

# **The Greatest Mystery Revealed**

**John 1:1-18**

**December 22, 2024**





The greatest mystery....

*How would a perfect and Holy God  
forgive the sins of mankind and  
redeem them?*





## 1 Peter 1:10–12

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours **searched and inquired carefully**, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.



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- **THE ORIGIN OF THE GREATEST MYSTERY**





## Genesis 2:15–17

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”





## Genesis 3:1–7

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. (Cont...)”

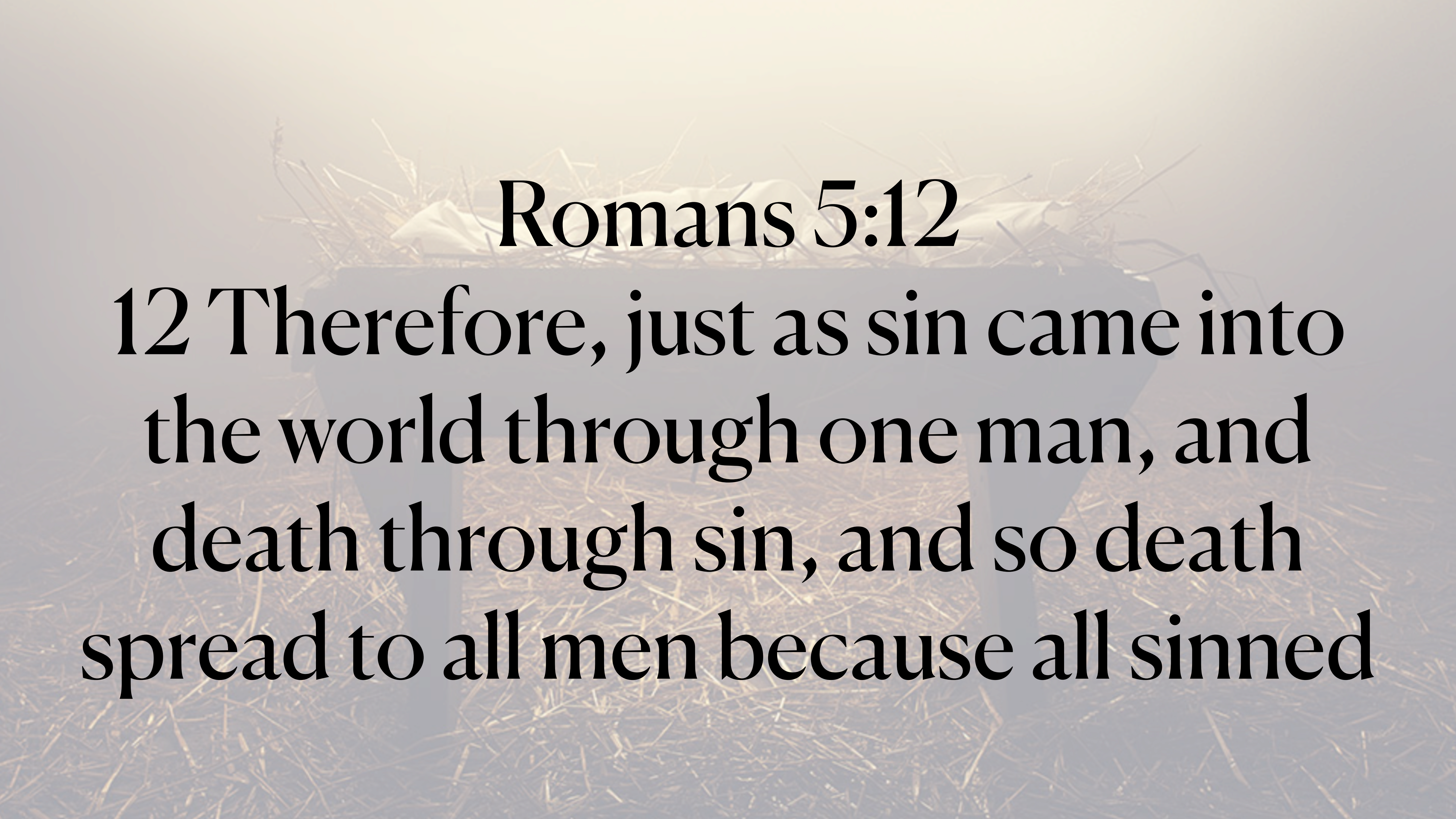


## Genesis 3:1–7 (cont)

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.





## Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned



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- **THE WAY OF THE GREATEST MYSTERY**





## Genesis 3:14–15

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”



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## Galatians 4:4–5

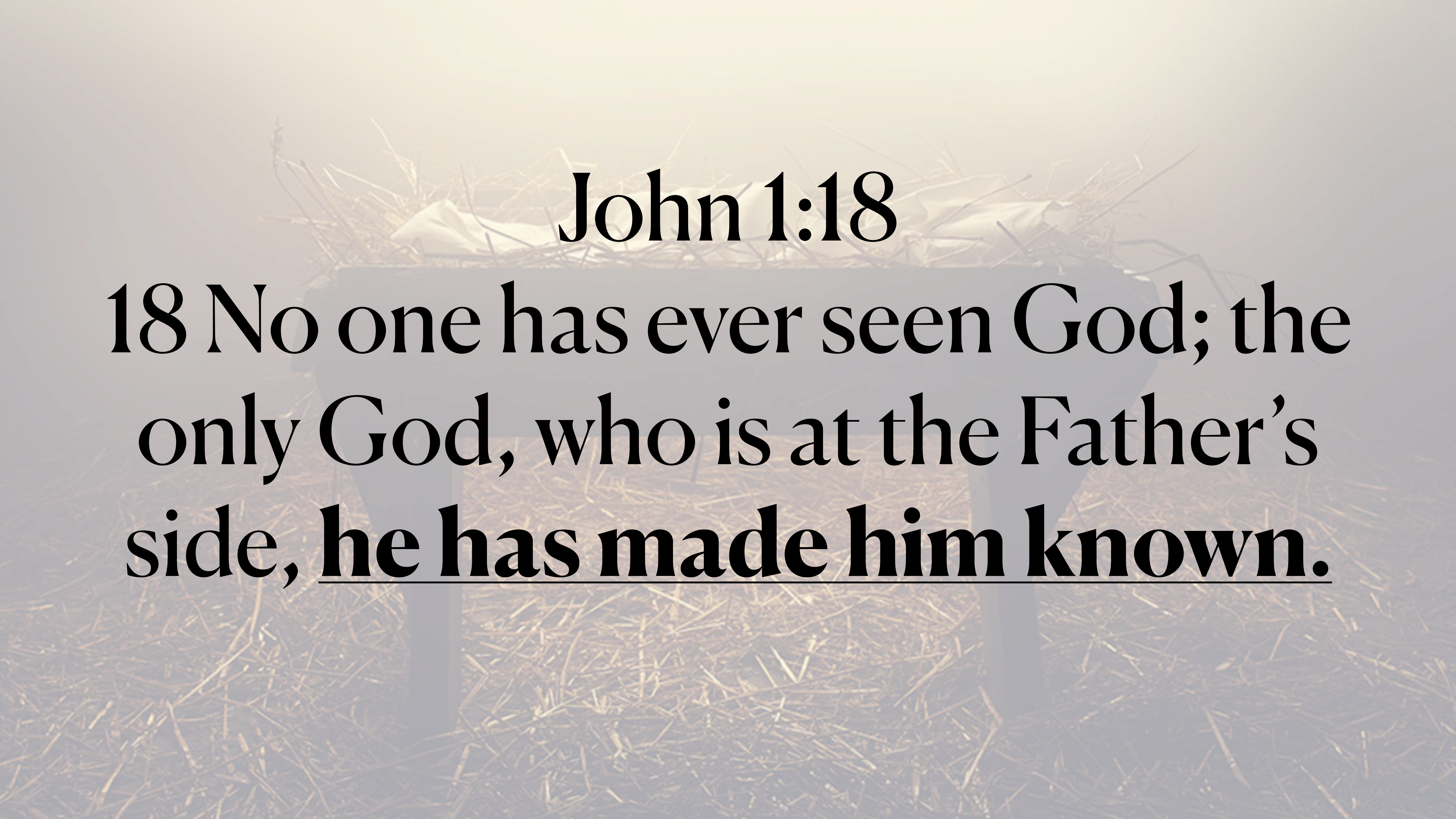
**4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**



## John 1:1, 14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . 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”





## John 1:18

18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



## 1 Peter 1:18–20

18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world **but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you**



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# Gleanings...

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## Luke 2:15–20

15 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. **17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.** 18 **And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.** 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 **And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**



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1. Now that the greatest mystery has been revealed, it has become the greatest story. It must be shared with the world!
2. Christmas is real history...but HIS story must become YOUR story!





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