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We will never fully appreciate the birth of Jesus until we grasp how desperately we needed Him to come.

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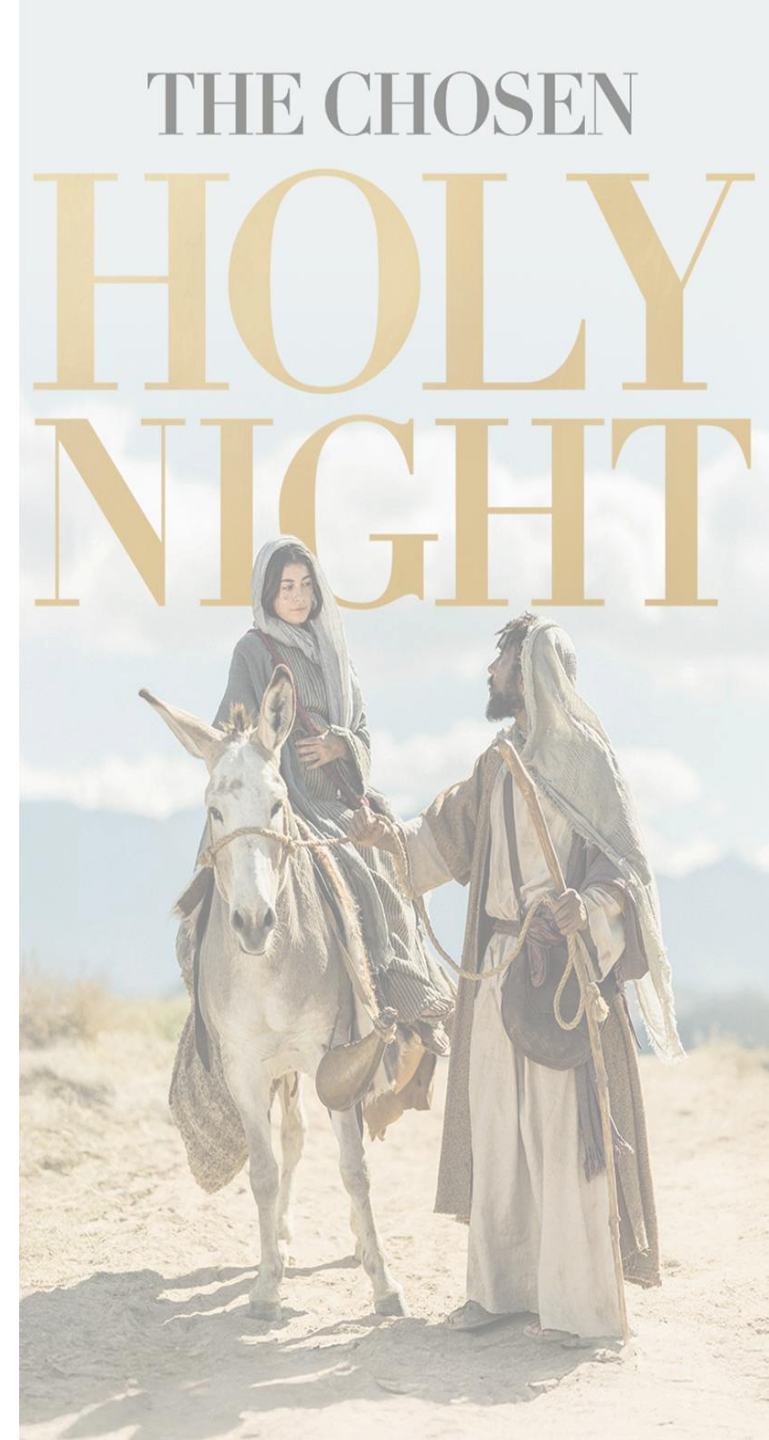


For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, **so that we could be made right with God through Christ.**



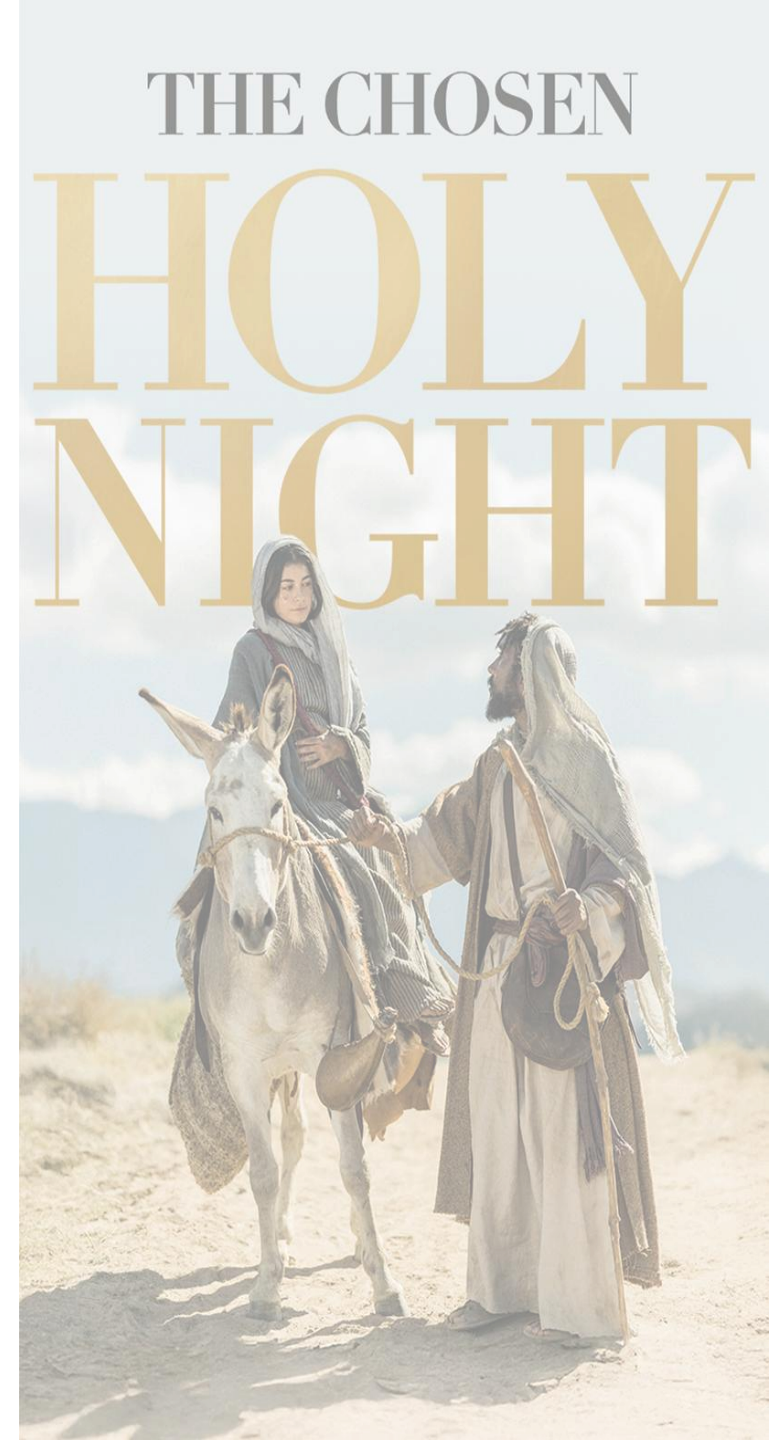
*2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)*

If you have not been made right with God through Christ, you will not go to heaven.



It is not having my act together that gains  
me entrance to heaven.

It is realizing that I **DESPERATELY** need  
Jesus and asking him to save me that gives  
me eternal life.







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And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy **for all the people.**



*Luke 2:8–18 (NIV)*

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.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”



*Luke 2:8–18 (NIV)*



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



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When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.



*Luke 2:8–18 (NIV)*



❖ He came; the shepherds went





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Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



*Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV)*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**”



*John 20:19–21 (NIV)*



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



*Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.



*Mark 16:15 (NIV)*

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? **And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?**

**And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?** And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”



*Romans 10:14–15 (NLT)*

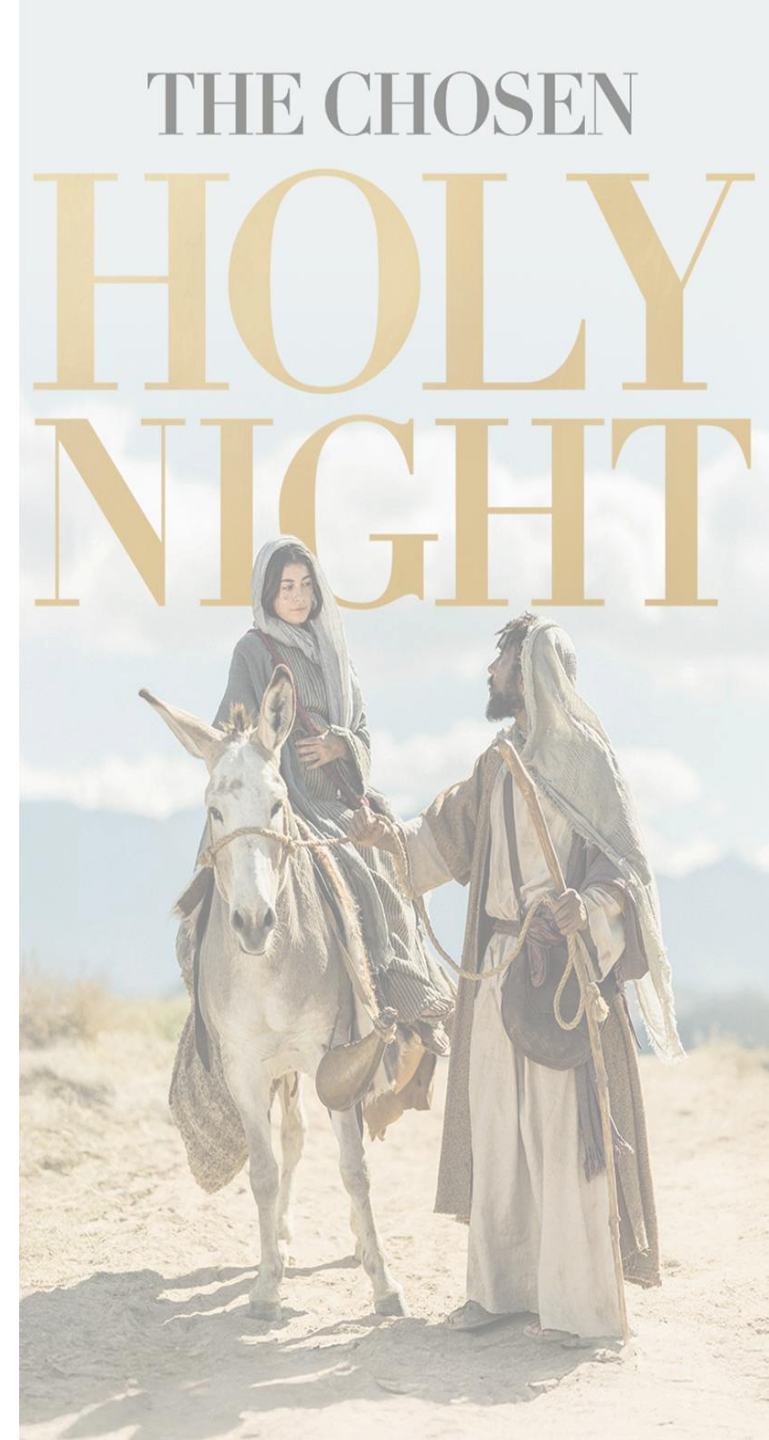




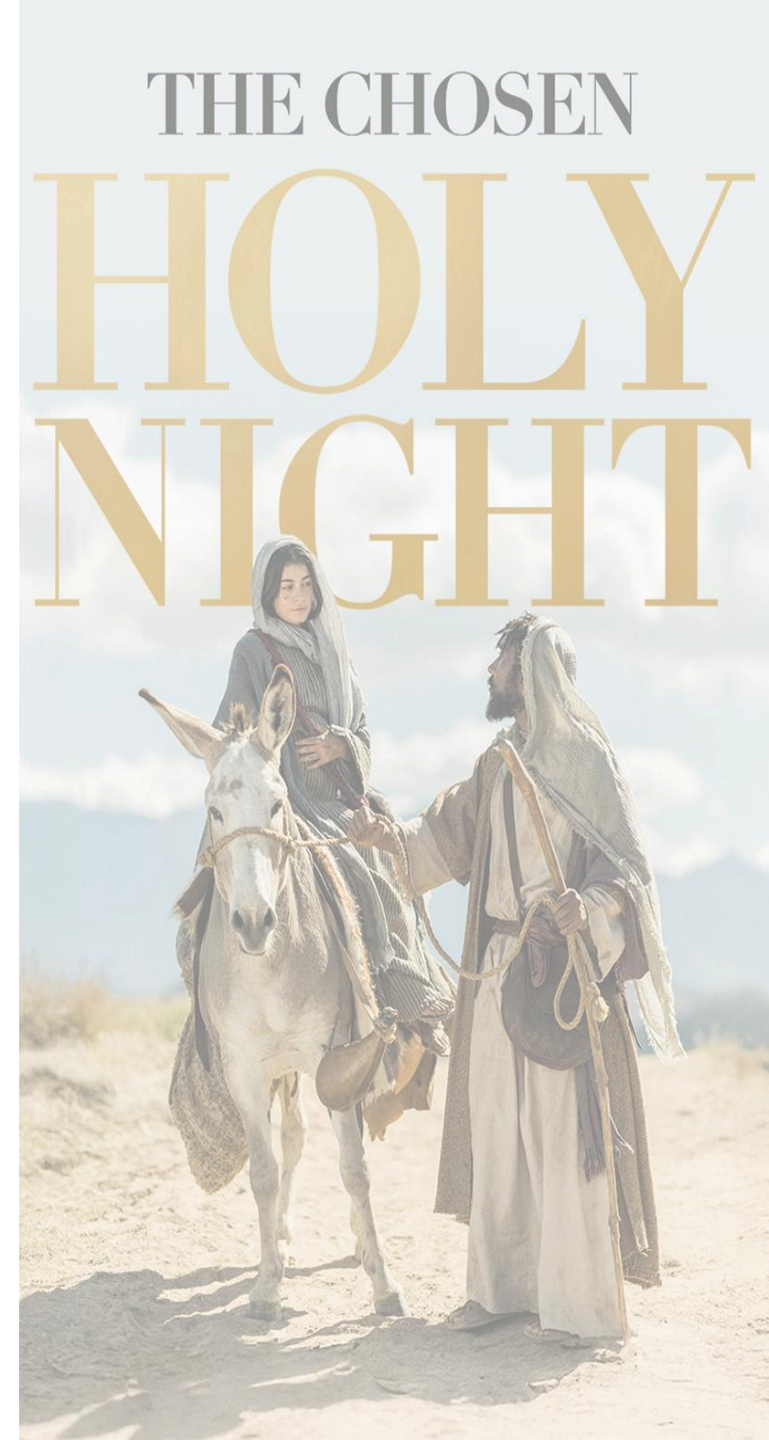
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Acts of kindness can open doors of opportunity to tell people about Jesus.



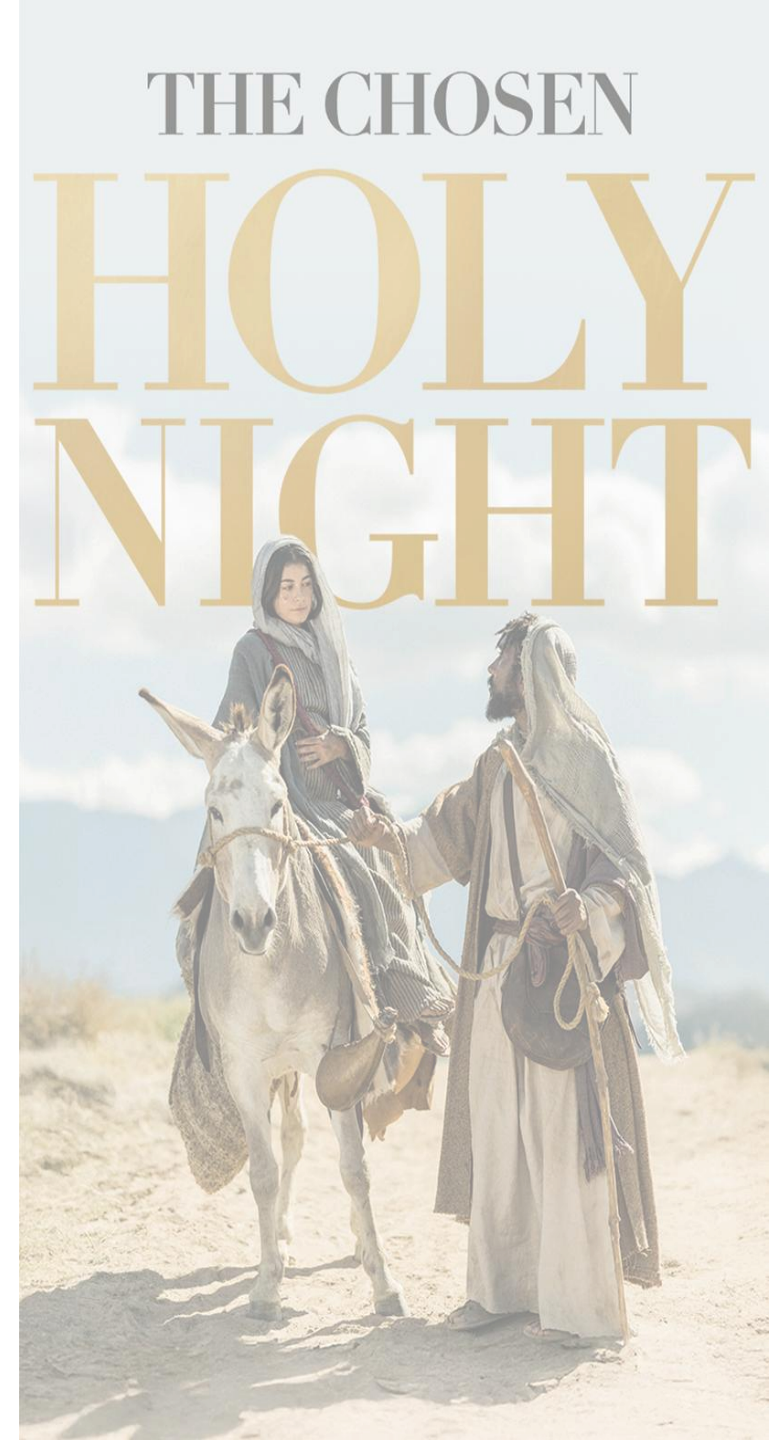
A look at the life of Christ reveals that He did life with the people around Him in a way that showed genuine love and compassion.





There is power in love!

Sincerely caring for people opens doors for conversations about Jesus that all the knowledge in the bible will not open.



Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.



*1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)*

***“To know Jesus and make  
Him known while living,  
loving and serving like Him”***

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



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