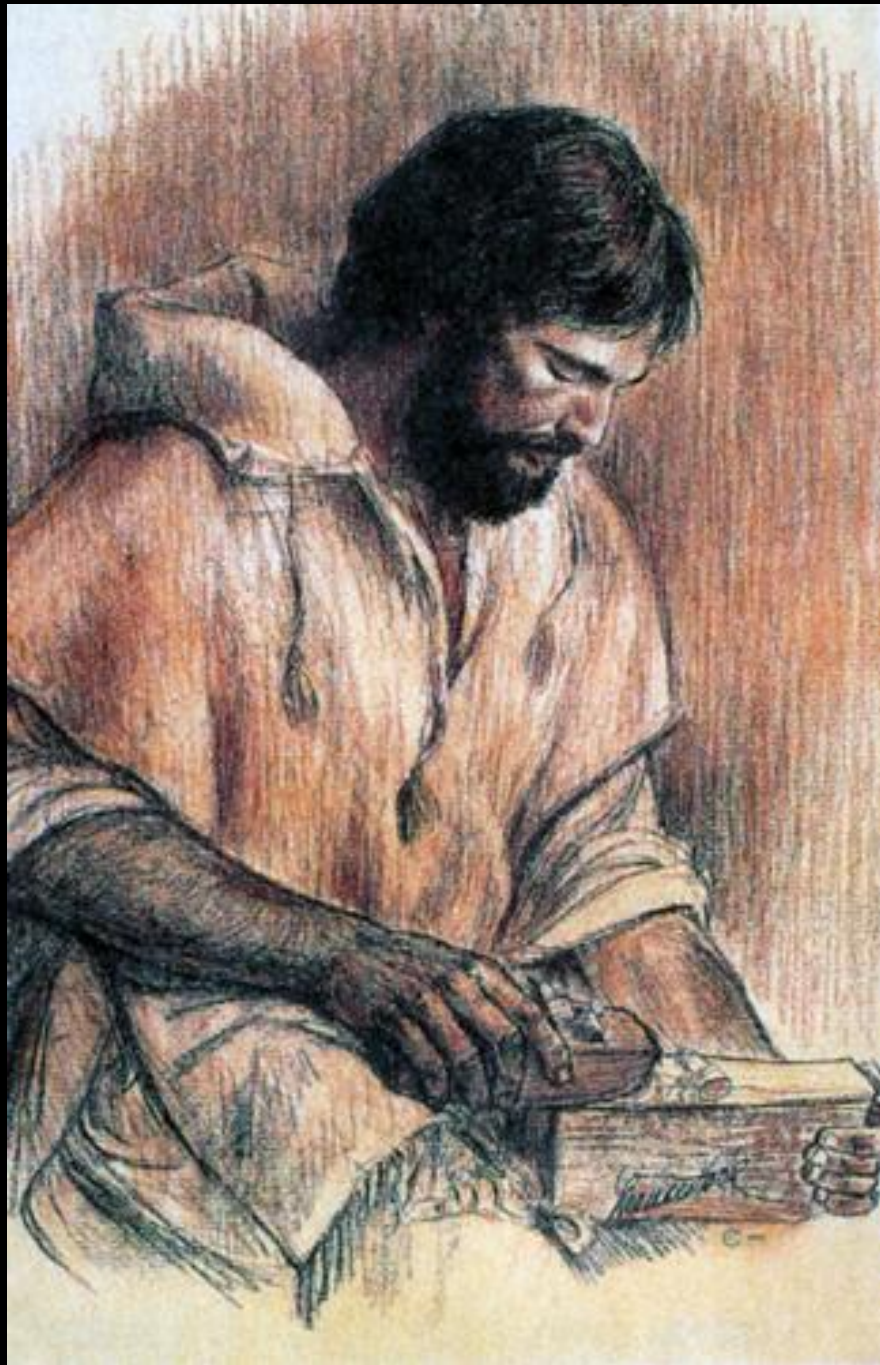


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*When is the last time you
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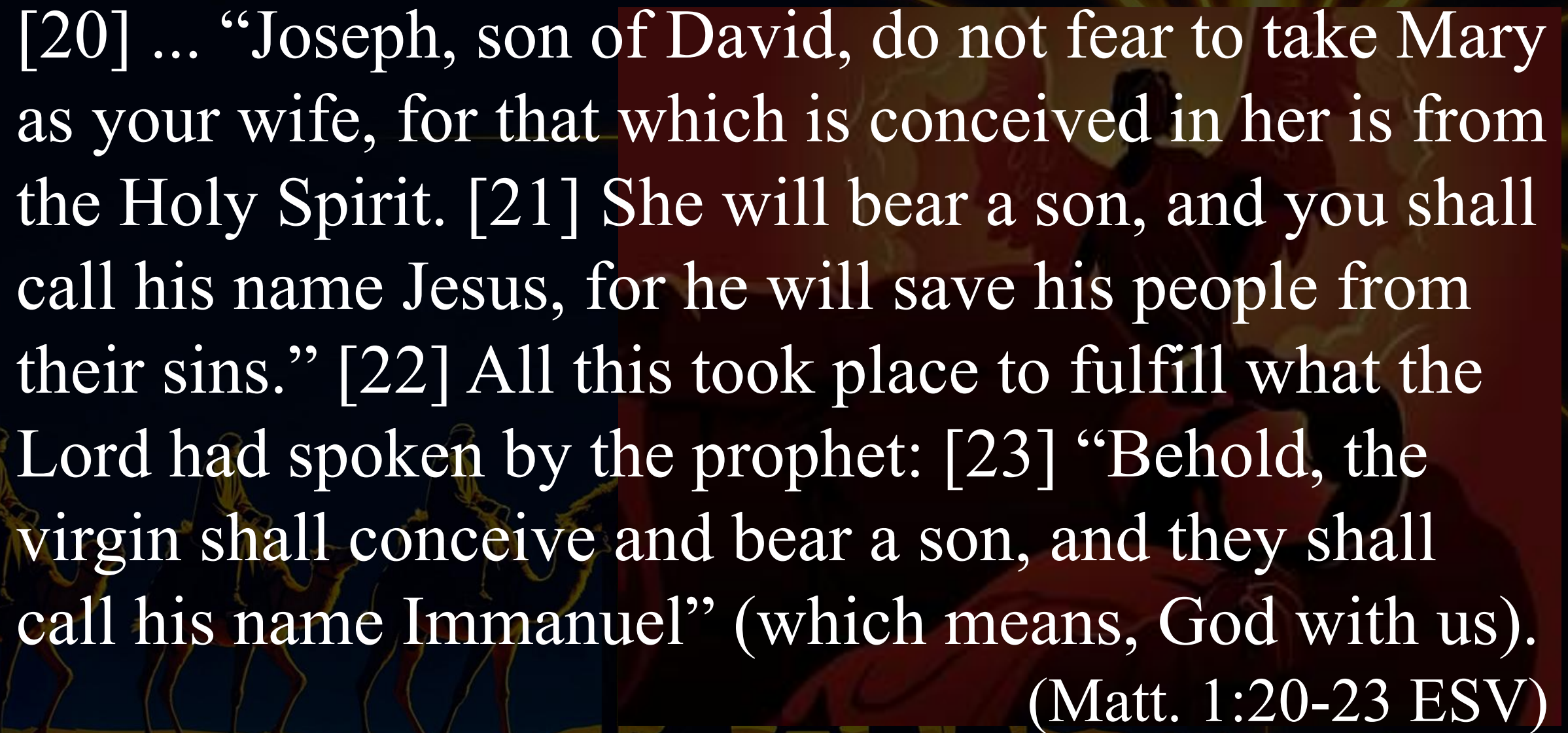












[20] ... “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: [23] “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

(Matt. 1:20-23 ESV)



*How do you respond when
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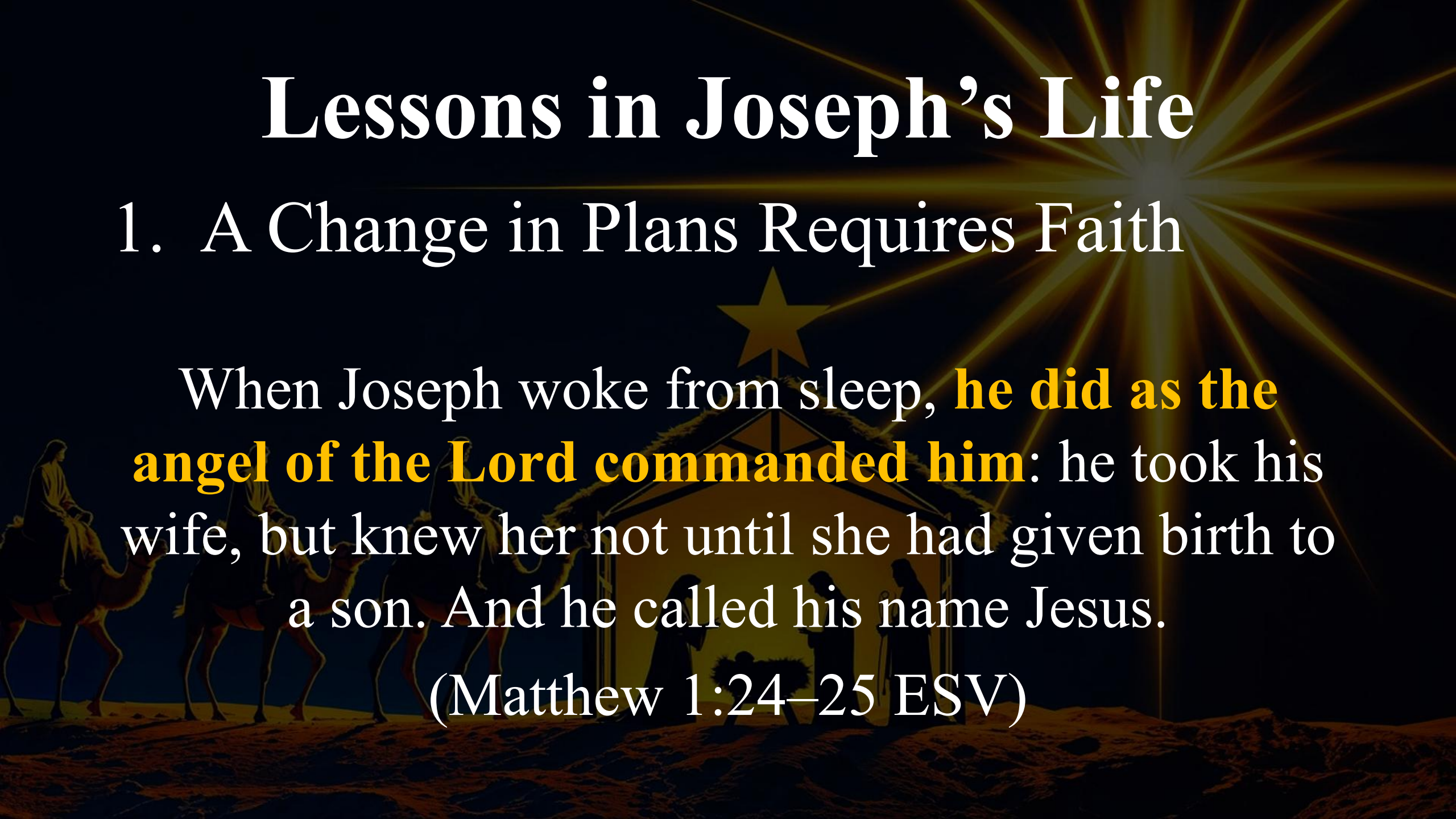


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When Joseph woke from sleep, **he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him**: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

(Matthew 1:24–25 ESV)



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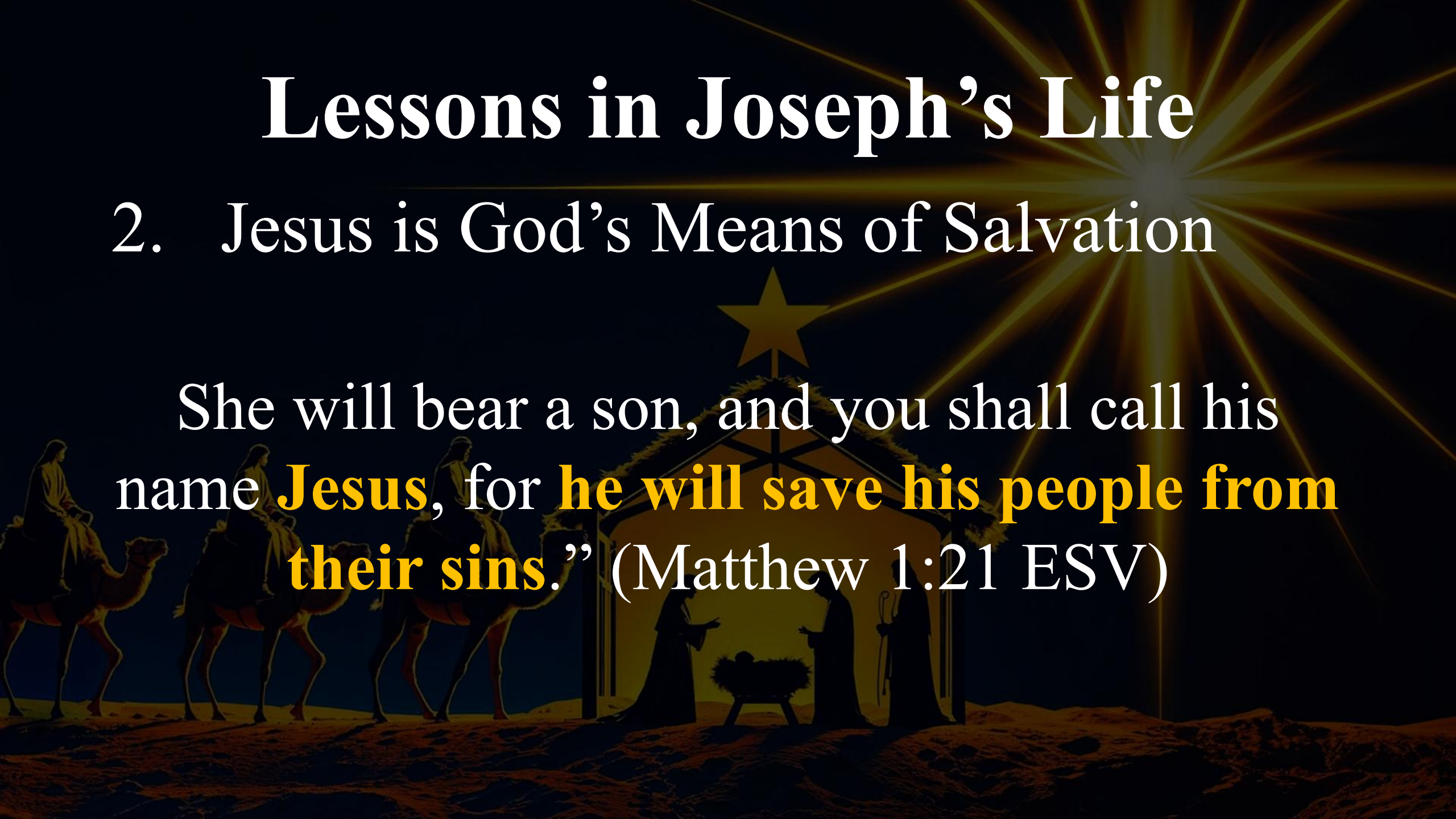
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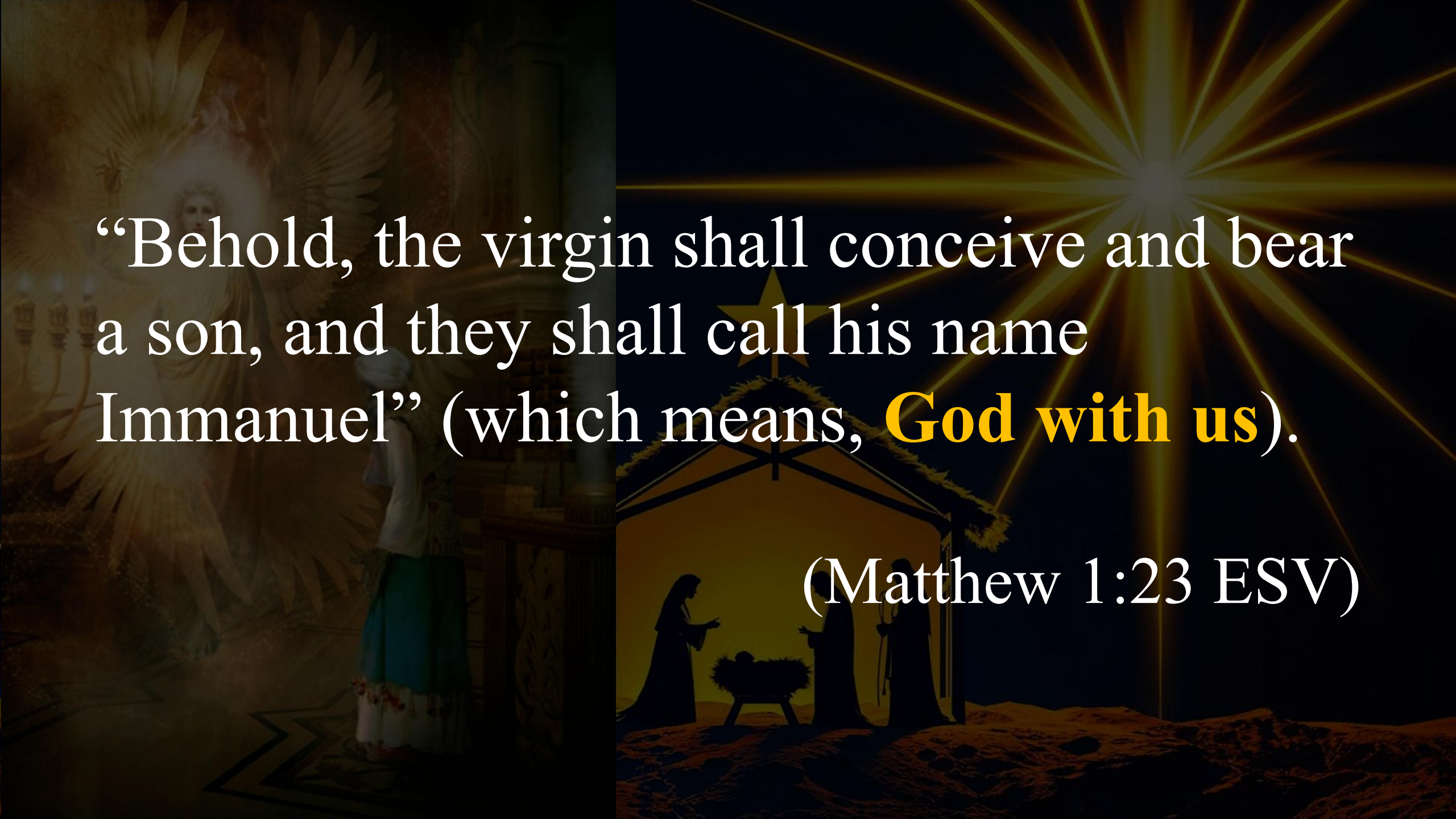
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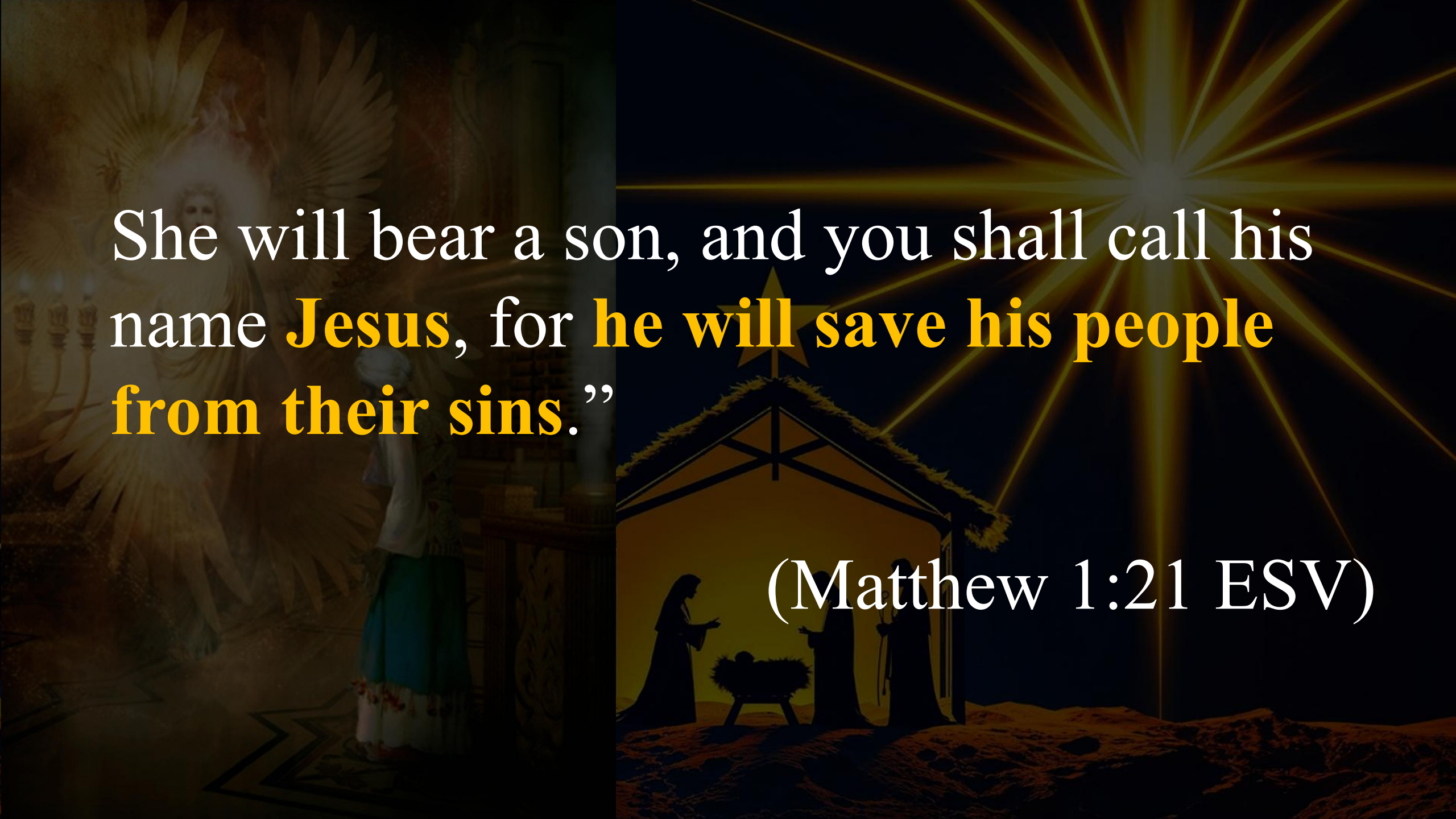
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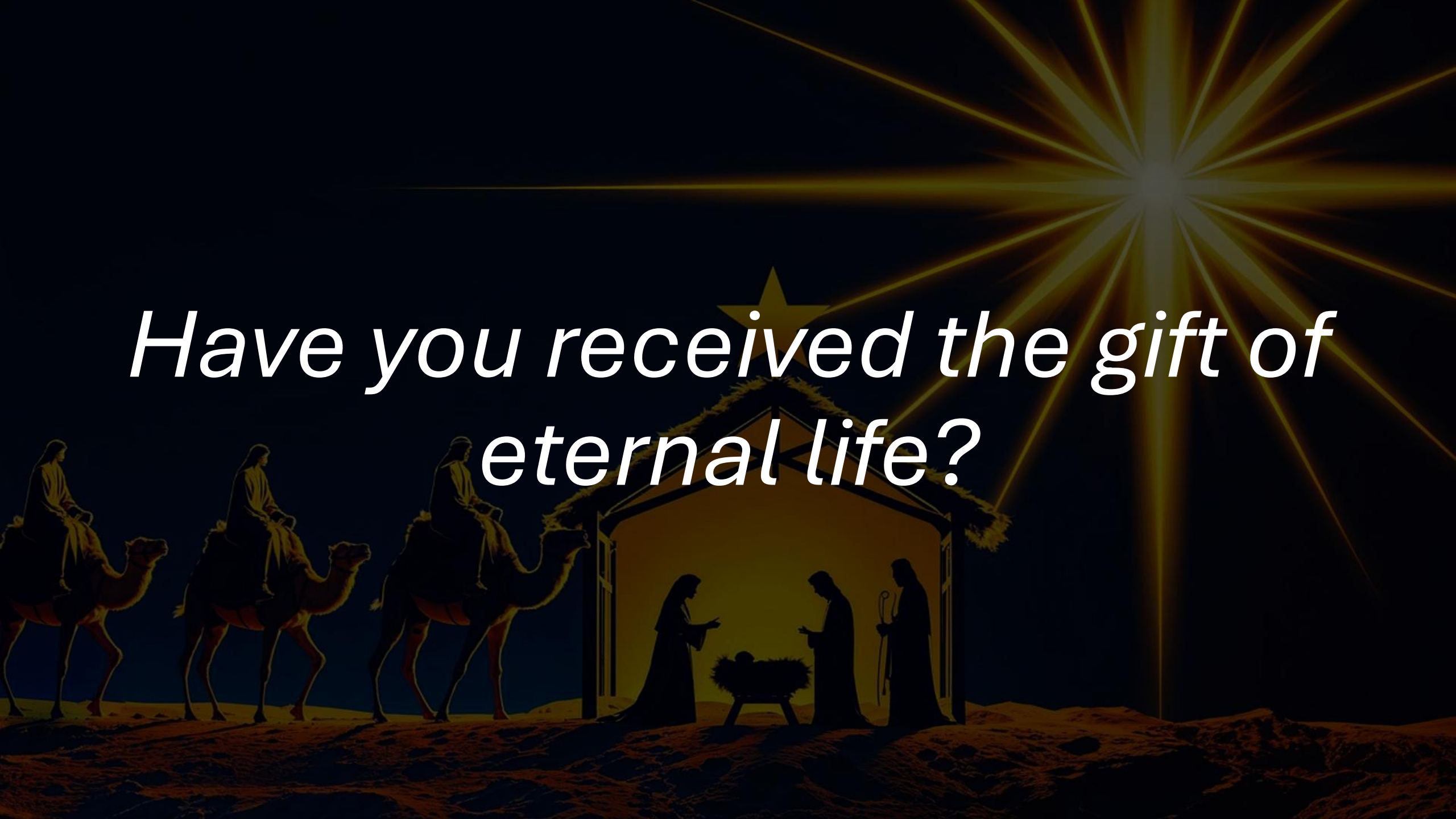




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*Have you received the gift of
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