

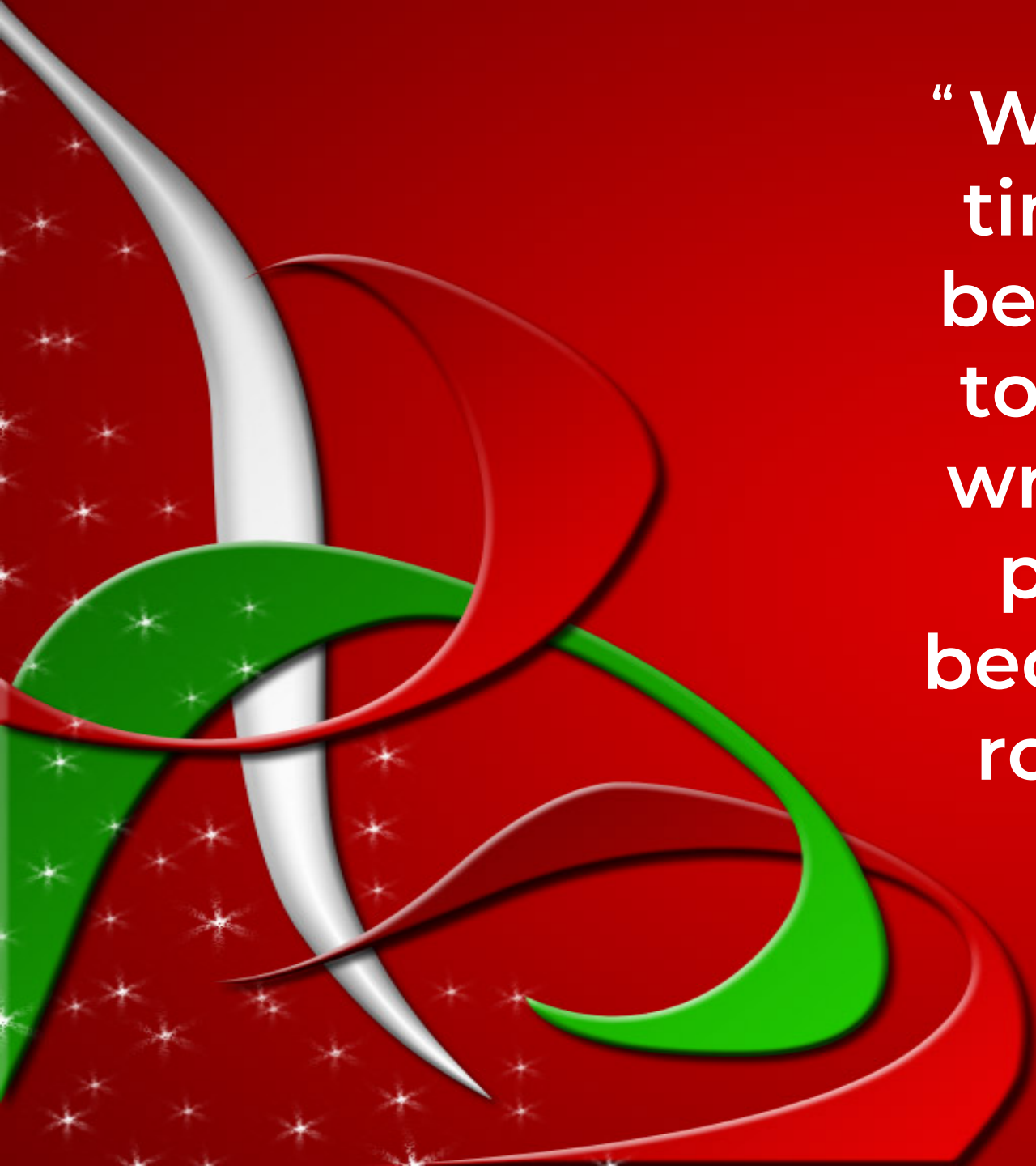
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**KNOWING  
YOUR  
PURPOSE**

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“ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”

**LUKE 2:6-7**



“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

**LUKE 2:11-12**



**What is the  
significance of the  
manger?**

**Or...**

**What is the purpose  
of the manger?**



## **FEEDING TROUGH:**

**Jesus said in John 6:48-51**  
**“ I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”**



Sheep herding was a hereditary occupation, and generations of shepherds were trained to care for these special lambs. ... The newborn lambs would be wrapped tightly... swaddled... in specially designated temple cloths, and they would be laid in a manger to keep them contained while they were being examined for blemishes.




# **WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL LAMBS?**

The lambs without blemish  
**used for sacrifice to atone for  
their sins.**

## **JOHN 1:29**

**“The next day John saw  
Jesus coming toward him  
and said, “Look, the Lamb of  
God, who takes away the  
sin of the world!”**



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”


**JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)**





## **THE CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- Captives in a foreign land
  - False prophets
- God's plan is 70 years before they are returned to Jerusalem



“ For I know the thoughts  
that I think toward you,  
saith the LORD, thoughts of  
peace, and not of evil, to  
give you an expected end.”

**JEREMIAH 29:11 KJV**

**THOUGHTS:**

Plan, purpose, invention

**PEACE:**

Completeness: whole


Soundness: safety

Welfare: health &  
prosperity

Peace: quiet, tranquility,  
contentment

**EXPECTED END:**

Hope, expectation



“Then you will call on  
me and come and  
pray to me, and I will  
listen to you. You will  
seek me and find me  
when you seek me with  
all your heart.”


**JEREMIAH 29:12-13**



“In their hearts,  
humans plan  
their course, but  
the LORD establish  
es their steps.”

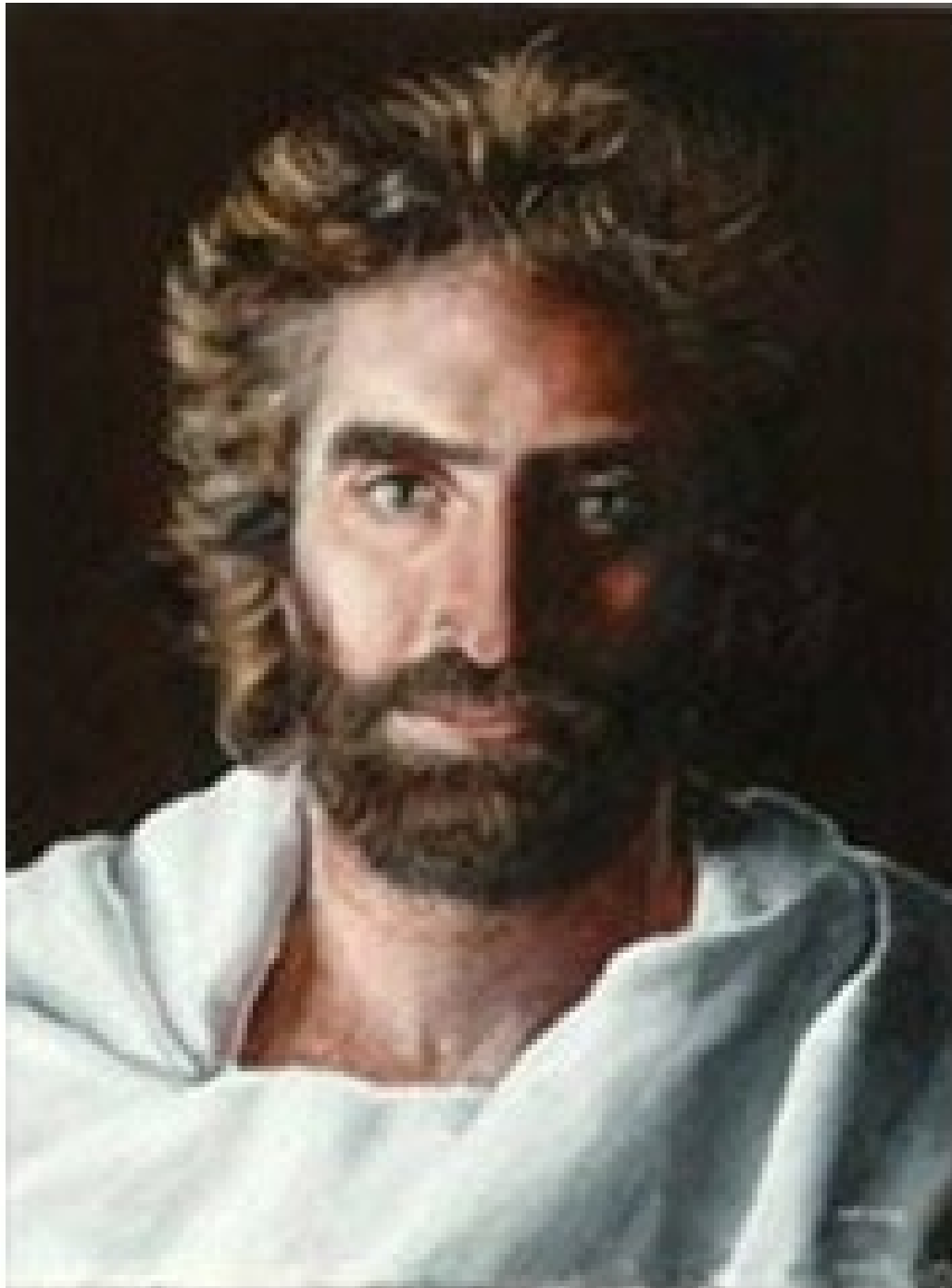
**PROVERBS 16:9**





“ Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.”

**JOHN 12:27**



Jesus said in **JOHN 16:33**  
“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”