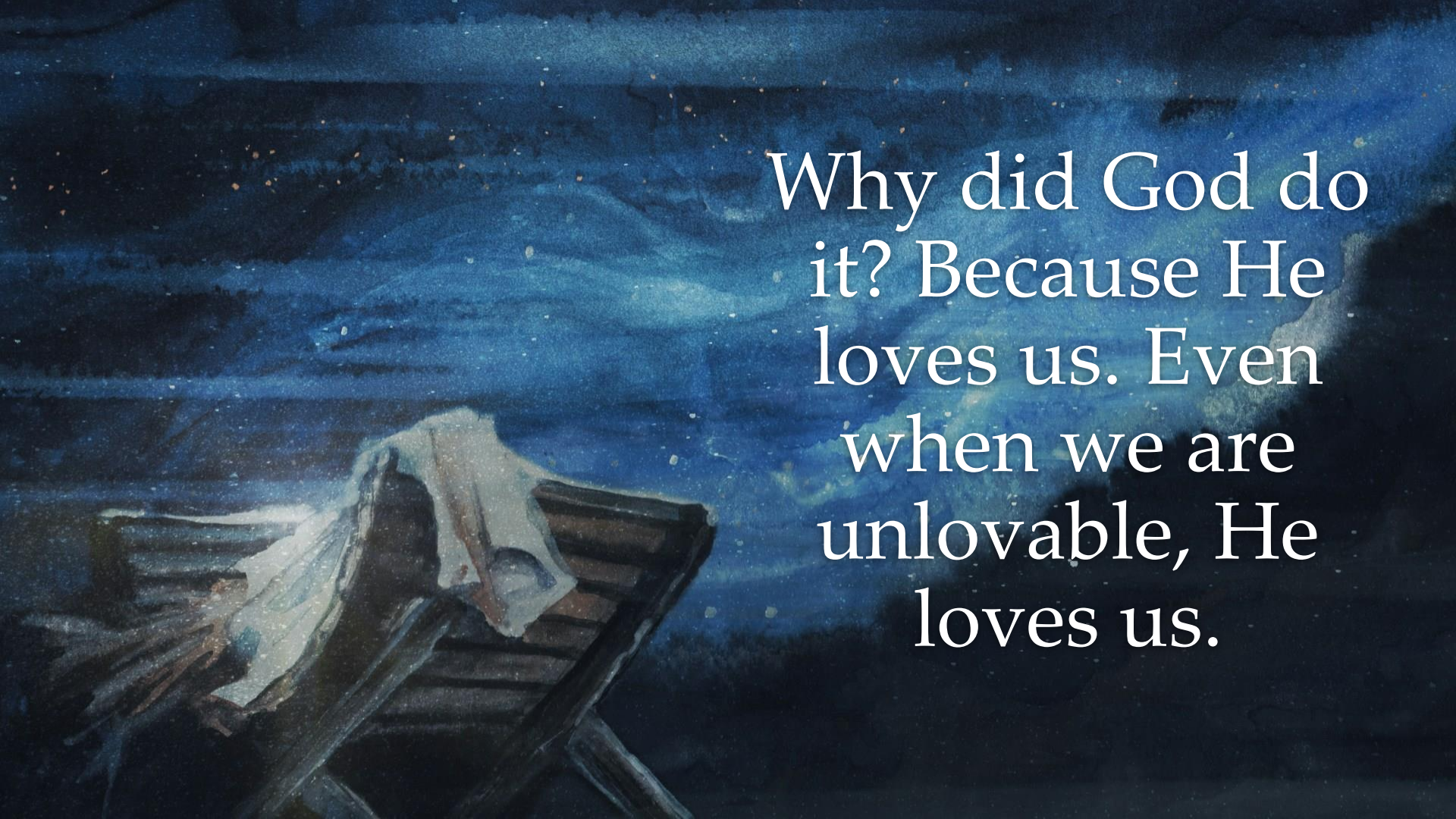


“He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” (Isaiah 53:2-3)

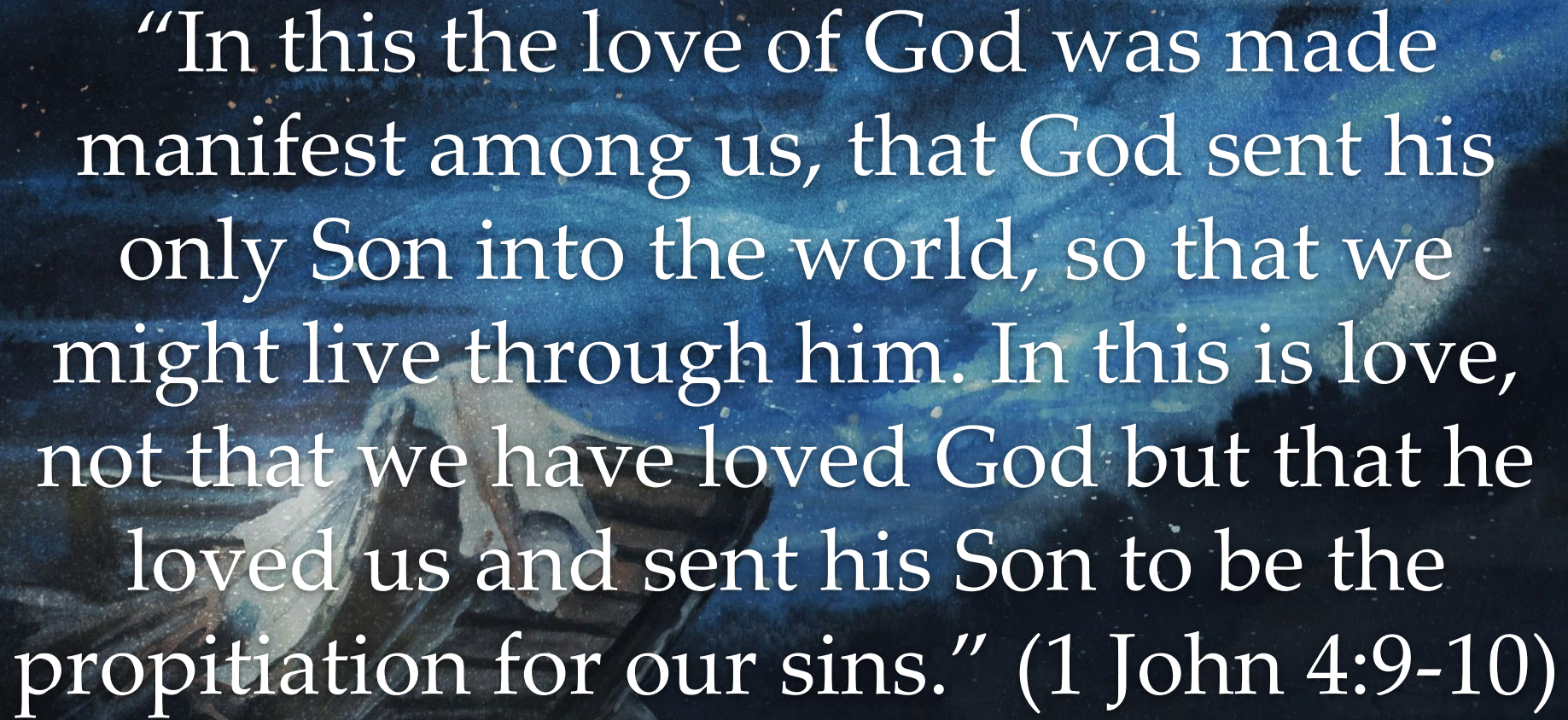


## John 1:9-11 (ESV)

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

A painting of a wooden chair with a white cloth draped over it, set against a dark blue, textured background. The chair is made of dark wood and has a white cloth draped over its backrest and seat. The background is a deep, dark blue with some lighter, wispy patterns, suggesting a night sky or a textured wall. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Why did God do  
it? Because He  
loves us. Even  
when we are  
unlovable, He  
loves us.



“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10)

# John 1:12 (ESV)

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

