

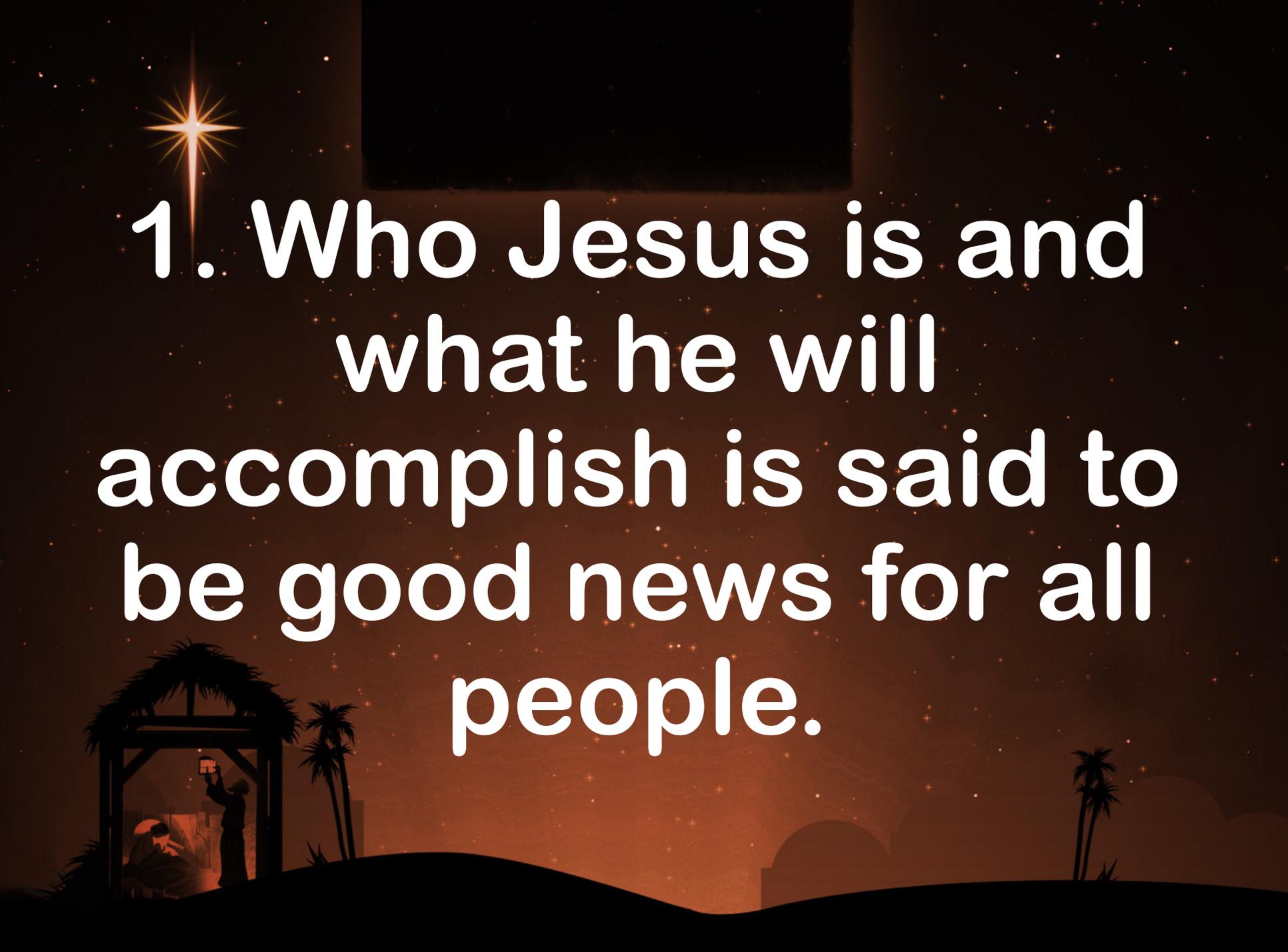
Sermons from the Gospel of Luke



Christmas Joy

Luke 2:1-20

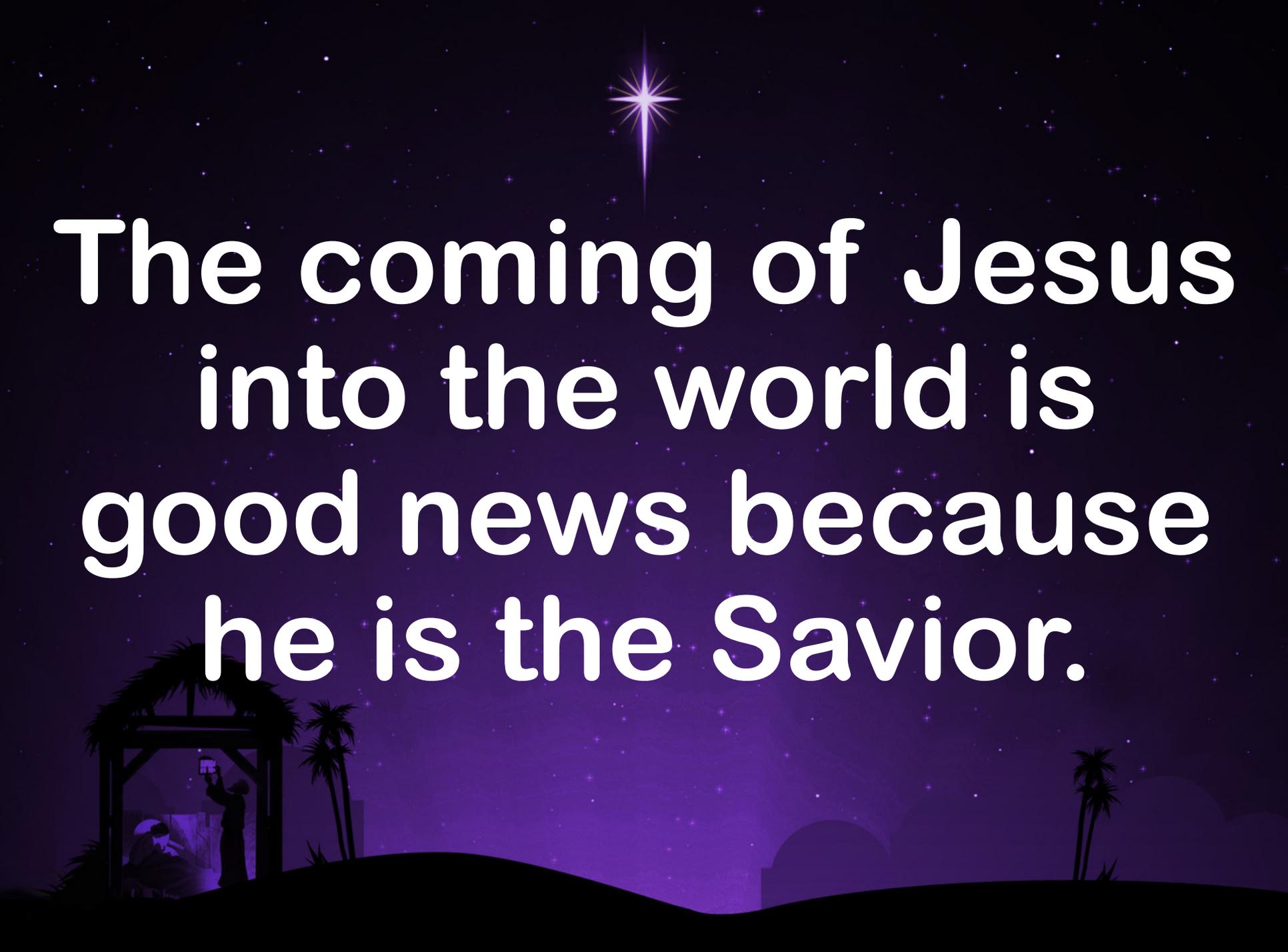


The background features a dark, starry night sky with a prominent bright star in the upper left. Below the text, there are silhouettes of a manger scene on the left, palm trees, and a hill with a dome in the distance.

**1. Who Jesus is and
what he will
accomplish is said to
be good news for all
people.**

The background is a dark purple night sky filled with numerous small, twinkling stars. A single, very bright star with a prominent four-pointed starburst pattern is positioned at the top center. In the lower portion of the image, there are dark silhouettes of a landscape. On the left, a manger scene is depicted, showing a woman kneeling and holding a baby, with another figure standing nearby. To the right, there are silhouettes of palm trees and a building with a dome. The overall scene is a classic representation of the birth of Jesus.

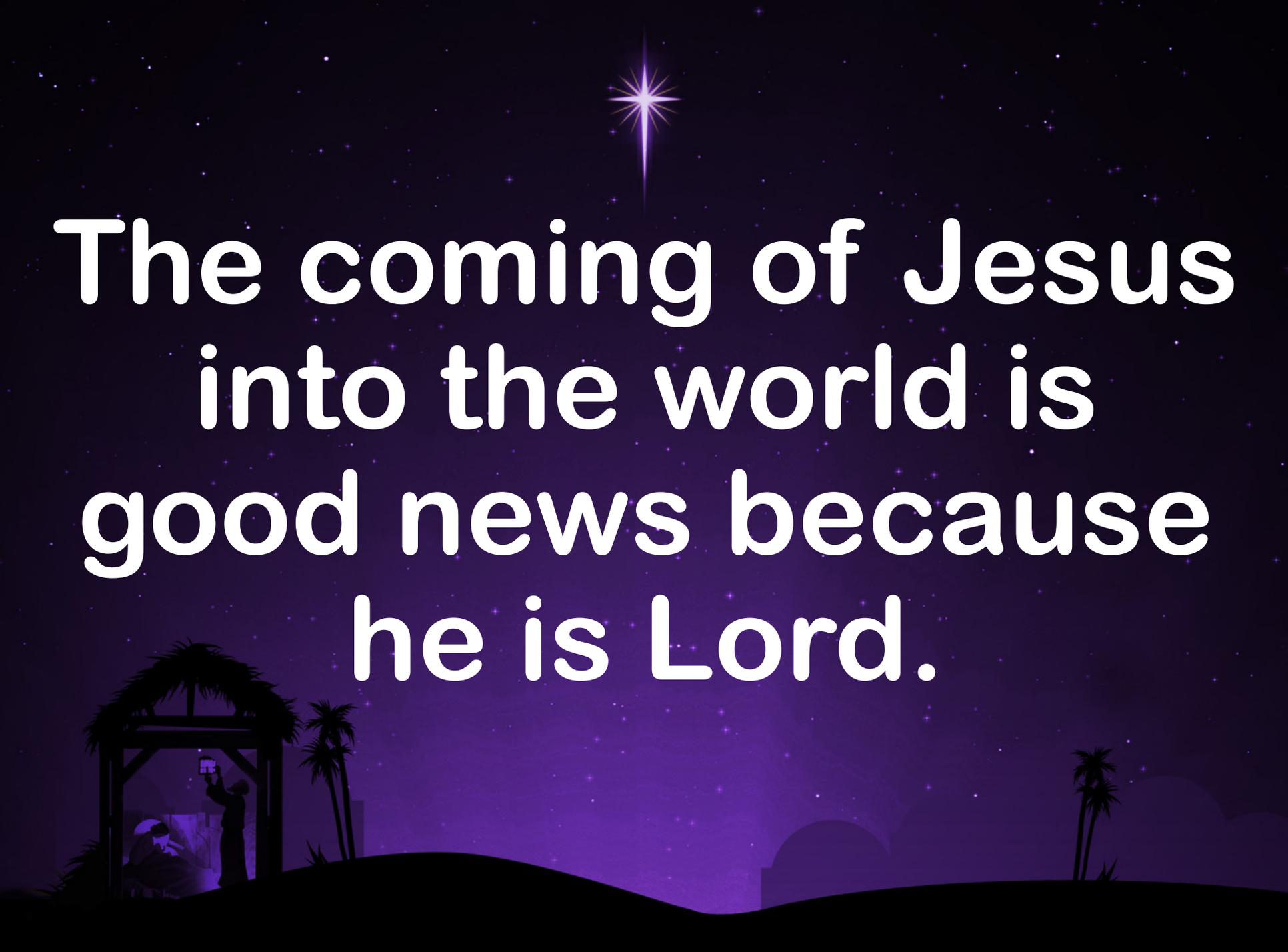
The coming of Jesus
into the world is
good news.

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The coming of Jesus
into the world is
good news because
he is the Savior.

The coming of Jesus
into the world is
good news because
he is the Christ, or
Chosen One.



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The coming of Jesus
into the world is
good news because
he is Lord.

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Jesus is Savior,
Christ, and Lord for
all people.

Christmas is an occasion for me to make a personal response to Jesus. I can trust him as my Savior, accept him as the fulfillment of God's ancient promises, and follow Him as my Lord and King.



The background is a dark, starry night sky with a warm orange glow. A bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper left. In the lower left, there is a silhouette of a manger scene with a person holding a light. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

2. I am told how to
respond to this good
news: with great joy.

Joy is the sense or state of gladness or elation that people experience through their relationship with God and through the good things God gives. It is an inward reality that may express itself outwardly.



Joy is a feeling a
person automatically
experiences
because of God's
activity and
provision.



Scripture commands that I respond to God and His activity with joy or rejoicing. This is a choice I make, and action I take, regardless of my circumstances or feelings.





Rejoice in the Lord
always. I will say it
again: Rejoice!

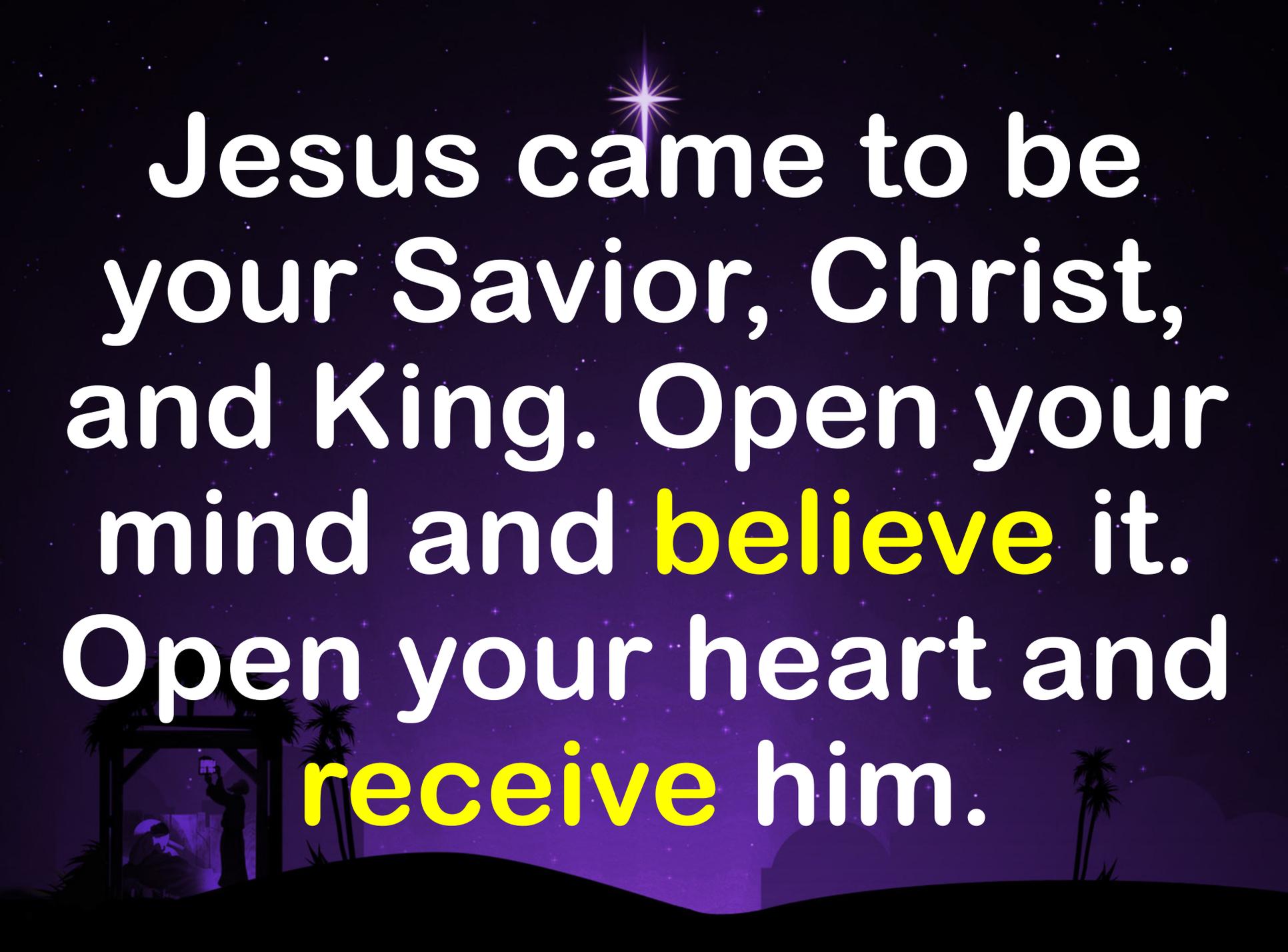
Philippians 4:4





“When somebody is aware of the love that the Father has for them in Jesus, that person is spontaneously grateful. Cries of thankfulness become the dominant characteristic of the interior life, and the byproduct of gratitude is joy. We’re not joyful and then become grateful—we’re grateful, and that makes us joyful.”

Brennan Manning

The background features a dark purple and blue night sky filled with small, twinkling stars. A prominent, bright star with a multi-pointed starburst effect is positioned at the top center. In the lower-left corner, there is a silhouette of a manger scene, showing a figure kneeling and another standing. To the right, there are silhouettes of palm trees and a hill. The overall scene is serene and evokes the birth of Jesus.

Jesus came to be
your Savior, Christ,
and King. Open your
mind and **believe** it.
Open your heart and
receive him.