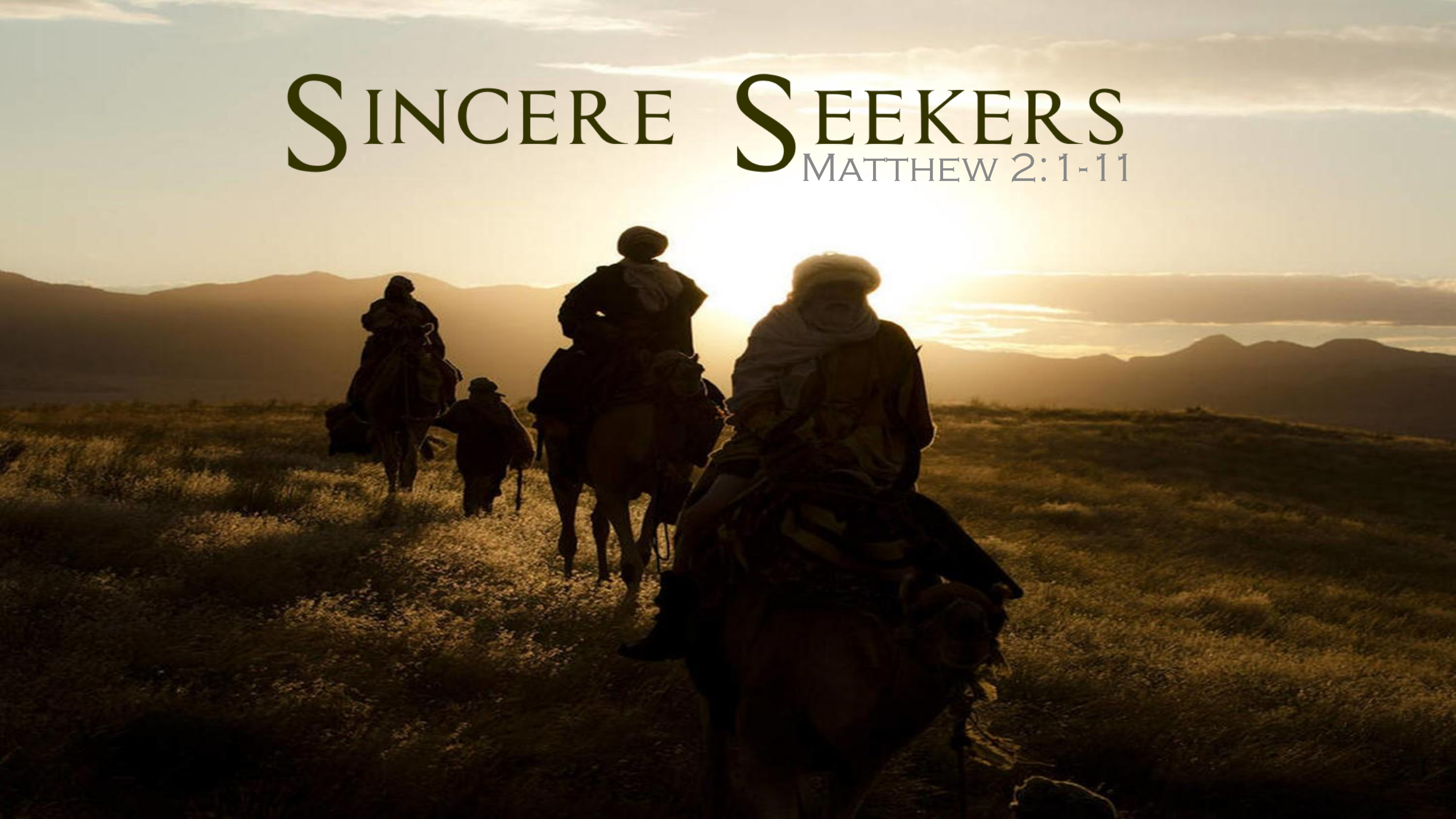


# SINCERE SEEKERS

MATTHEW 2:1-11



- **Who were the Wise Men?**
- μαγοι, (*magi*). It is from this word that we get our word *magician*.



*-from the East, most probably Babylon, Arabia or Persia.*

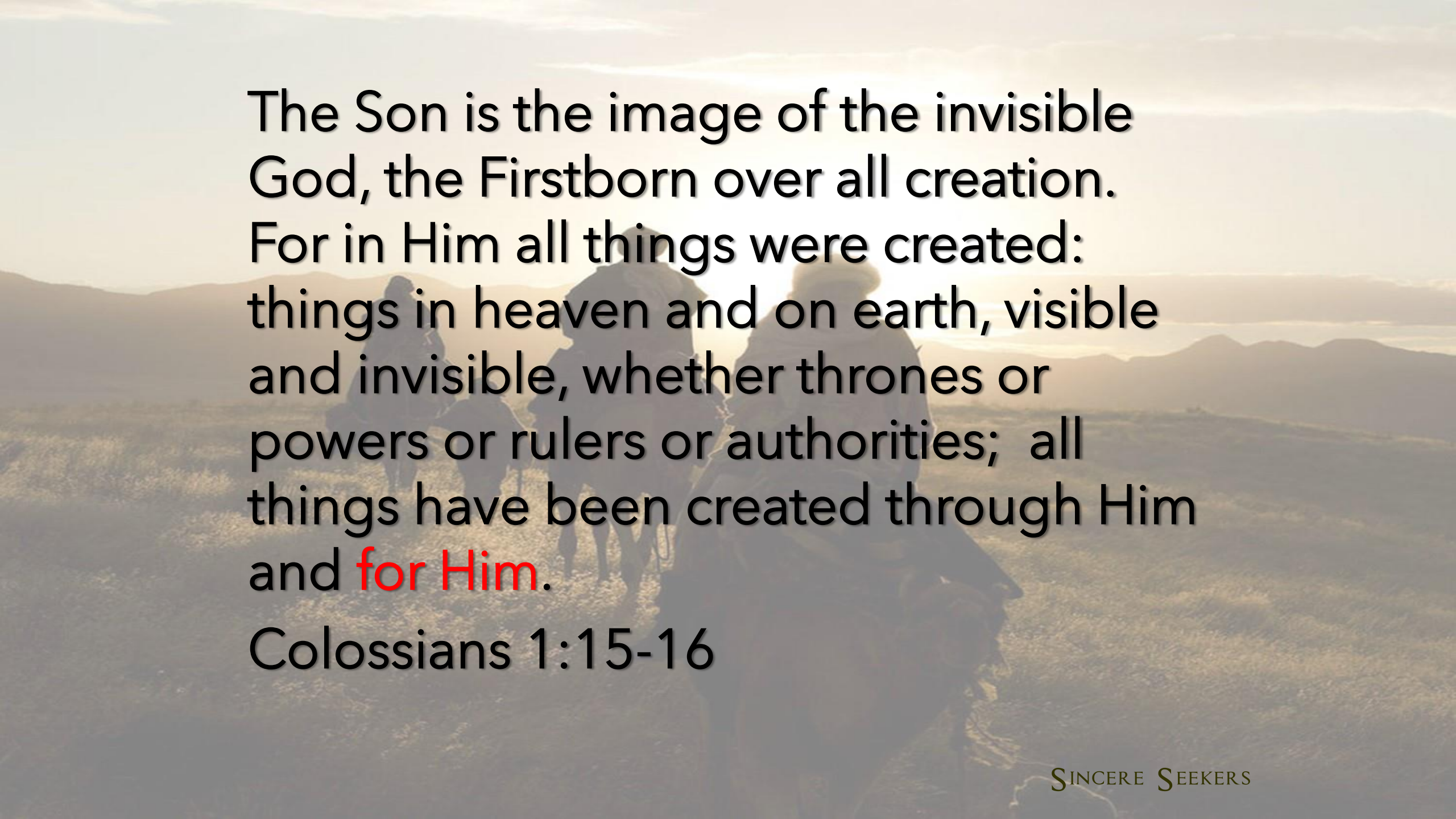


# The First Christmas for them was...

## ***FREEDOM FROM POINTLESSNESS***

- REEEEEALLY SMART
- ROLLIN' RICH
- INFLUENTIAL





The Son is the image of the invisible  
God, the Firstborn over all creation.  
For in Him all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth, visible  
and invisible, whether thrones or  
powers or rulers or authorities; all  
things have been created through Him  
and **for Him**.

Colossians 1:15-16



# The First Christmas for them was...

## ***PROOF OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS***

- BALAAM CALLED IT (NUMBERS 24:17)
- A WEIRD STAR APPEARED
  - appeared at the moment of Jesus' birth
  - Easily recognized by the wisemen
  - Not Astronomical
  - Comes and goes as it pleases (Mat.2:9)

A group of people on horseback and on foot, silhouetted against a bright sunset or sunrise over a vast, open landscape. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The people are moving away from the viewer into the distance.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners,** Christ died for us.

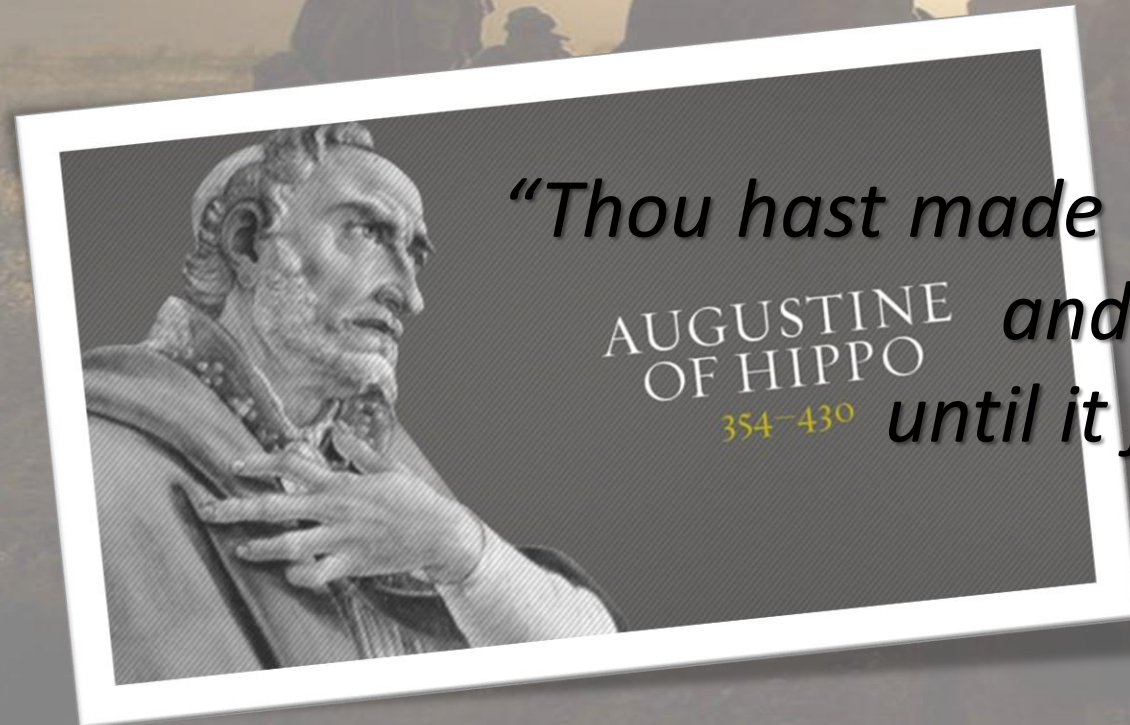
Romans 5:8



The First Christmas for them was...

***UNSPEAKABLE JOY AND SATISFACTION***

- When they understood...  
...THEY BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPPED.



# Why wasn't Jerusalem searching?

