

**Christmas Eve 2023**  
An Announcement of Good News

**Matthew 1:1**

*1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

**1. God's story is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. God always keeps his \_\_\_\_\_.**

**O Holy Night - Verse 1**

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

*“Salvation is not gained by moral perfection. It is a gift that comes by grace, through faith (Eph. 2:8–9). That in turn means salvation cannot be lost by moral imperfection. What is not at all gained by performance cannot be lost by poor performance. Salvation is about believing loyalty—trusting what Jesus did to defeat Satan's claim and turning from all other gods and the belief systems of which they are a part.”*

— Michael S. Heiser, “Supernatural”

**3. God's true promises set us \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Fairy tales entertain us. Truth sets us free.

**John 8**

*31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

**O Holy Night - Verse 3**

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**RESOURCES (Links published on JICC App)**

**3DQ - 3 Discipleship questions to ask each other:** What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it? How can I help?

We will be continuing the series on the Gospel of Matthew as we go into 2024.