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## **EXODUS 33:15-16 NLT**

**THEN MOSES SAID, “IF YOU DON’T PERSONALLY GO WITH US, DON’T MAKE US LEAVE THIS PLACE. HOW WILL ANYONE KNOW THAT YOU LOOK FAVORABLY ON ME... AND ON YOUR PEOPLE—IF YOU DON’T GO WITH US? FOR YOUR PRESENCE AMONG US SETS YOUR PEOPLE AND ME APART FROM ALL OTHER PEOPLE ON THE EARTH.”**



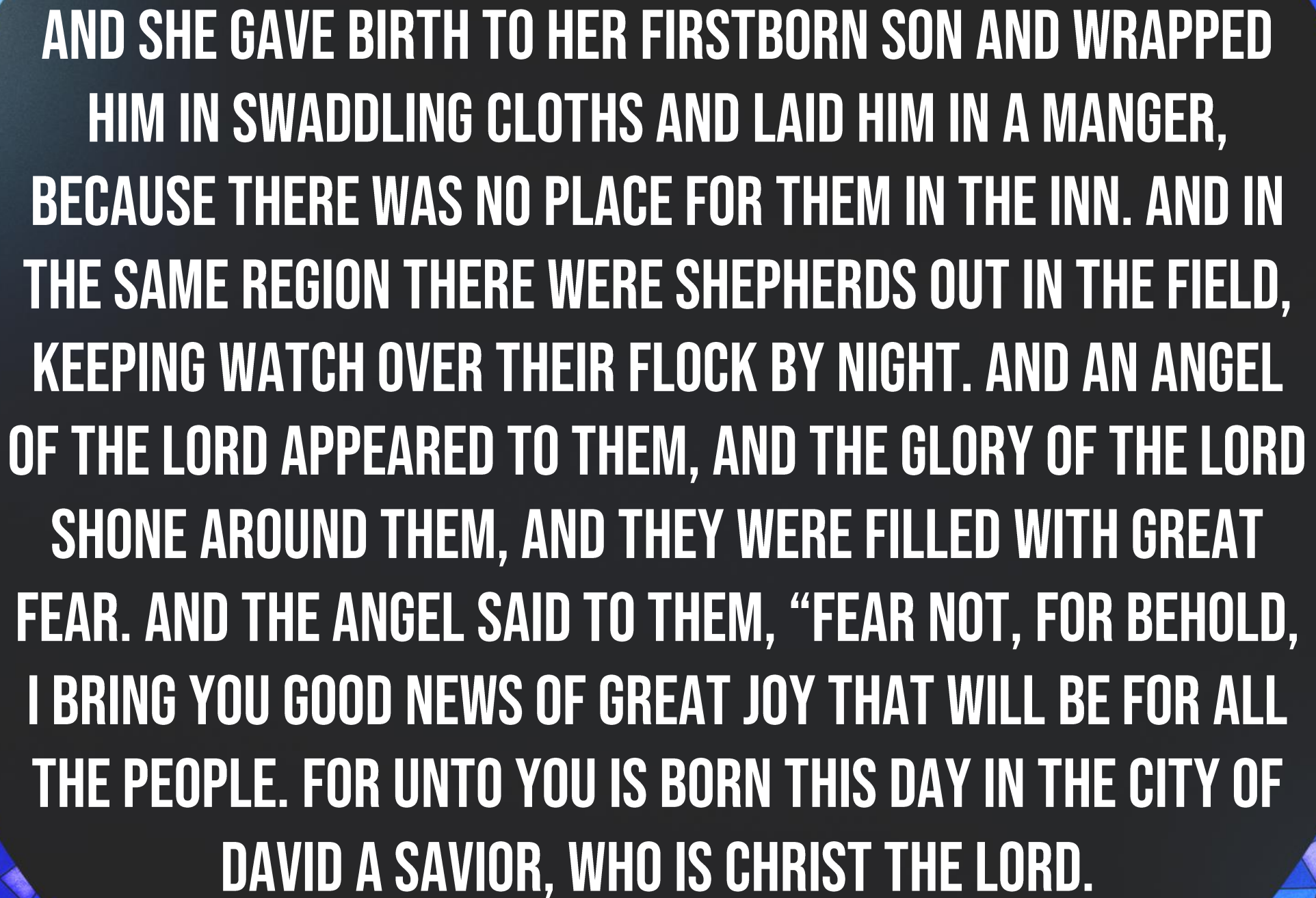
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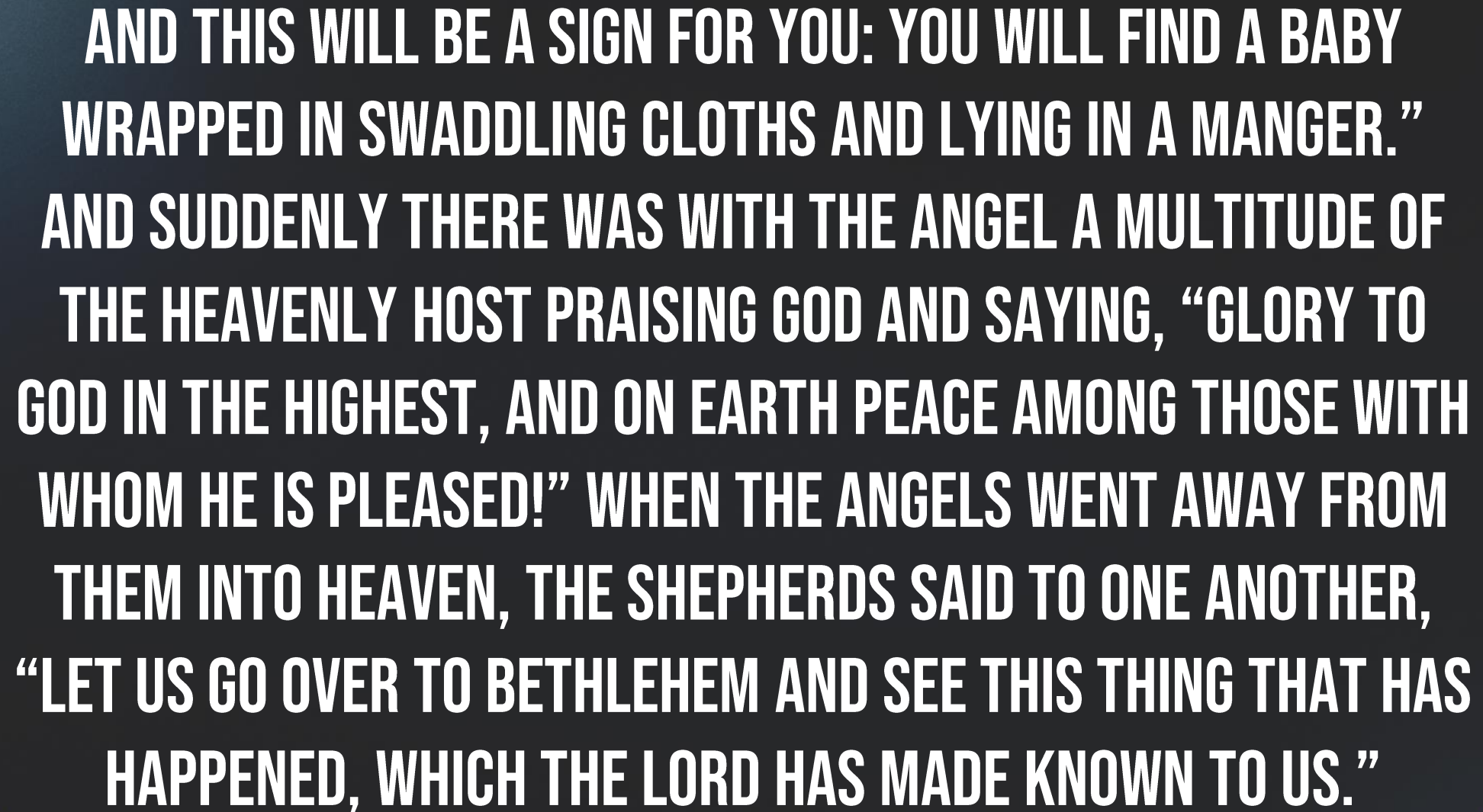
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## **LUKE 2:1-20 ESV**

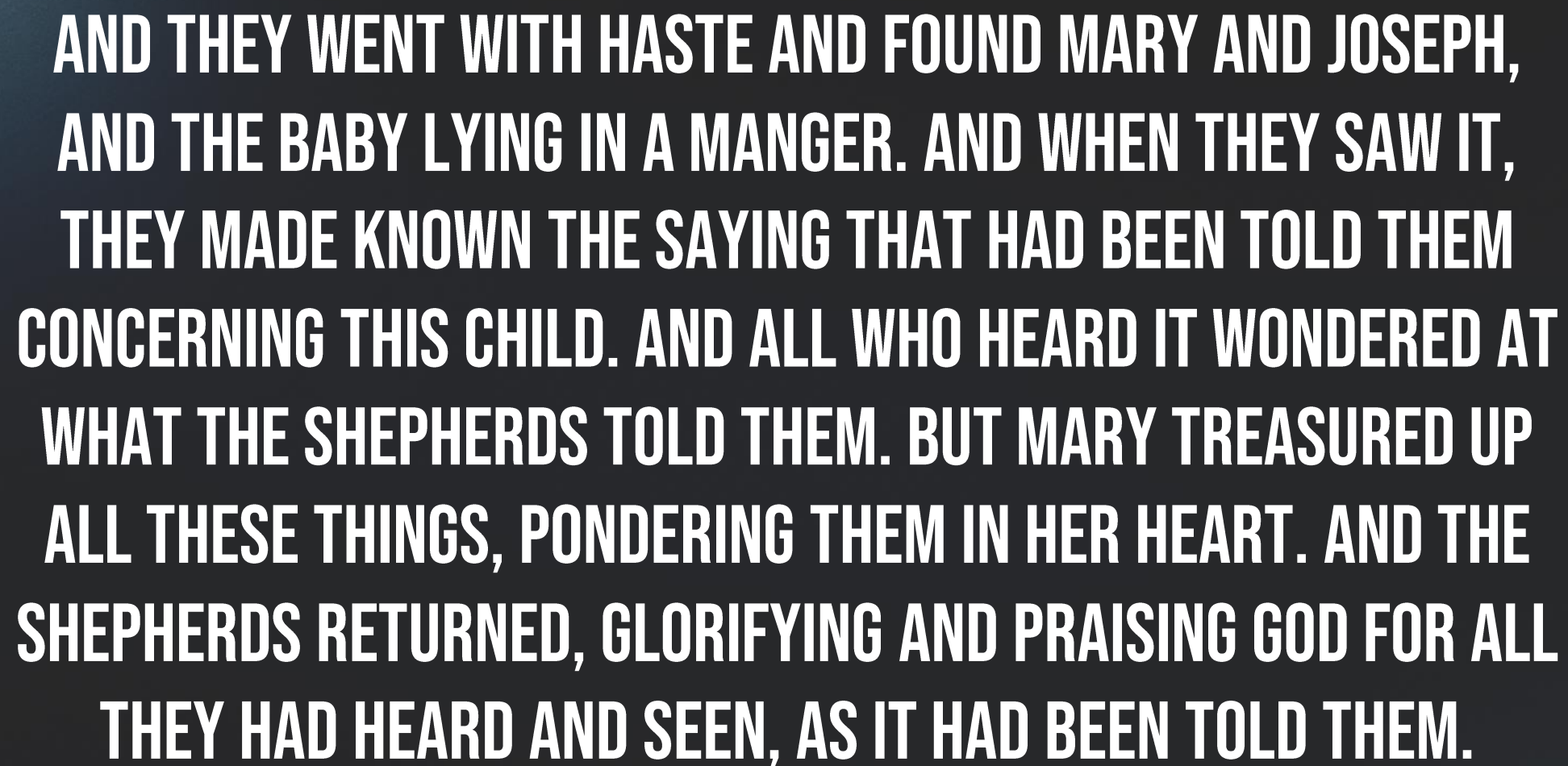
**IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS THAT ALL THE WORLD SHOULD BE REGISTERED. THIS WAS THE FIRST REGISTRATION WHEN QUIRINIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIA. AND ALL WENT TO BE REGISTERED, EACH TO HIS OWN TOWN. AND JOSEPH ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE, FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH, TO JUDEA, TO THE CITY OF DAVID, WHICH IS CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS OF THE HOUSE AND LINEAGE OF DAVID, TO BE REGISTERED WITH MARY, HIS BETROTHED, WHO WAS WITH CHILD. AND WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE TIME CAME FOR HER TO GIVE BIRTH.**



**AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRSTBORN SON AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHS AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THEM IN THE INN. AND IN THE SAME REGION THERE WERE SHEPHERDS OUT IN THE FIELD, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCK BY NIGHT. AND AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM, AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH GREAT FEAR. AND THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, “FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.**



**AND THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU: YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHS AND LYING IN A MANGER.” AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED!” WHEN THE ANGELS WENT AWAY FROM THEM INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, “LET US GO OVER TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE THIS THING THAT HAS HAPPENED, WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN TO US.”**



**AND THEY WENT WITH HASTE AND FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH,  
AND THE BABY LYING IN A MANGER. AND WHEN THEY SAW IT,  
THEY MADE KNOWN THE SAYING THAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM  
CONCERNING THIS CHILD. AND ALL WHO HEARD IT WONDERED AT  
WHAT THE SHEPHERDS TOLD THEM. BUT MARY TREASURED UP  
ALL THESE THINGS, PONDERING THEM IN HER HEART. AND THE  
SHEPHERDS RETURNED, GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD FOR ALL  
THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN, AS IT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM.**





# HOW THE SHEPHERDS HEARD THE MESSAGE

The image features a large black circle centered on a background of a blue and purple mosaic pattern. Inside the black circle, the text is displayed in white and light blue. The text is arranged in three lines: the first line is the reference 'LUKE 2:11 ESV' in light blue; the second and third lines are the main quote in white, with the word 'LORD' in the third line underlined.

**LUKE 2:11 ESV**

**“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN  
THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS  
CHRIST THE LORD”**



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## JOHN 1:14 ESV

**“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.”**

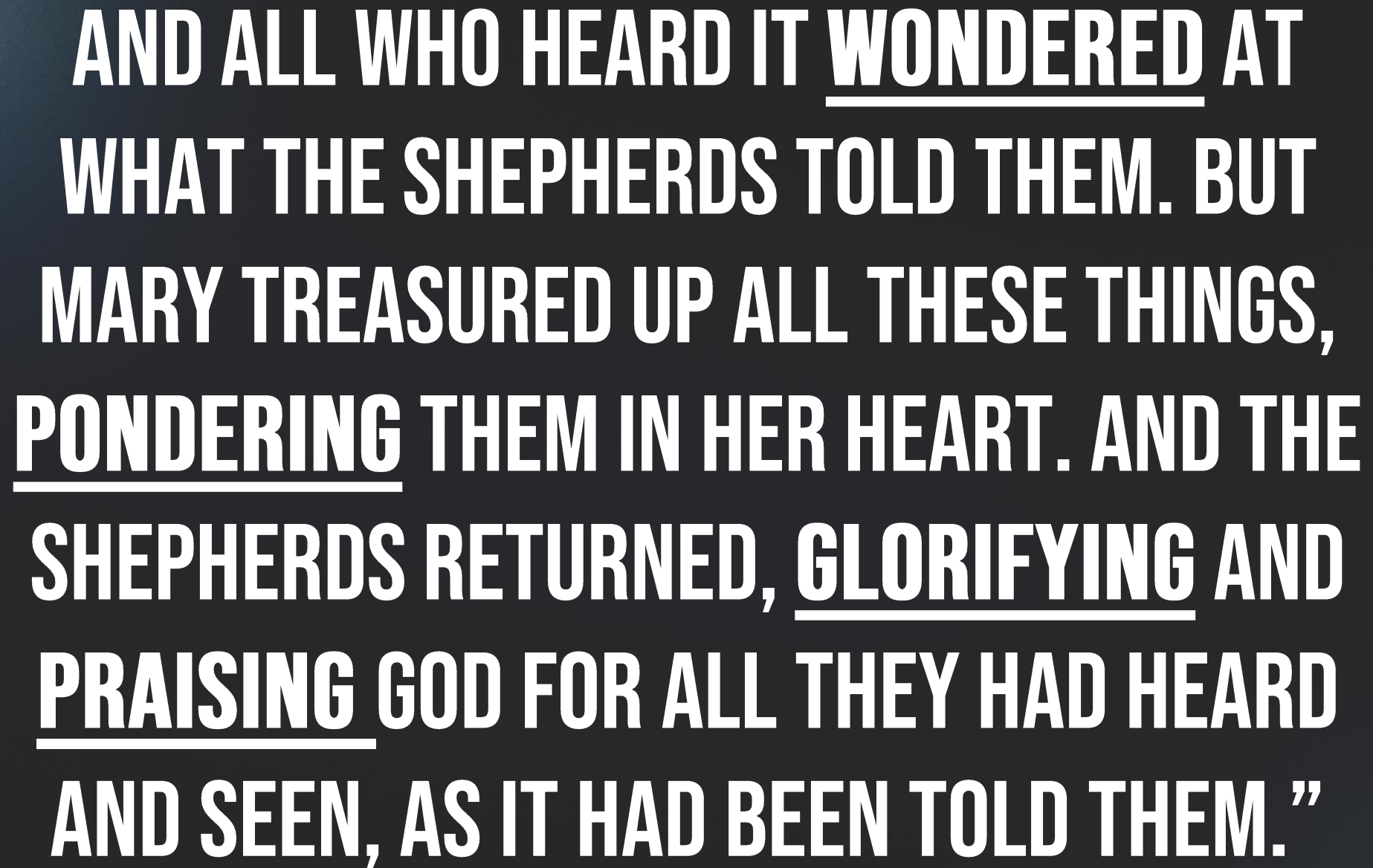


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## LUKE 2:15-20 ESV

**“WHEN THE ANGELS WENT AWAY FROM THEM INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, “LET US GO OVER TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE THIS THING THAT HAS HAPPENED, WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN TO US.” AND THEY WENT WITH HASTE AND FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE BABY LYING IN A MANGER. AND WHEN THEY SAW IT, THEY MADE KNOWN THE SAYING THAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM CONCERNING THIS CHILD.**



**AND ALL WHO HEARD IT WONDERED AT  
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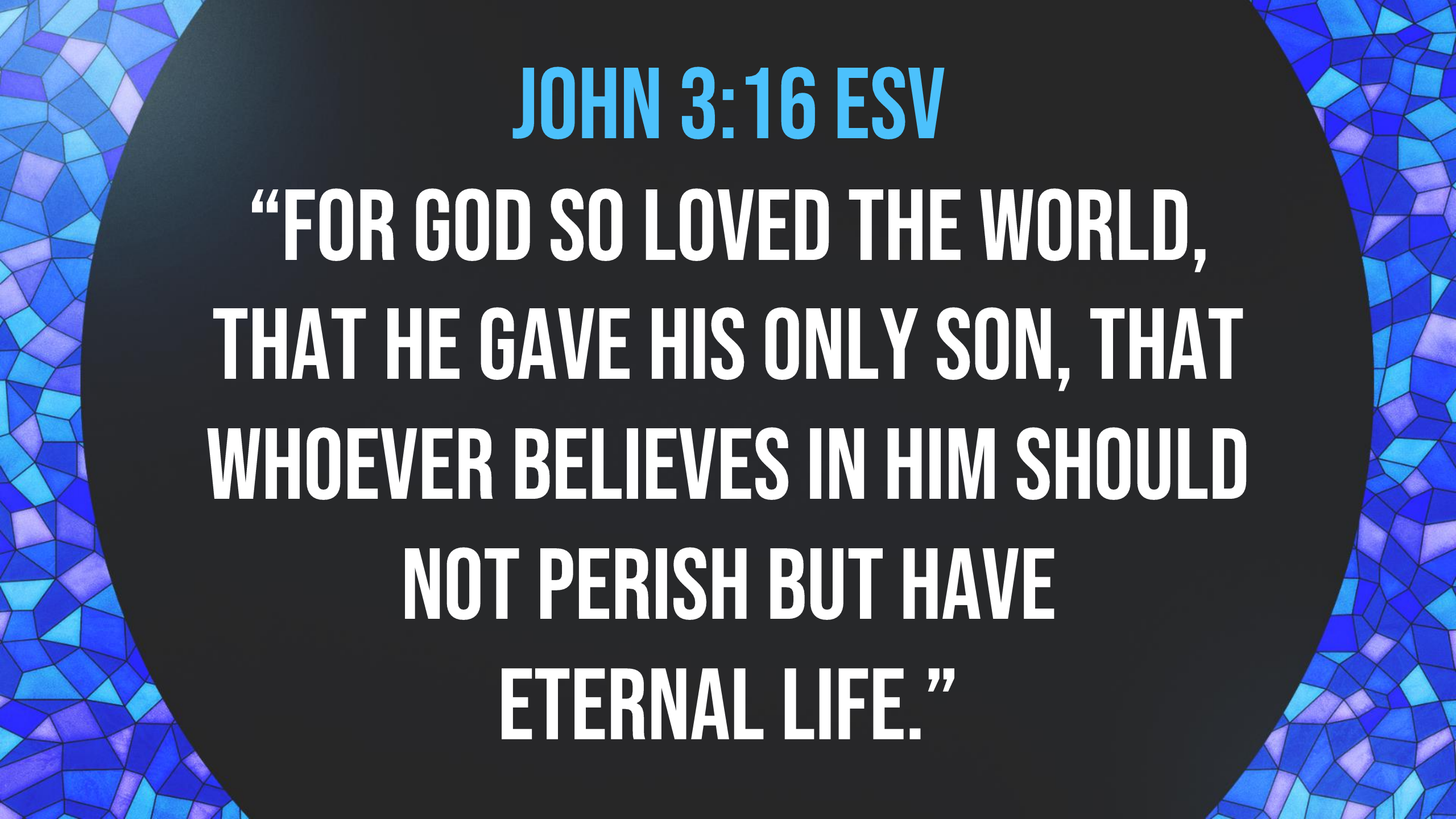
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## LUKE 4:18-19 ESV

**“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD’S FAVOR.”**

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## **JOHN 3:16 ESV**

**“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,  
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT  
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD  
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE  
ETERNAL LIFE.”**



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