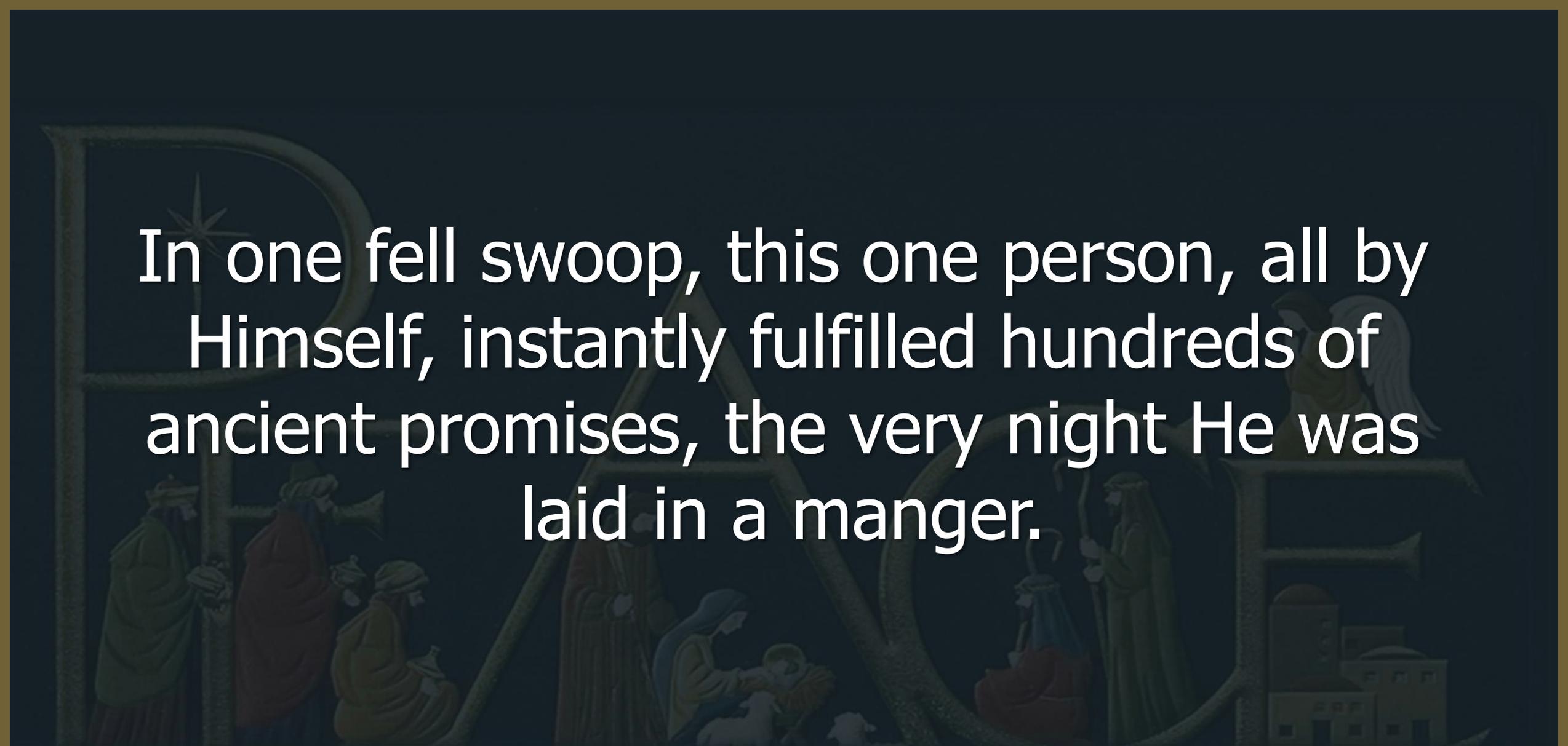


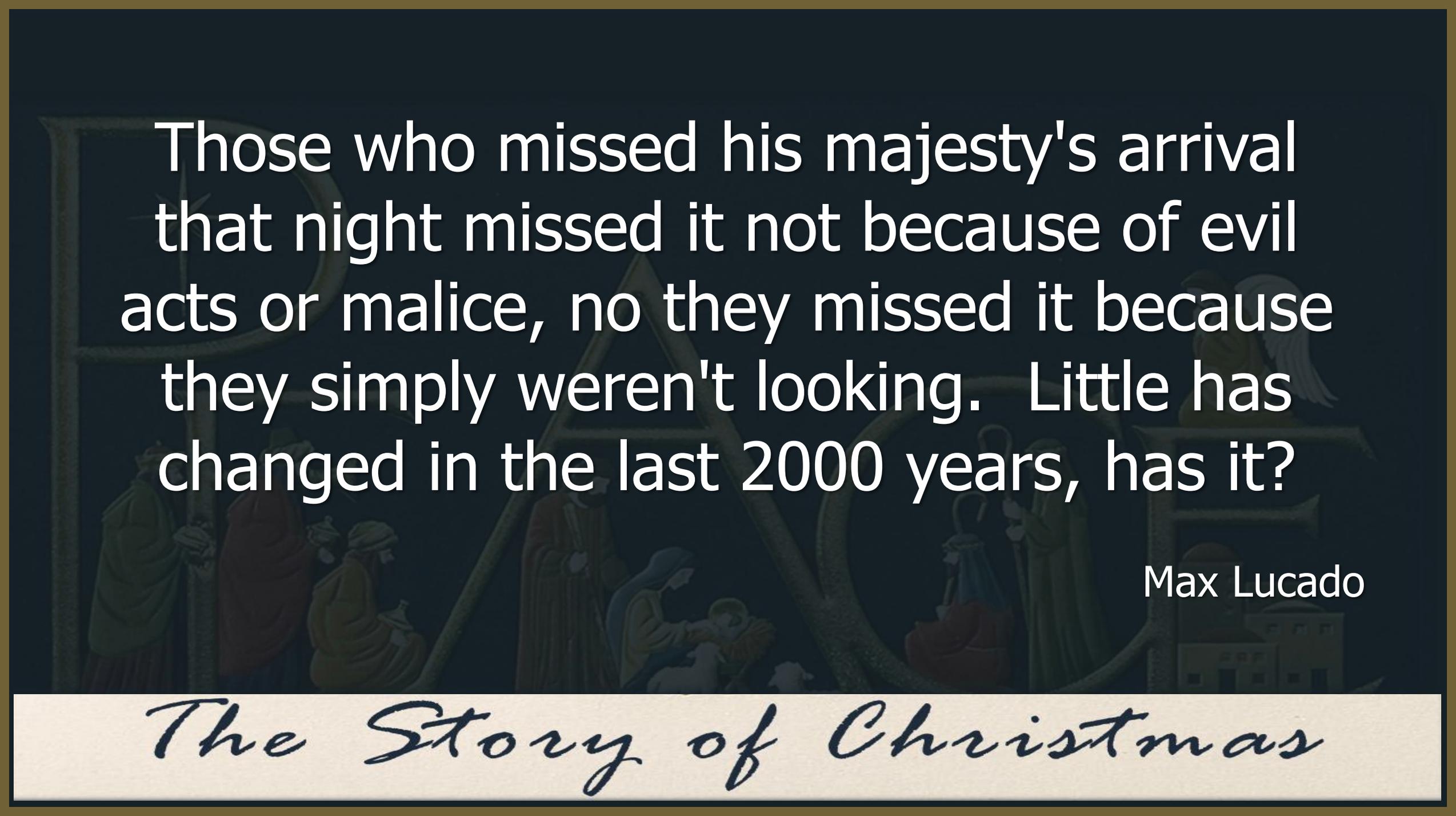


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In one fell swoop, this one person, all by Himself, instantly fulfilled hundreds of ancient promises, the very night He was laid in a manger.

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Those who missed his majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice, no they missed it because they simply weren't looking. Little has changed in the last 2000 years, has it?

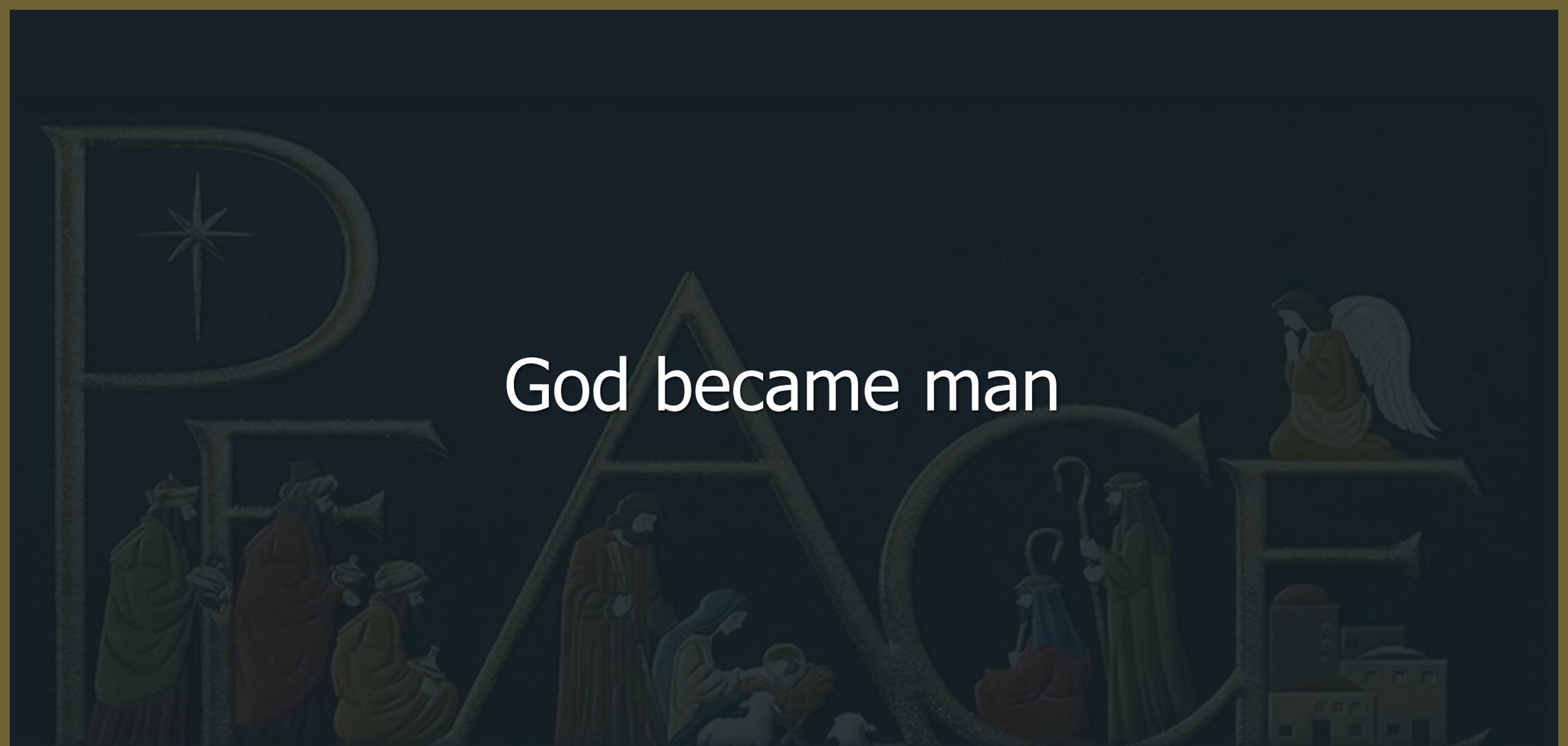
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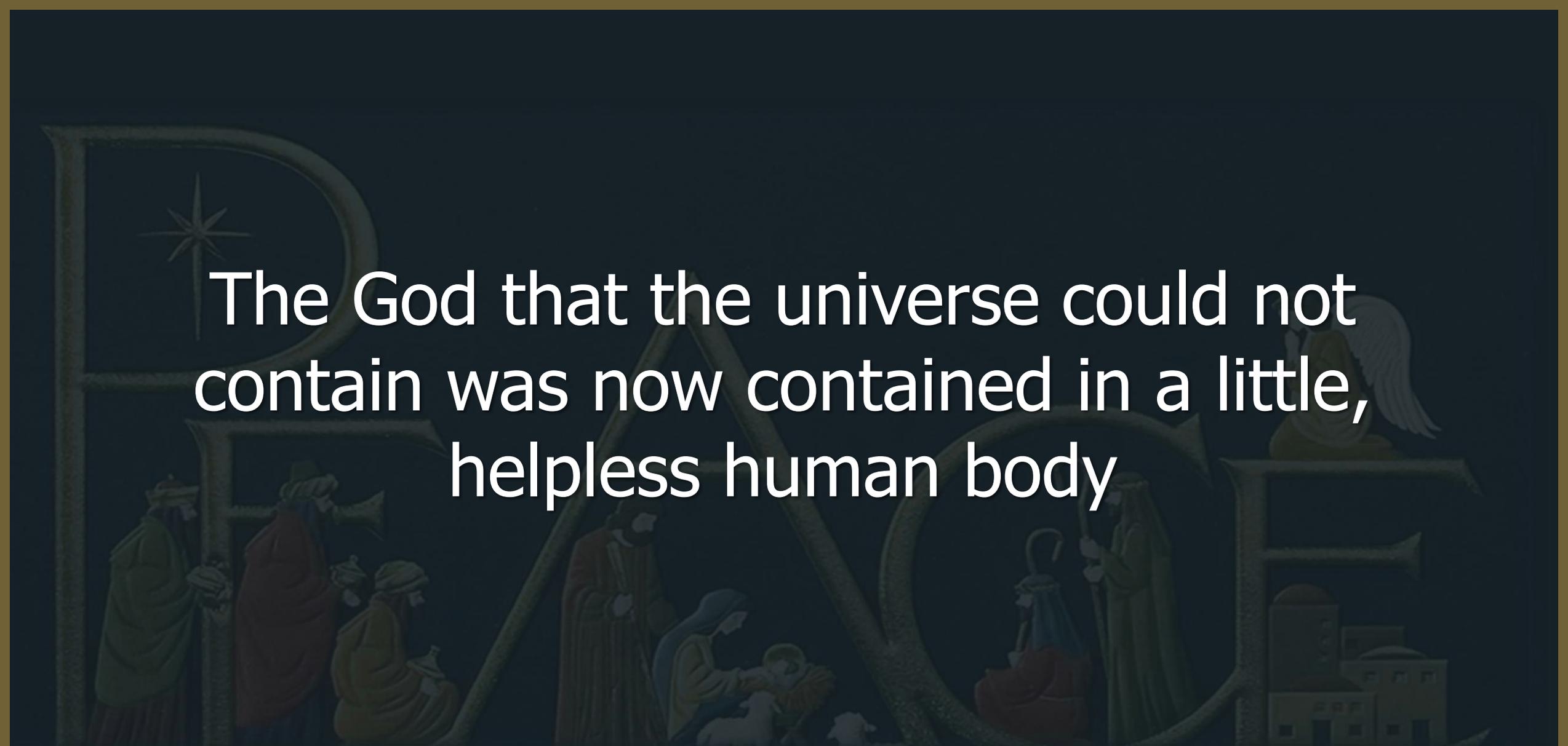
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God became man

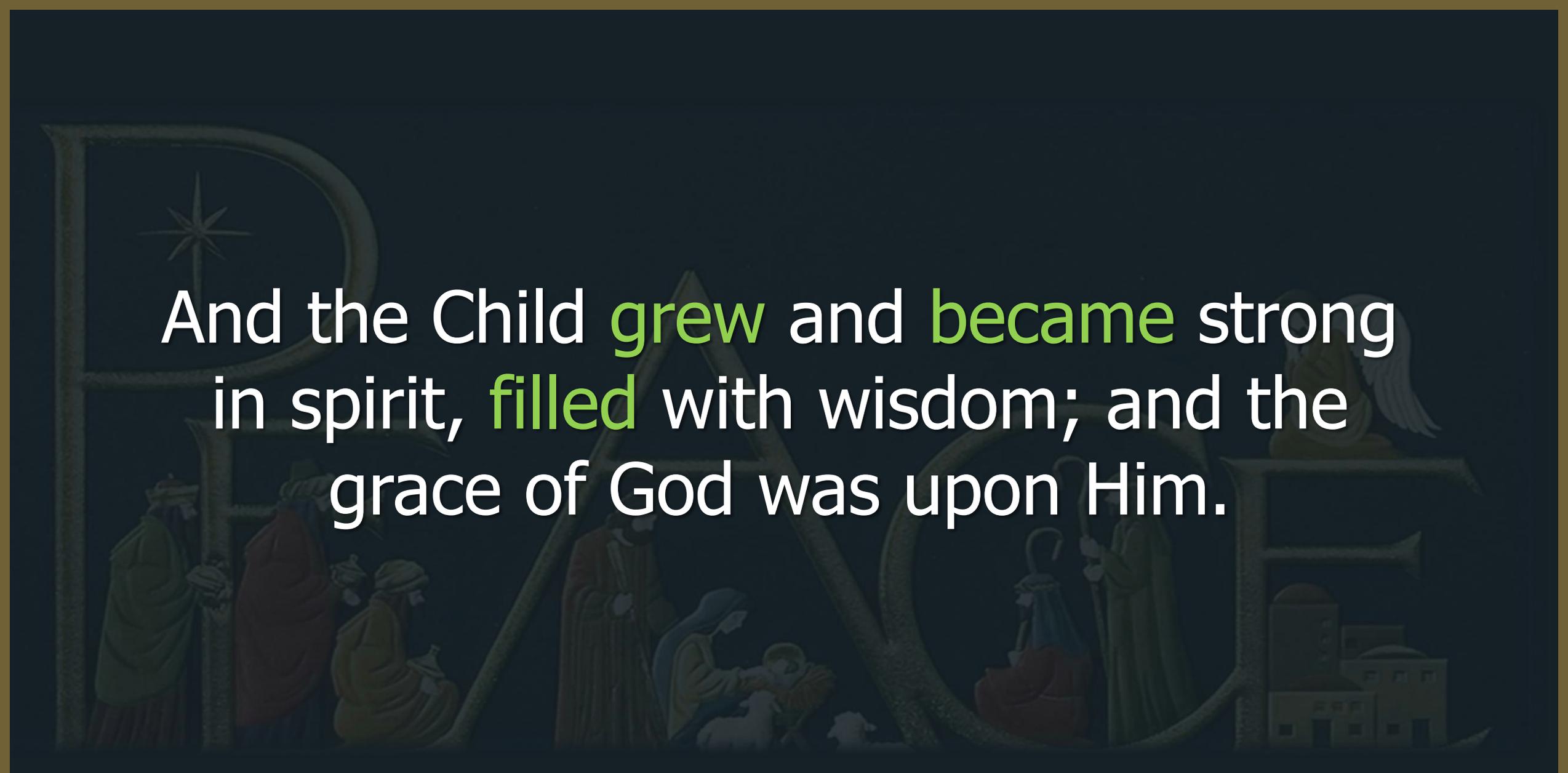
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The God that the universe could not contain was now contained in a little, helpless human body

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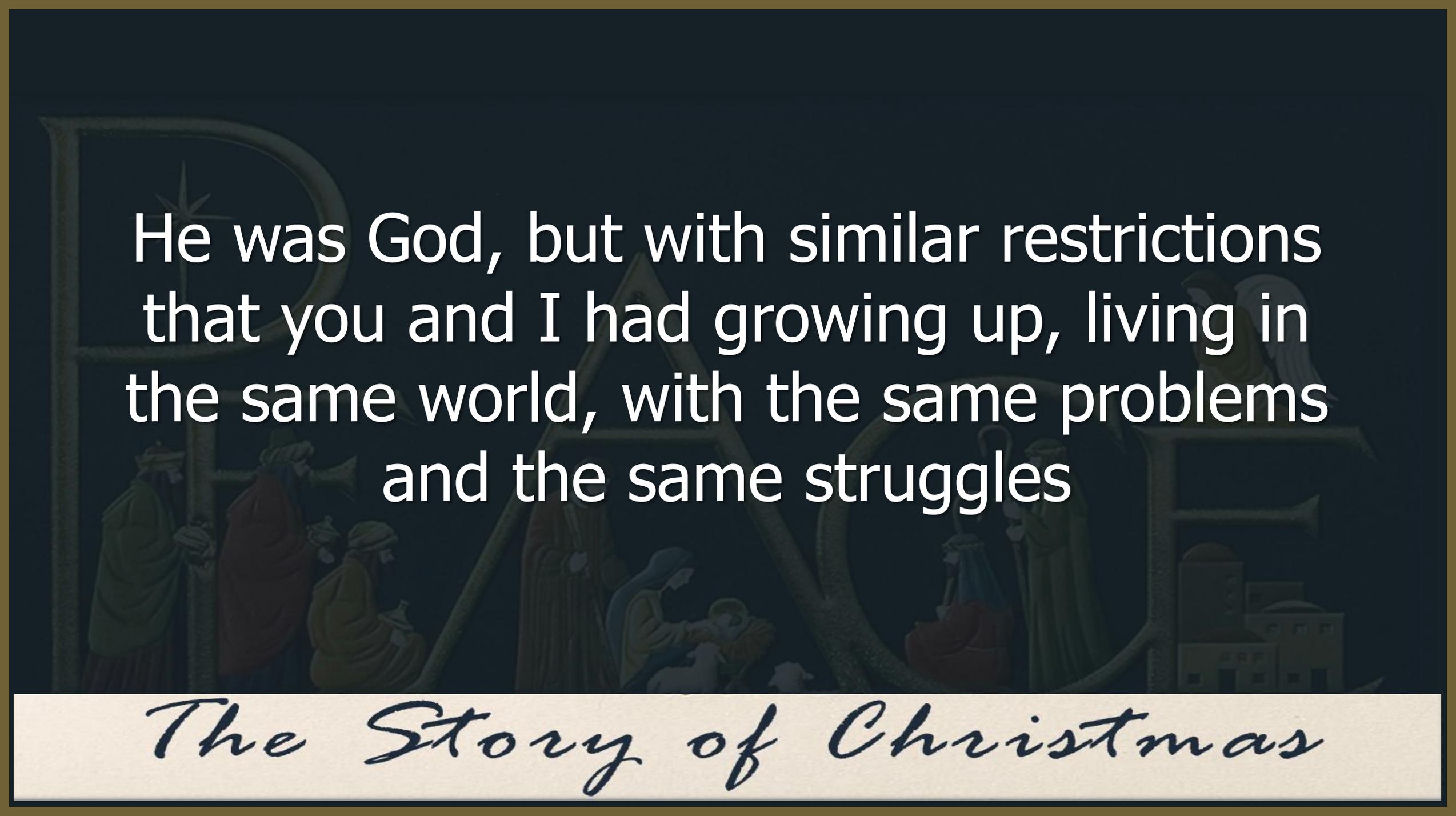




And the Child **grew** and **became** strong  
in spirit, **filled** with wisdom; and the  
grace of God was upon Him.

*Luke 2:40*





He was God, but with similar restrictions  
that you and I had growing up, living in  
the same world, with the same problems  
and the same struggles

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who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

*Philippians 2:6-8*



but made Himself of no reputation,  
taking the form of a bondservant, and  
coming in the likeness of men.

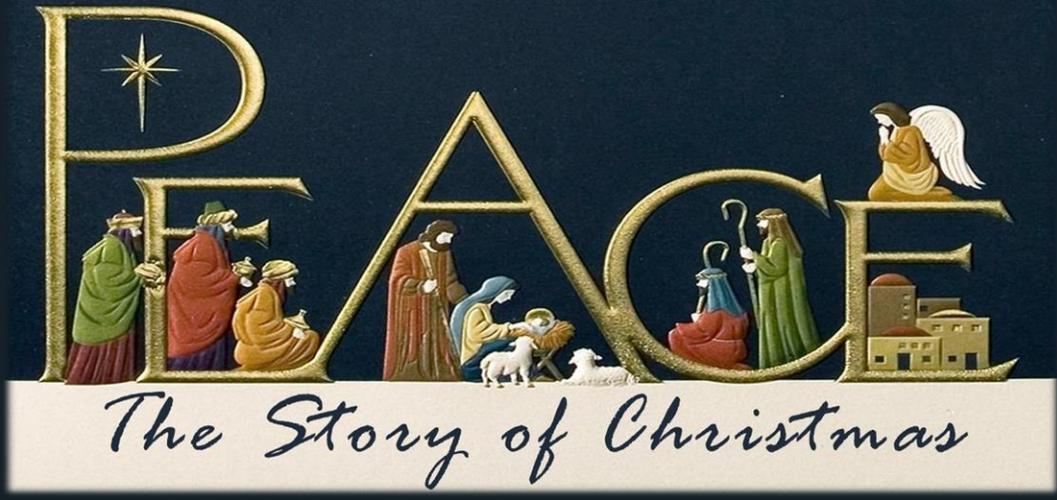
*Philippians 2:6-8*



And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

*Philippians 2:6-8*





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❖ Jesus experienced what every human being has felt

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

*1 Peter 2:24*



For He made Him who knew no sin to be  
sin for us, that we might become the  
righteousness of God in Him.

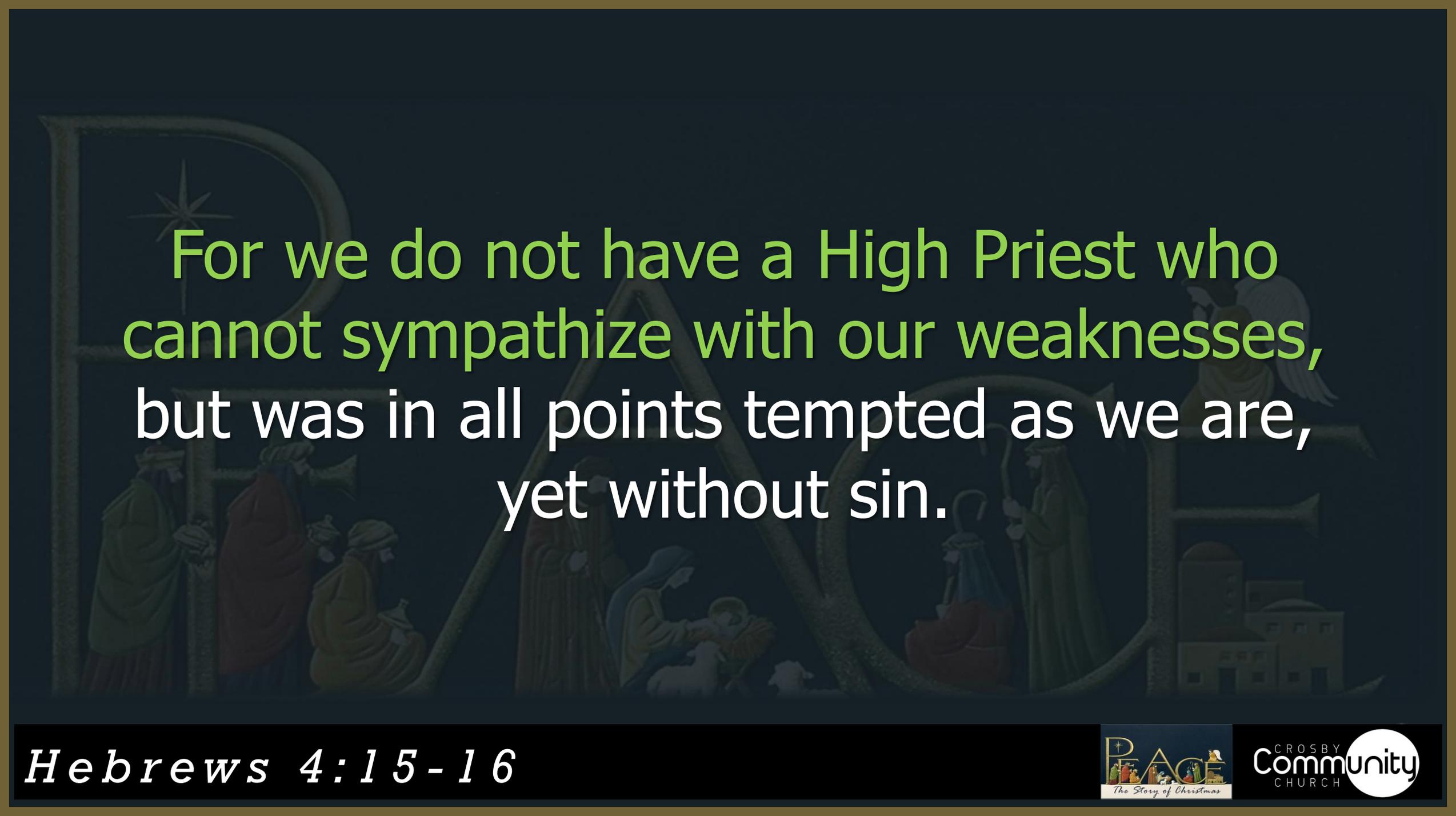
*2 Corinthians 5:21*





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For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

*Hebrews 4:15-16*





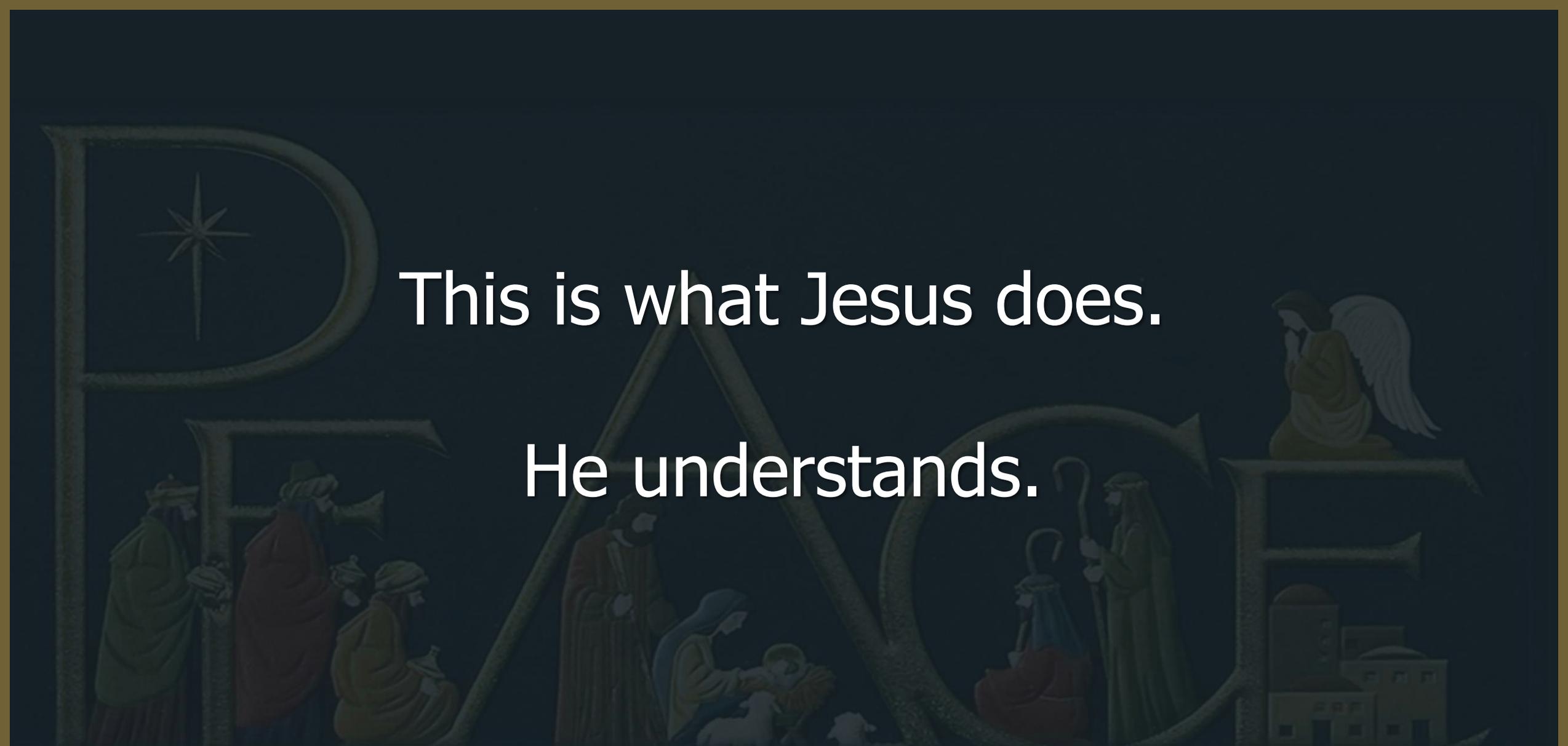
# sympathy

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*noun*, plural **sym·pa·thies**.

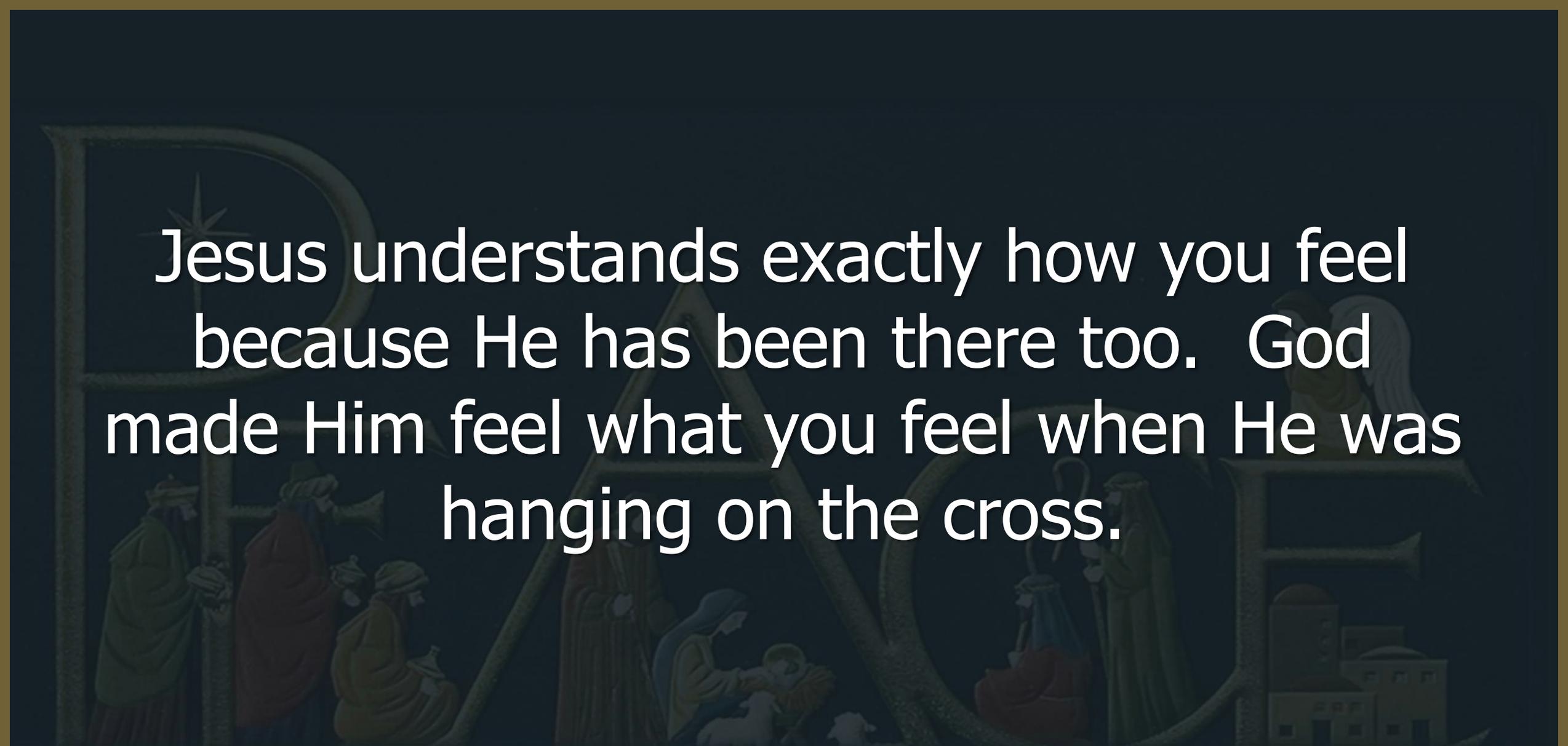
- 1 harmony of or agreement in feeling, as between persons or on the part of one person with respect to another.
- 2 the harmony of feeling naturally existing between persons of like tastes or opinion or of congenial dispositions.
- 3 the fact or power of sharing the feelings of another, especially in sorrow or trouble; fellow feeling, compassion, or commiseration.
- 4 **sympathies**,
  - a feelings or impulses of compassion.



This is what Jesus does.

He understands.

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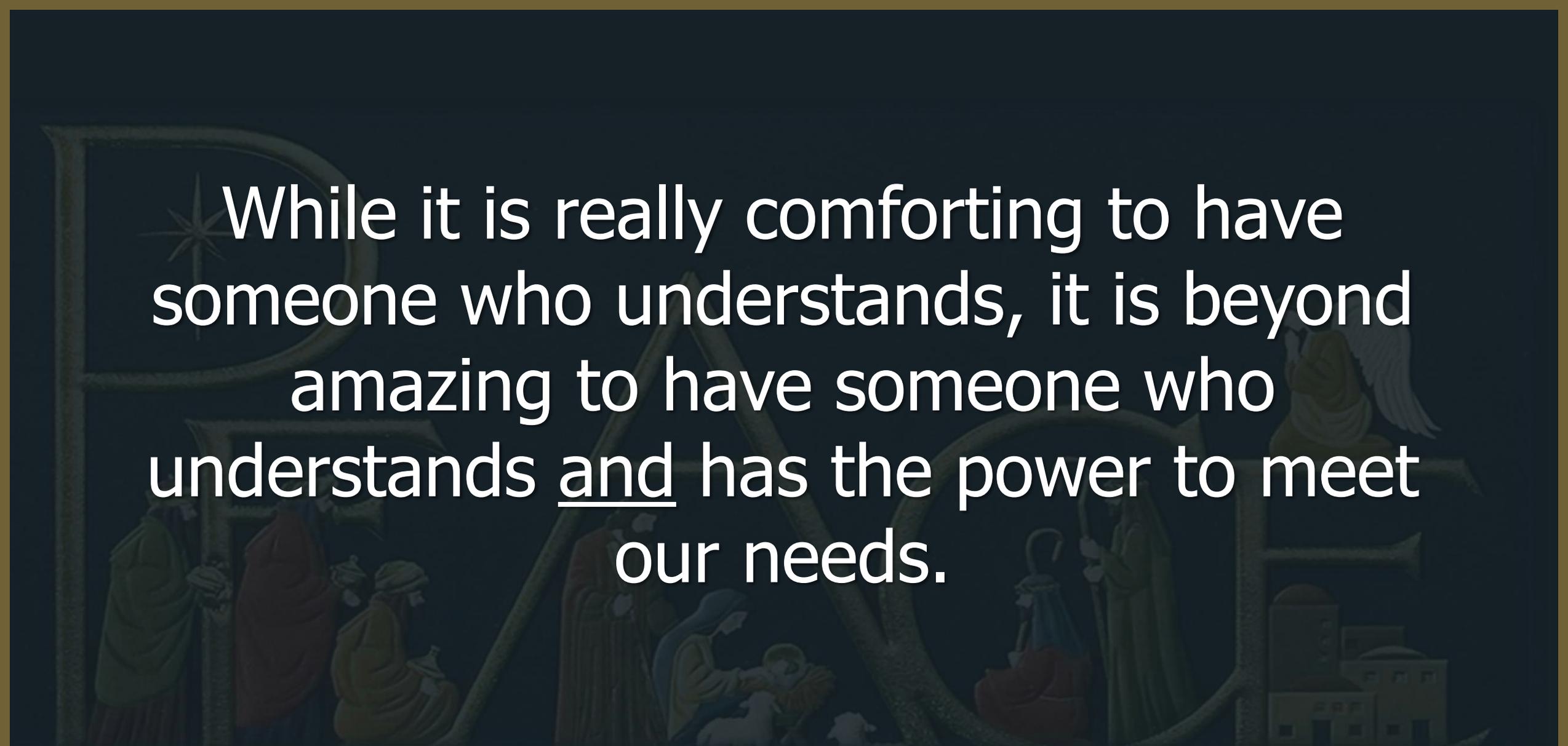
Jesus understands exactly how you feel because He has been there too. God made Him feel what you feel when He was hanging on the cross.

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Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

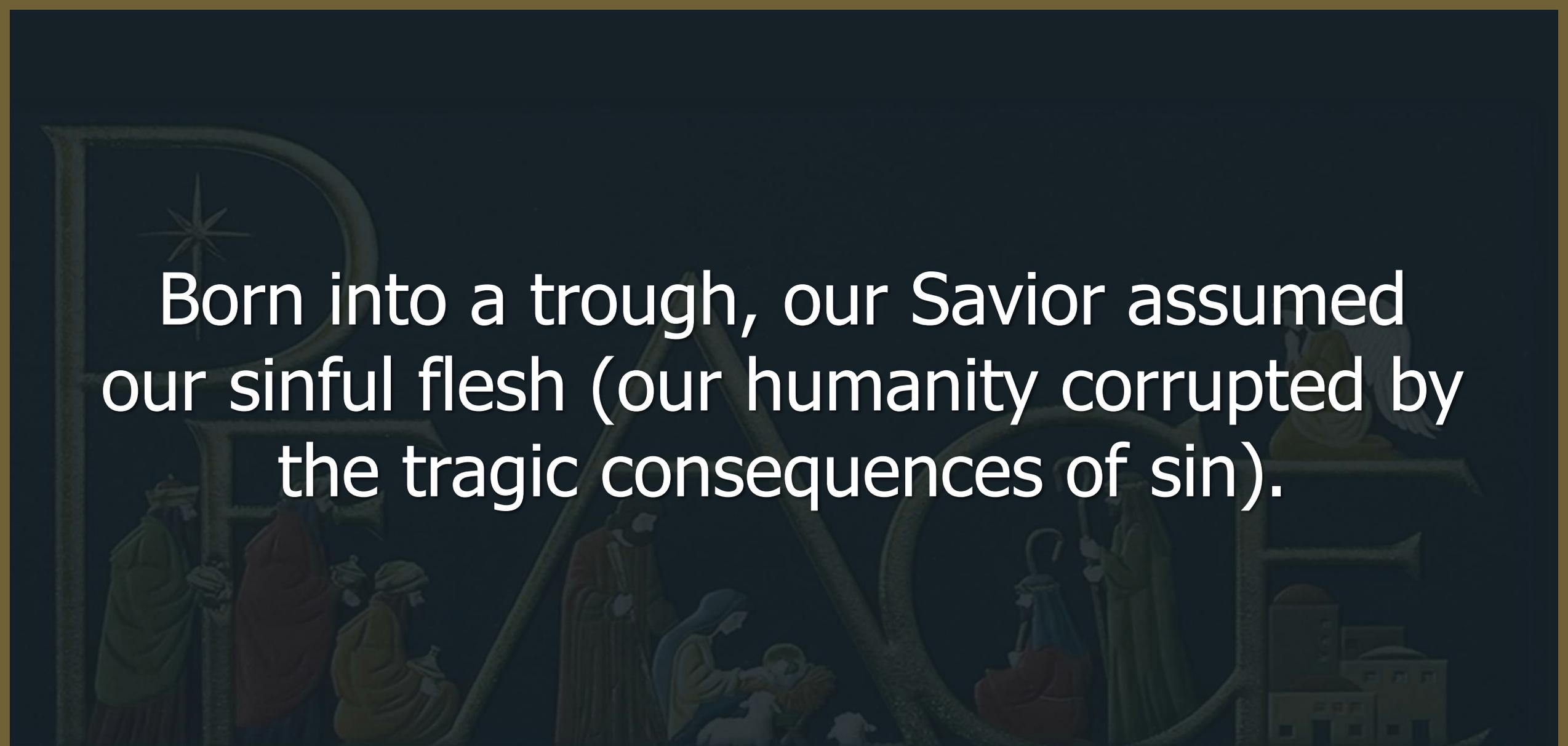
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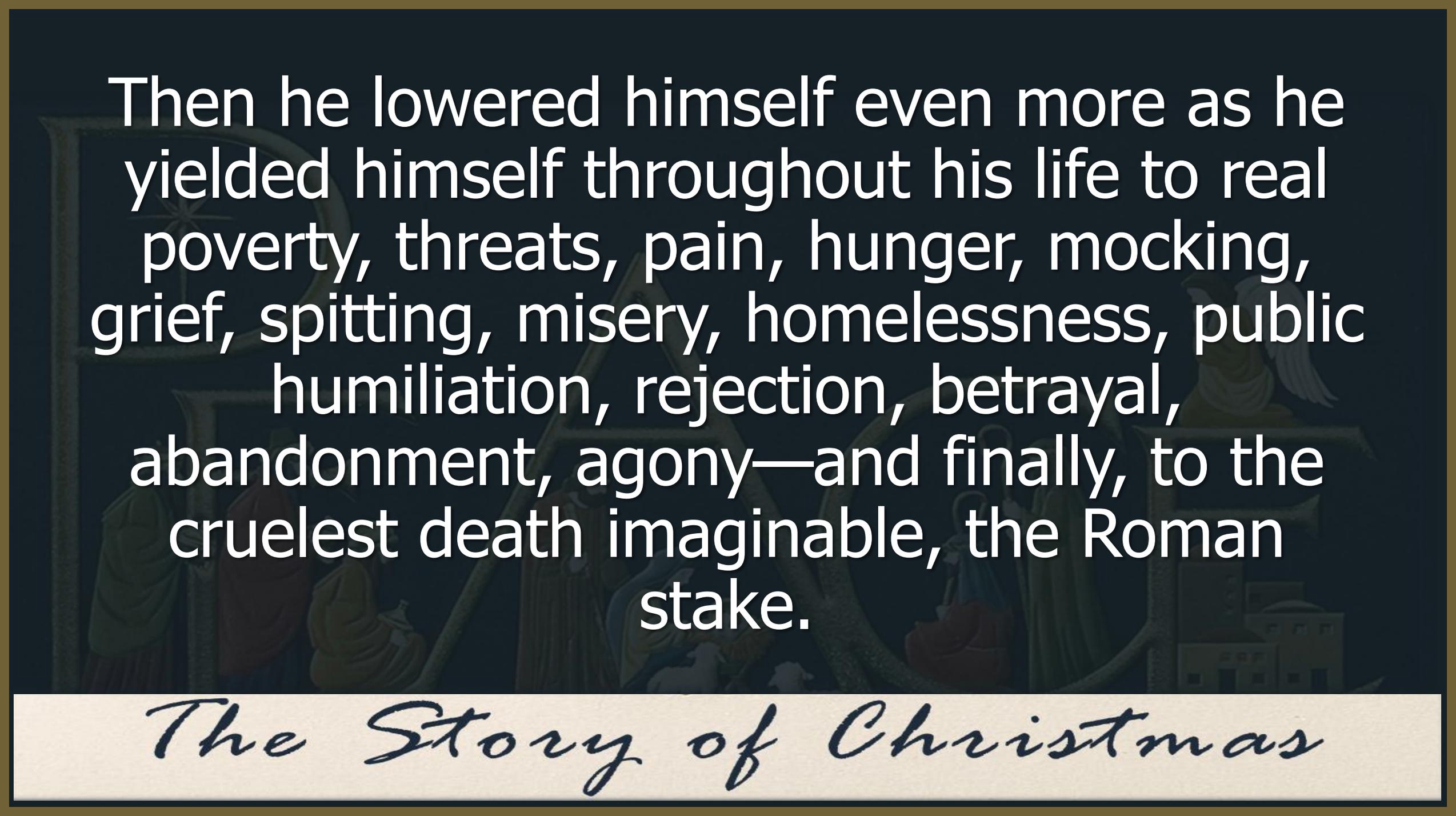
While it is really comforting to have someone who understands, it is beyond amazing to have someone who understands and has the power to meet our needs.

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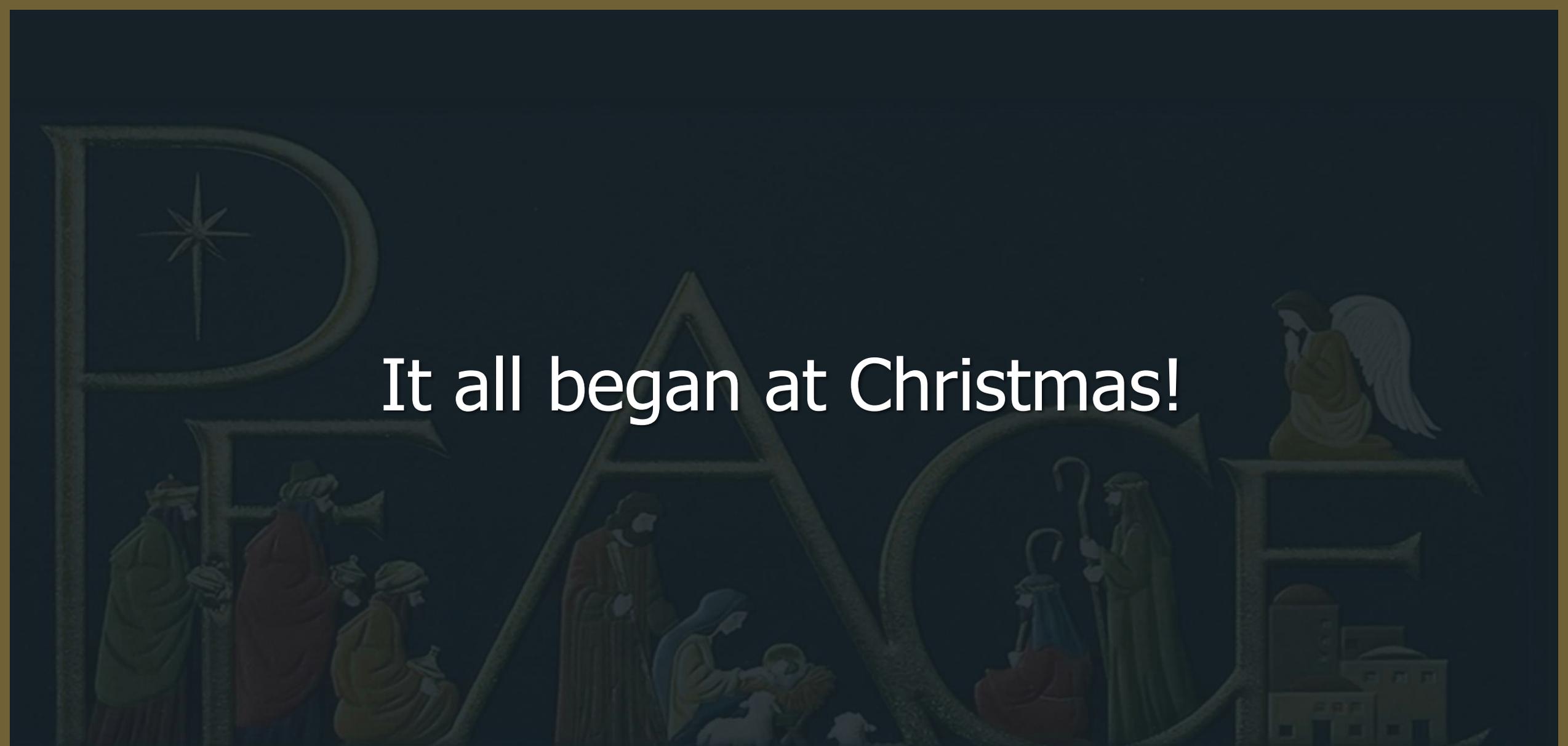
Born into a trough, our Savior assumed  
our sinful flesh (our humanity corrupted by  
the tragic consequences of sin).

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Then he lowered himself even more as he yielded himself throughout his life to real poverty, threats, pain, hunger, mocking, grief, spitting, misery, homelessness, public humiliation, rejection, betrayal, abandonment, agony—and finally, to the cruelest death imaginable, the Roman stake.

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It all began at Christmas!

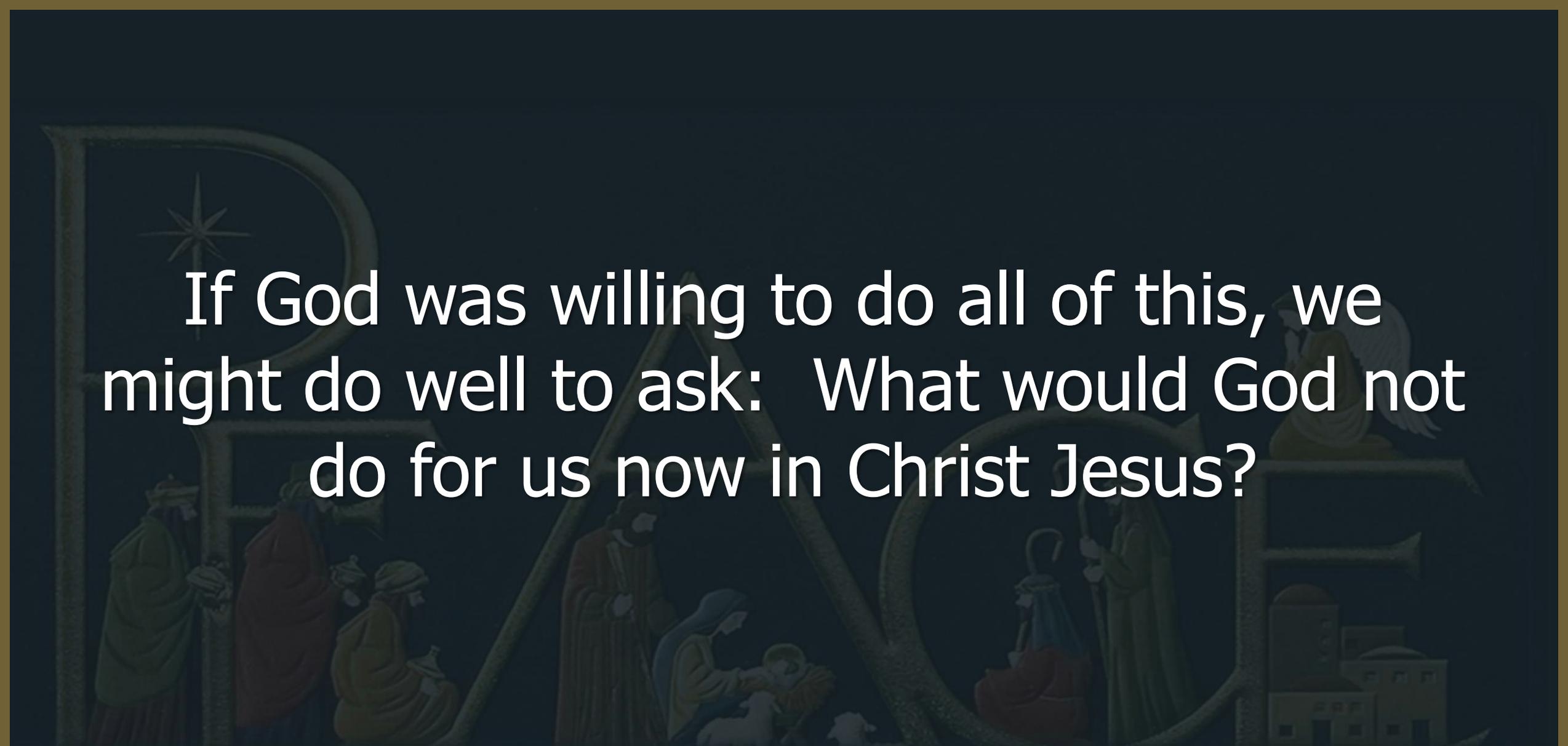
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❖ The birth of Jesus proves that God is committed to making it possible for us to have a relationship with Him



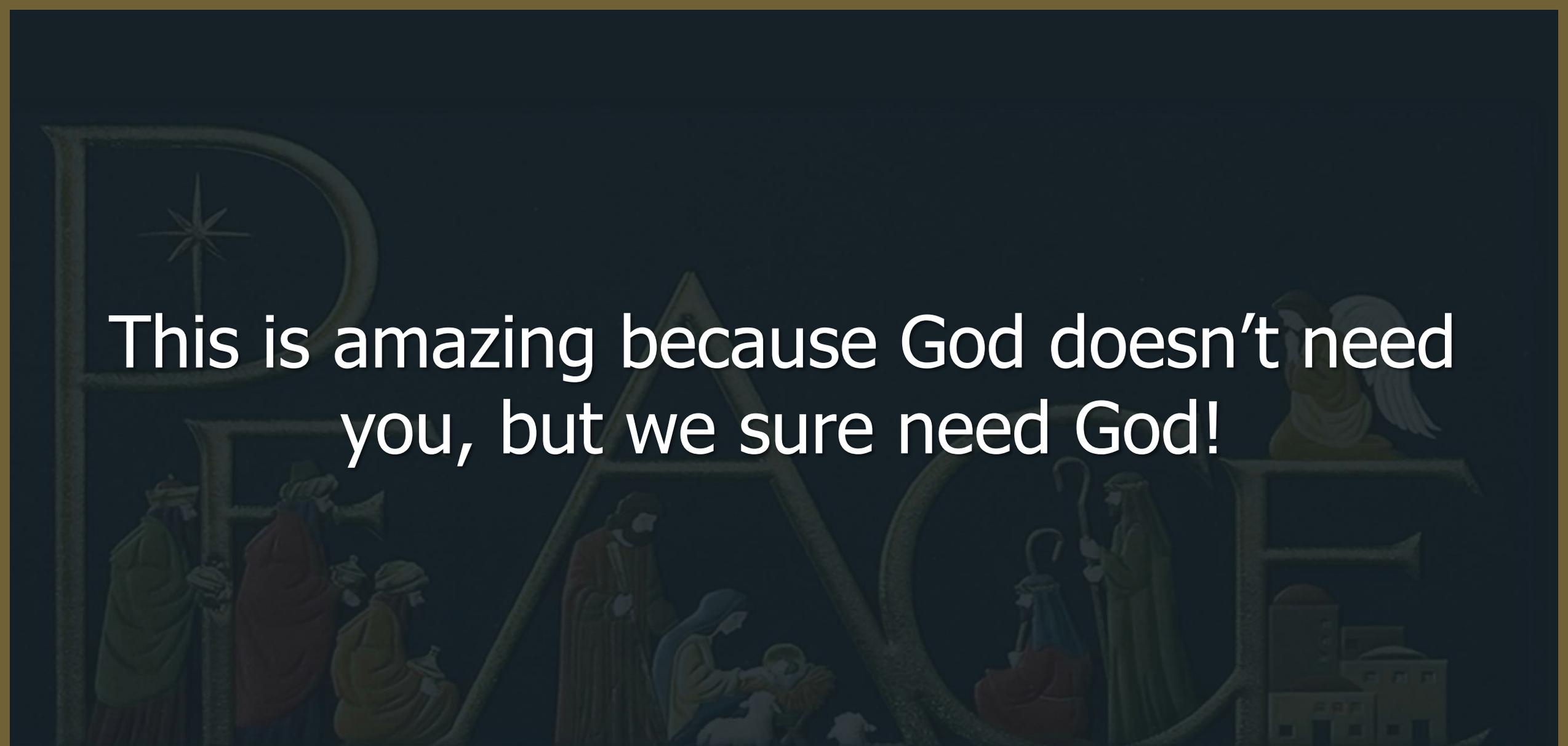
If God was willing to do all of this, we might do well to ask: What would God not do for us now in Christ Jesus?

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What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare His own Son, but  
delivered Him up for us all, how shall He  
not with Him also freely give us all  
things?

*Romans 8:31-32*





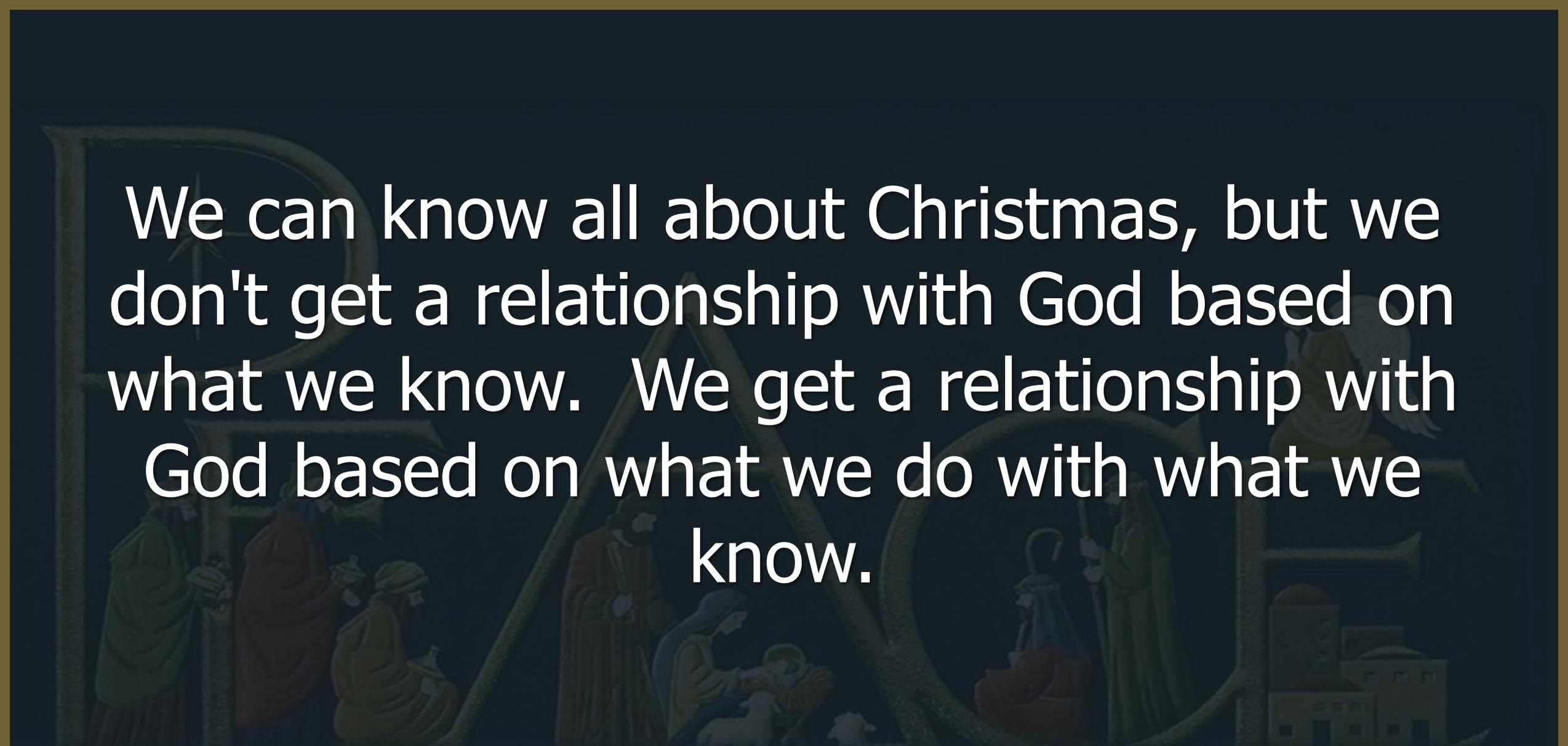
This is amazing because God doesn't need you, but we sure need God!

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...while we were still sinners, Christ died  
for us

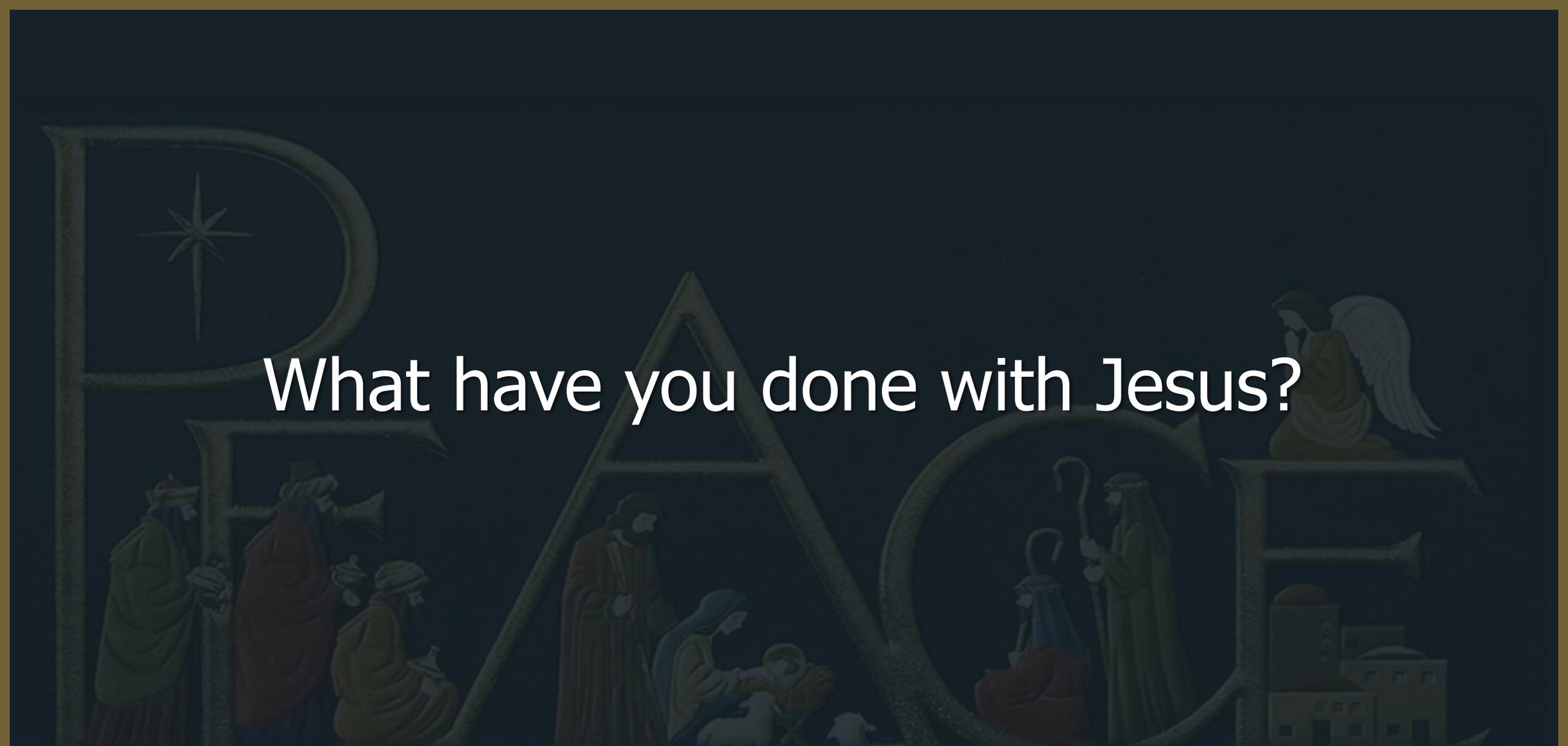
*Romans 5:8*





We can know all about Christmas, but we don't get a relationship with God based on what we know. We get a relationship with God based on what we do with what we know.

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What have you done with Jesus?

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