

The background is a deep red color with a subtle texture. Scattered across the background are several gold-colored snowflake patterns of varying sizes. In the center, there is a large, irregularly shaped piece of yellow, textured paper that looks like it has been torn from a larger sheet. On this yellow paper, the title is written in a black, elegant script font. The word 'Greatest' is underlined with a thick green line.

The Greatest Gift

Part 1 - The Gift of the Good News

**The Christmas
Good News is...**



The Greatest Gift

We have come to bring you the Good News that you should turn from these worthless things and turn to the living God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 14:15 NLT



1. A Proclamation of Joy!

*For we have heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and your love for all of
God's people, which come from your
confident hope of what God has
reserved for you in heaven...*

Colossians 1:4-5 NLT

*...You have had this expectation ever
since you first heard the truth of the
Good News.*

Colossians 1:4-5 NLT

*The angel reassured them.
“Don’t be afraid!” he said.
“I bring you good news that will
bring great joy to all people...*

Luke 2:10-11 NLT

*...The Savior—yes, the Messiah,
the Lord—has been born today in
Bethlehem, the city of David!”*

Luke 2:10-11 NLT



2. A Transformation of Heart!

*This same Good News that came to
you is going out all over the world.
It is bearing fruit everywhere by
changing lives.*

Colossians 1:6a NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT



3. A Grace-Giving Power!

*Just as it changed your lives from
the day you first heard and
understood the truth about
God's wonderful grace.*

Colossians 1:6b NLT

*But my life is worth nothing to me
unless I use it for finishing the work
assigned me by the Lord Jesus—
the work of telling others the Good
News about the wonderful grace
of God.*

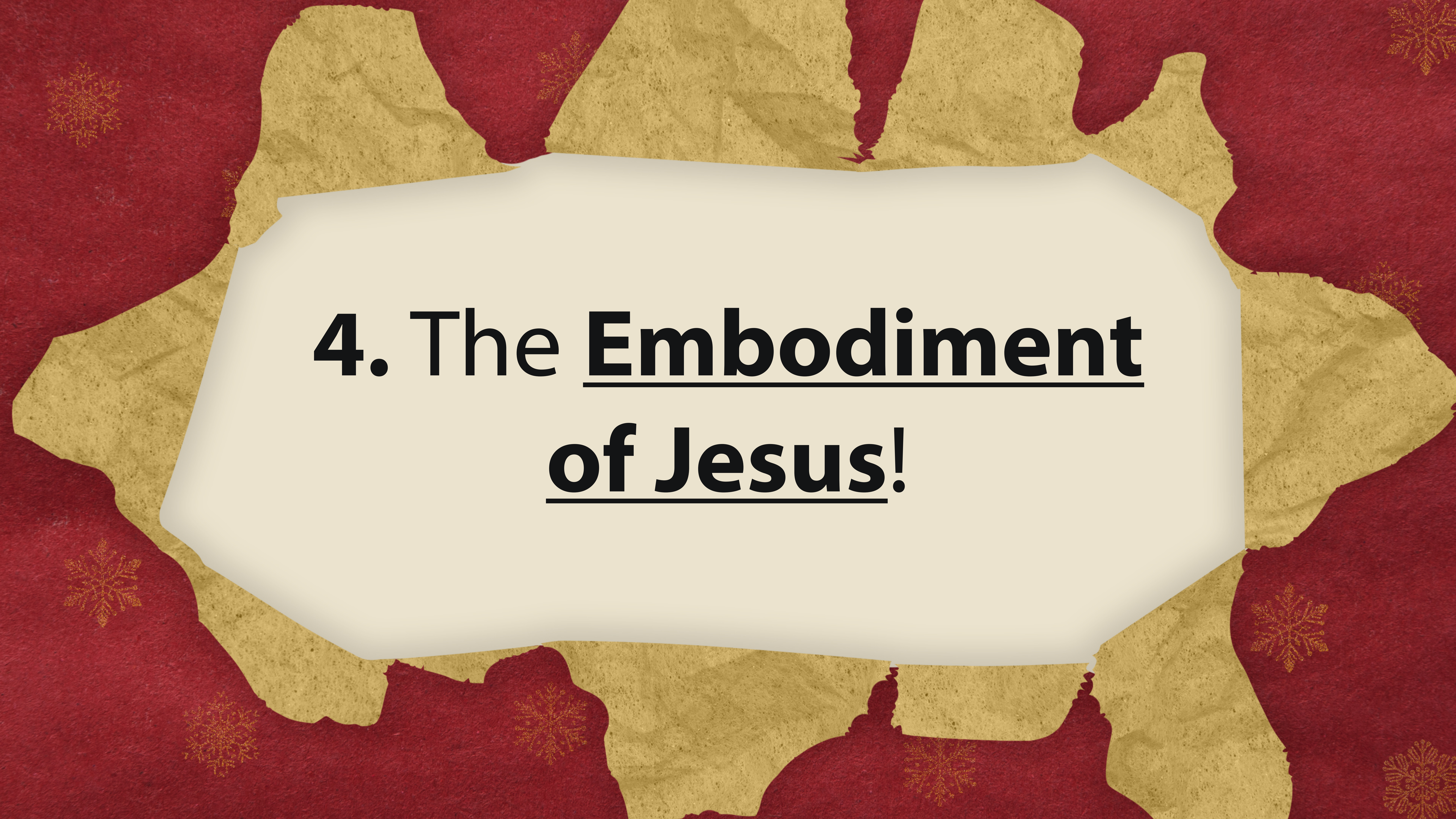
Acts 20:24 NLT

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight...

Romans 1:16-17 NLT

...This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Romans 1:16-17 NLT



4. The Embodiment of Jesus!

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone
and teaching everyone with all
wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.*

Colossians 1:28 ESV

***Satan, who is the god of this world,
has blinded the minds of those who
don't believe...***

2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT

...They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT