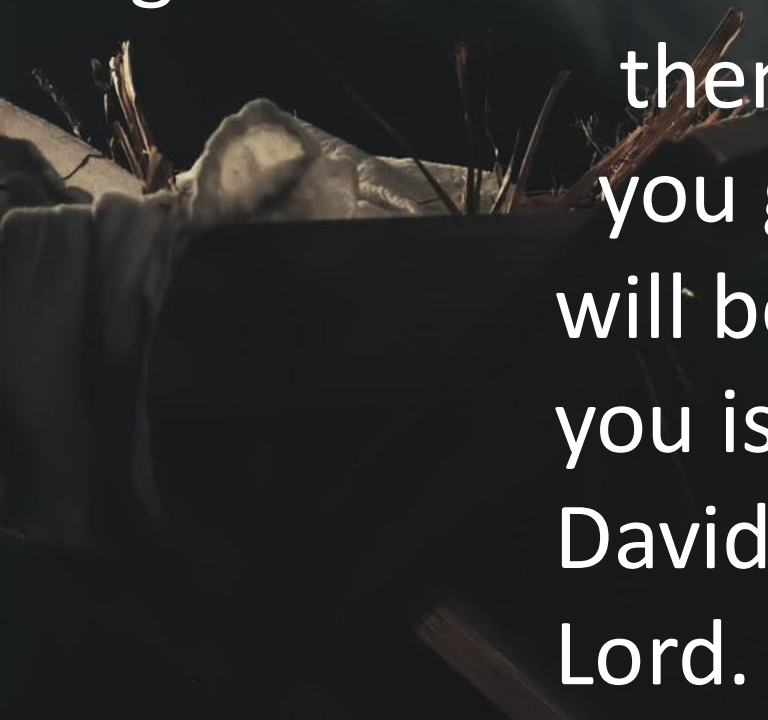


A wooden manger, constructed from dark wood, is the central focus. It contains a piece of light-colored, possibly white, cloth draped over its side and several dry sticks or twigs. The manger is placed on a bed of straw or hay. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a bright, hazy light source on the left, creating a high-contrast, atmospheric scene.

CHRISTMAS IN A MANGER

Luke 2:8-11^{ESV}


And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

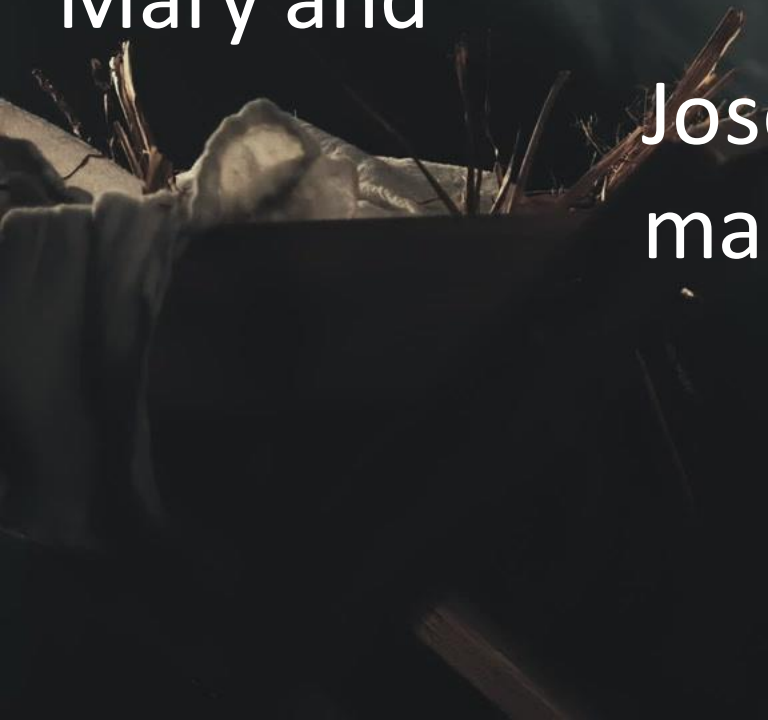
Luke 2:12-14^{ESV}

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

A manger filled with dry hay and a white cloth, set against a dark background.

Luke 2:15-16^{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.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

A dark, atmospheric scene of a manger. In the foreground, there is a manger filled with dry hay and straw. A white cloth is draped over the left side of the manger. The background is dark and misty, suggesting a night scene in a field or stable.



Isaiah 7:14^{ESV}

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 2:12_{ESV}

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”



MANGER – means to chew or to eat;
refers to a trough where cattle and
sheep ate out of.



Luke 2:13-14^{ESV}

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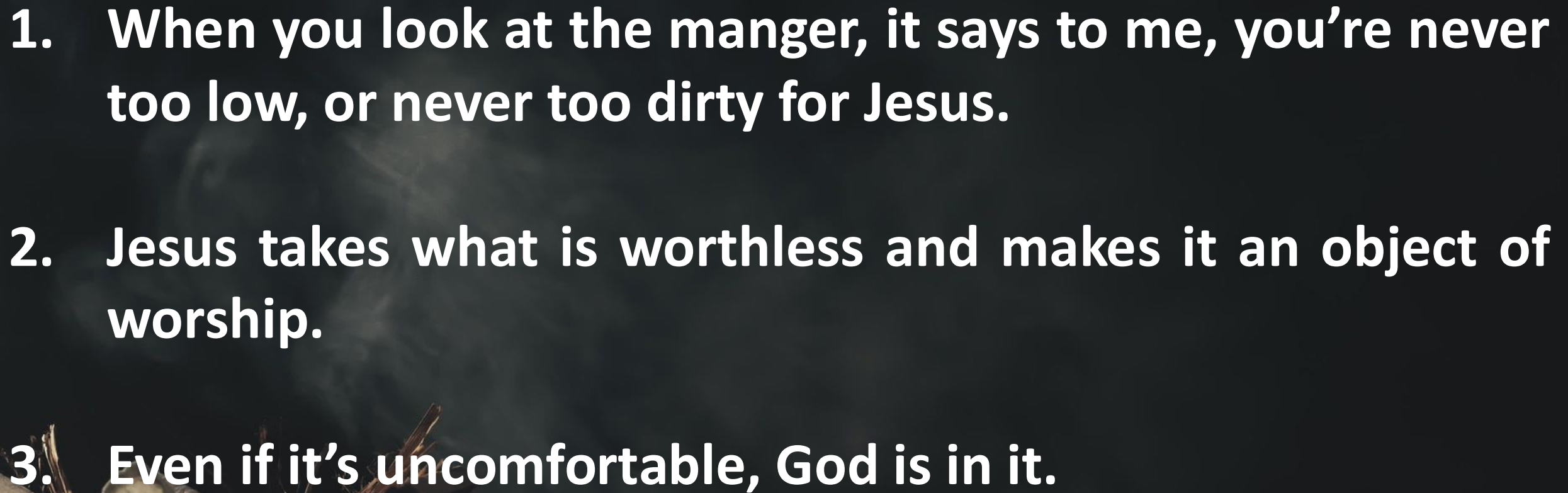


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1. When you look at the manger, it says to me, you're never too low, or never too dirty for Jesus.
 2. Jesus takes what is worthless and makes it an object of worship.
 3. Even if it's uncomfortable, God is in it.

Jesus was born in a mess...
To bring a miracle out of that mess.



A dark, atmospheric night scene featuring a bonfire in the lower-left foreground. The fire is contained within a dark, rectangular structure, possibly a metal barrel or a large wooden box. Bright orange and yellow flames are visible at the base of the structure, and a thick plume of white smoke rises from the fire, drifting upwards and slightly to the right. The smoke is illuminated by the fire's light, creating a soft, ethereal glow against the deep black background of the night sky. The overall mood is mysterious and somber.

Put Jesus in it and people will show up.

He came to a manger, so you could go to
a mansion.



Mangers are testimonies of what the power of God can do in somebody's life.



A wooden manger, constructed from dark wood, is the central focus. It is filled with straw and a white cloth. The manger is set against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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