A night sky with a bright star at the top center. Below the star, the text "What Does the Birth of Jesus Mean for Our World in 2018?" is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom of the image, there is a silhouette of a manger with a baby and a woman inside, set against a dark horizon.

What Does the Birth  
of Jesus Mean for Our  
World in 2018?

**John 1:1-14**



1. All people around the world need to know that Jesus is the divine Son of God, who gives life and light to all who believe.



Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, the Son, who is one with God the Father and was with God before creation.

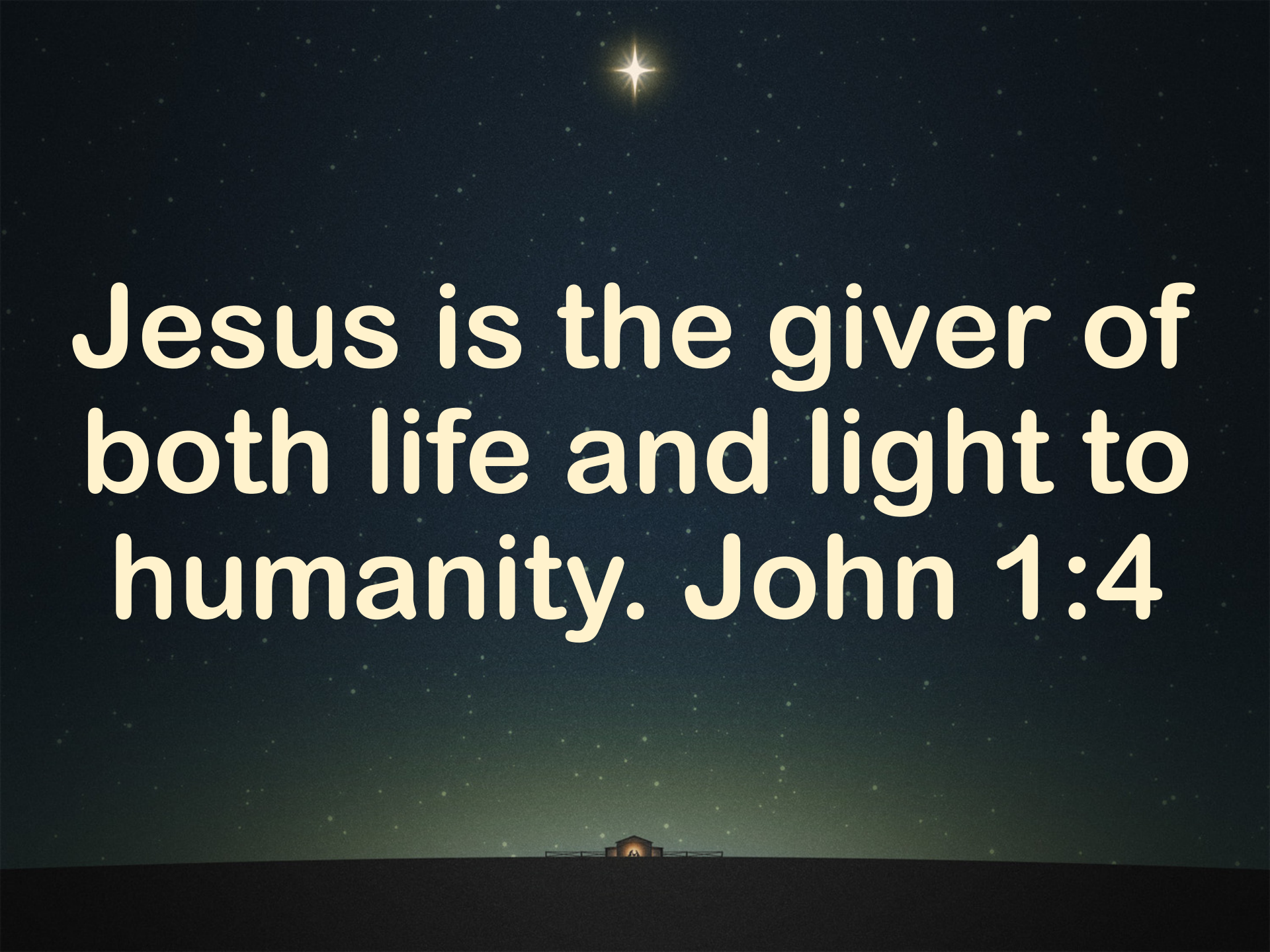
John 1:1-2



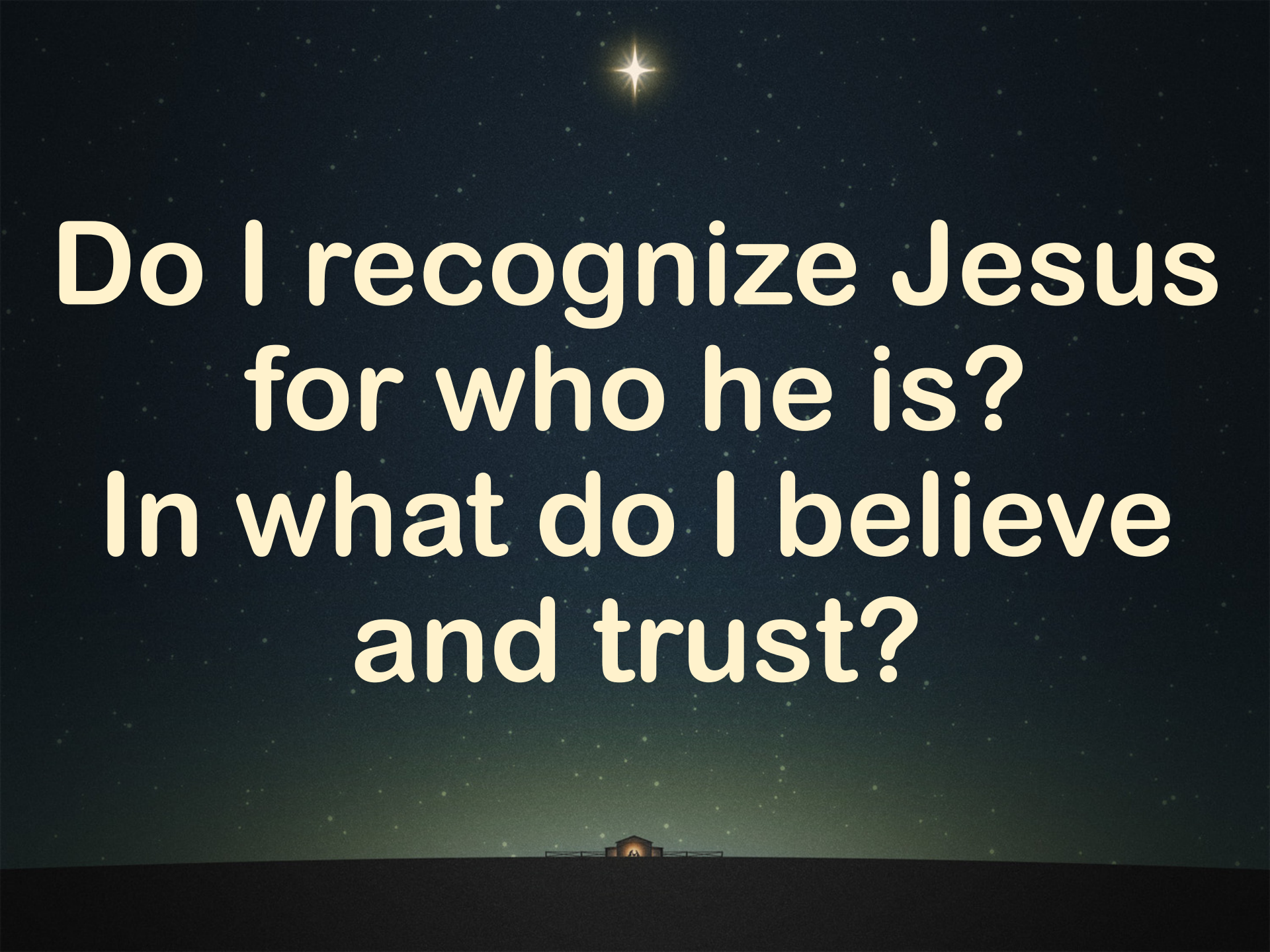


Jesus participated  
with God the Father  
when all things were  
created. John 1:3



A night sky with a bright star at the top and a small lit building on the horizon.

Jesus is the giver of  
both life and light to  
humanity. John 1:4

The background is a dark night sky filled with numerous small, faint stars. A single, very bright star with a prominent four-pointed diffraction pattern is located near the top center. At the bottom of the image, a dark silhouette of a horizon line is visible, with a small, simple building or structure in the center that has a warm, yellow light emanating from its interior, suggesting a church or a place of worship.

Do I recognize Jesus  
for who he is?  
In what do I believe  
and trust?



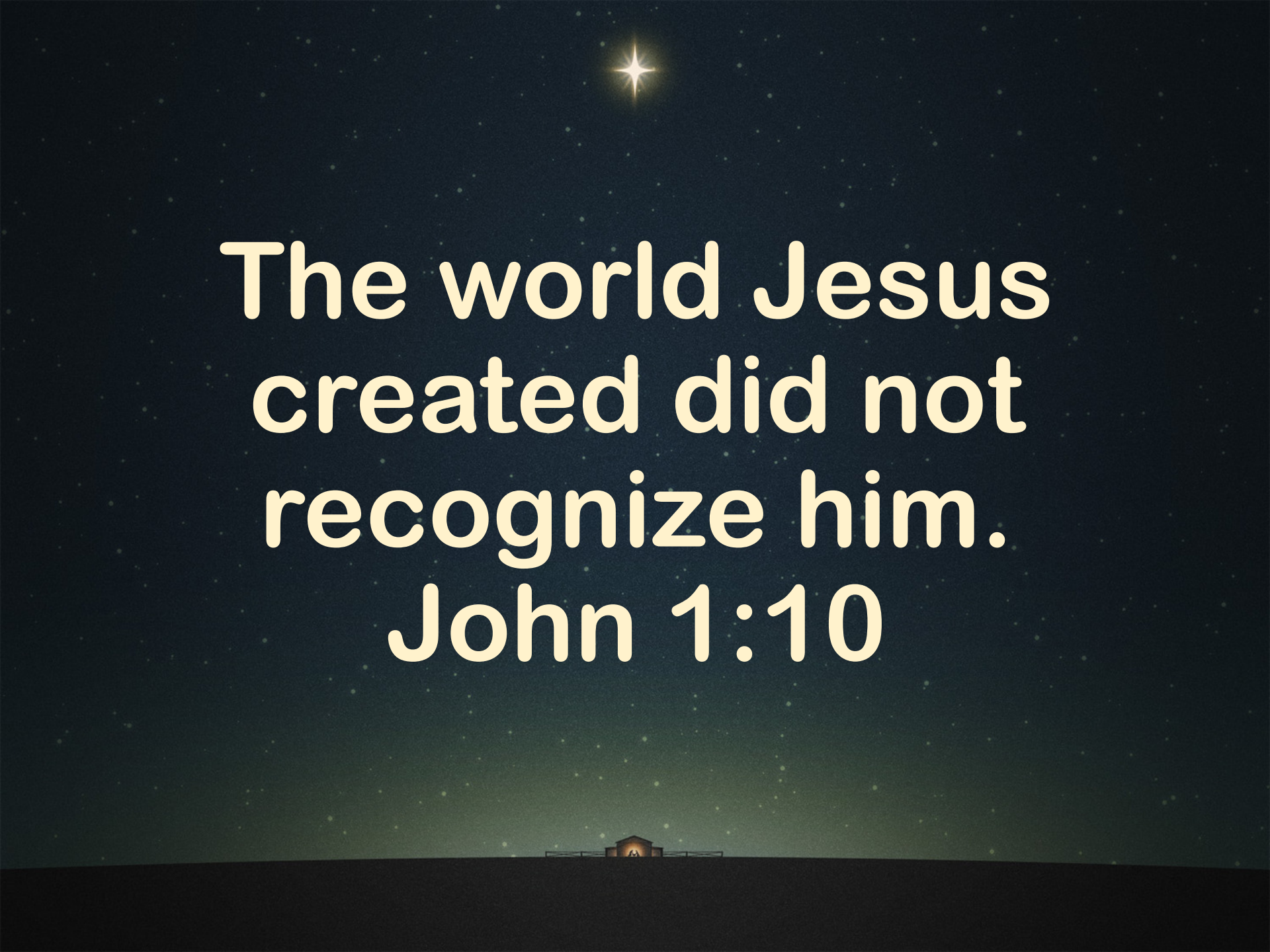
**2. The reaction of people to the birth of Jesus reveals the dark reality of the world in which we live.**



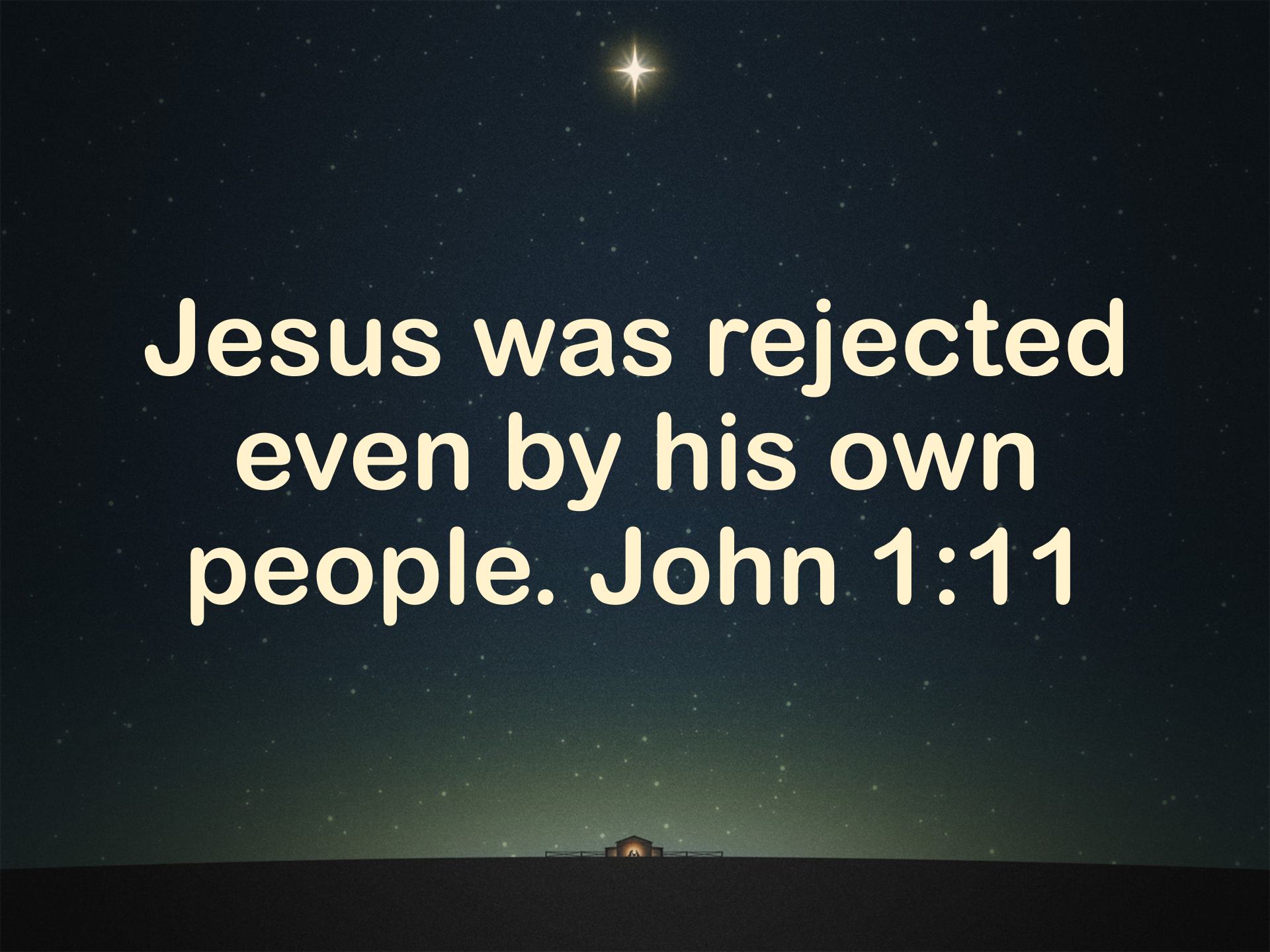
Jesus entered our world  
at his birth, shining his  
life-giving light into the  
darkness, but the  
darkness did not  
understand. John 1:5



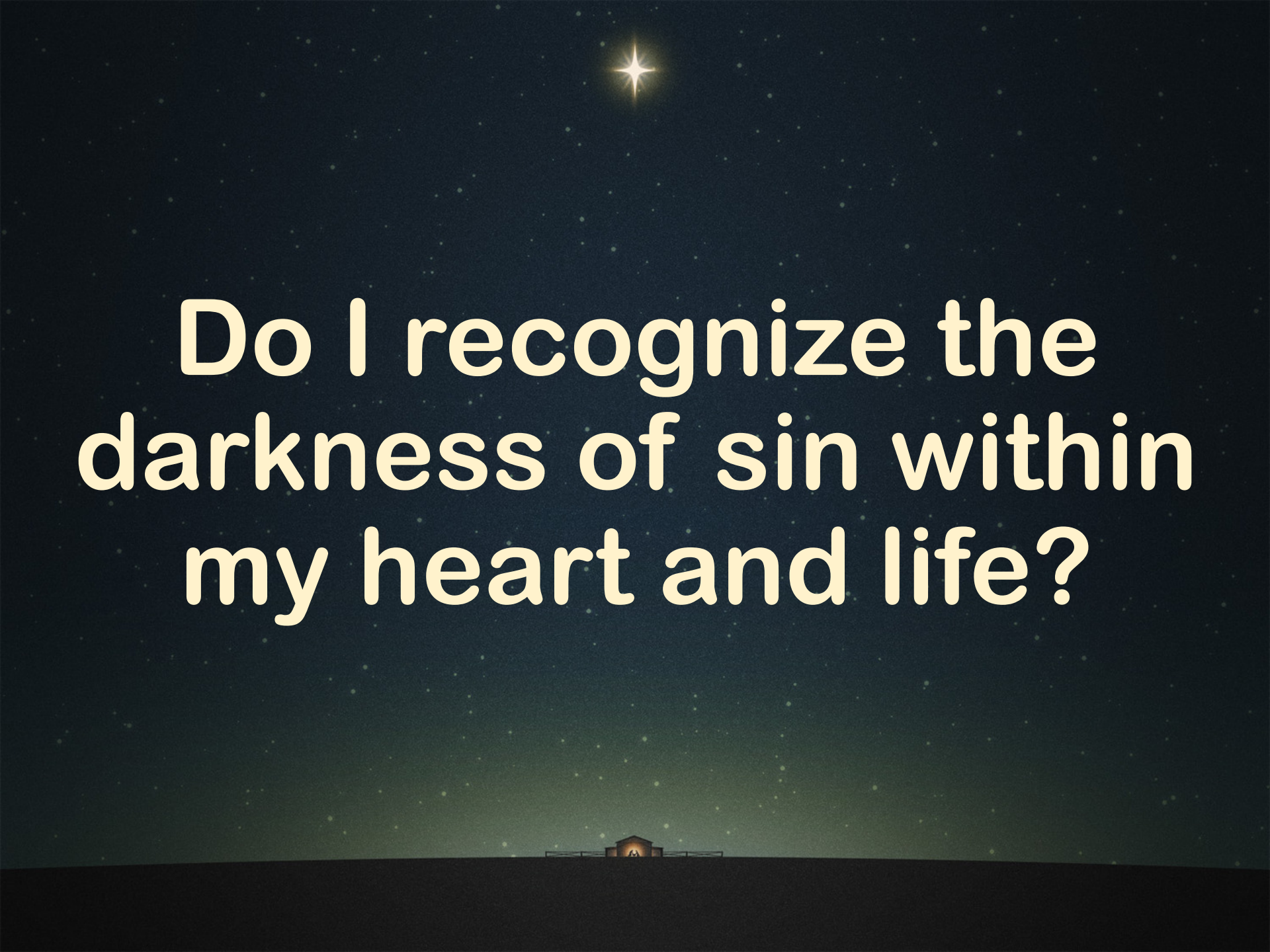


A dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, faint stars. A single, bright, multi-pointed star is positioned at the top center. At the bottom of the frame, a dark silhouette of a landscape is visible, featuring a small, illuminated house with a chimney and a porch.

The world Jesus  
created did not  
recognize him.  
John 1:10

A night sky with a bright star at the top center and a small, illuminated house silhouette on the horizon. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

Jesus was rejected  
even by his own  
people. John 1:11

A night sky with a bright star at the top and a small lit building on the horizon.

Do I recognize the  
darkness of sin within  
my heart and life?



**3. The birth of Jesus means hope for our dark world because Jesus brings the possibility of a changed life and a new relationship with God starting now and lasting forever.**



Those who receive  
Jesus by faith become  
children of God.


John 1:12-13





Jesus became one of us to remind us God is with us, and to reveal to us God's glory, God's truth, and God's grace. John 1:14





Is God calling you to  
come out of the darkness  
and into His light this  
Christmas?

Is this the time for you to  
invite others to do the  
same?

