

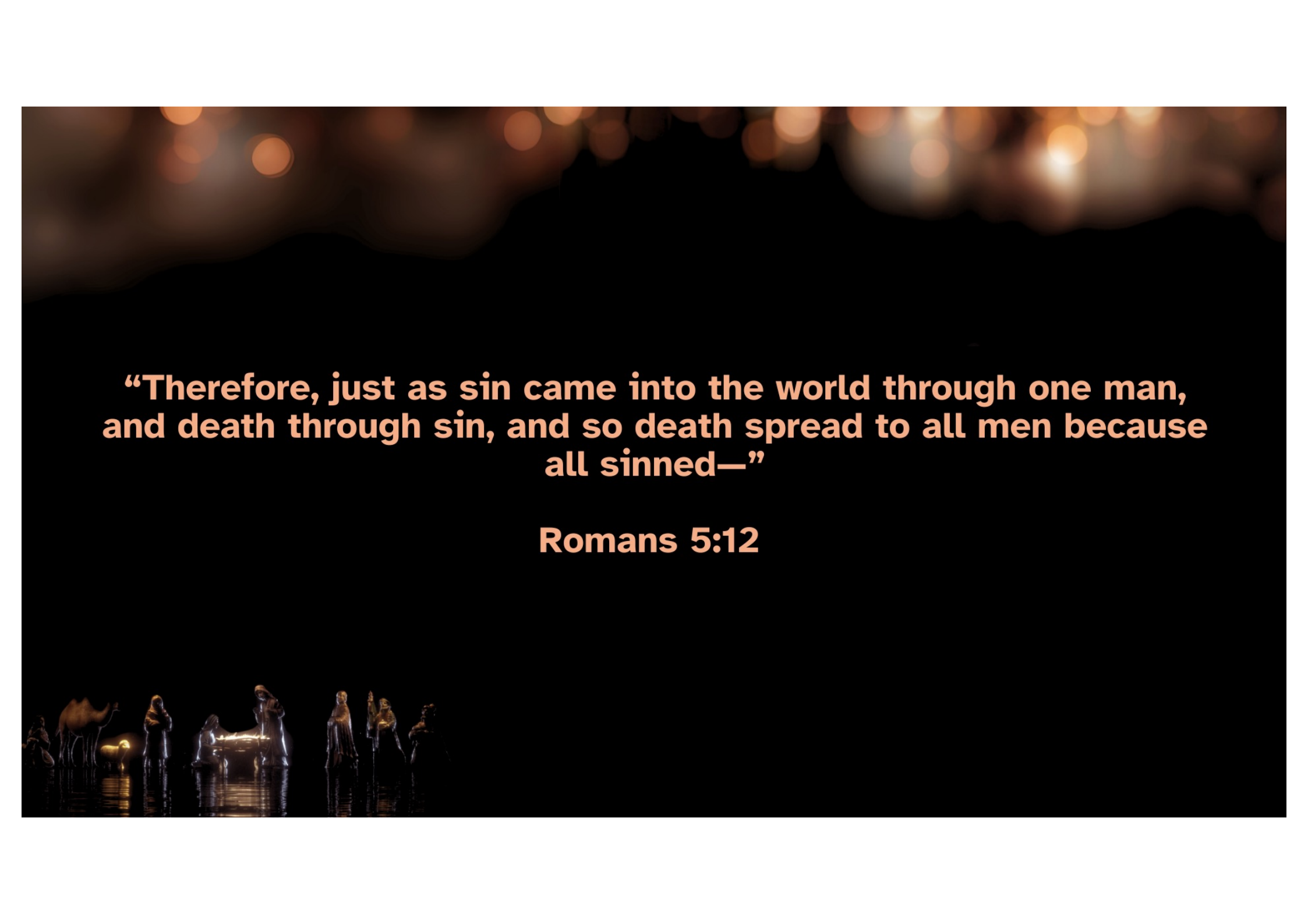
# SYMBOLS, SIGNS AND THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS







**TREE**



**“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—”**

**Romans 5:12**

**“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:26**



**“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But  
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57**

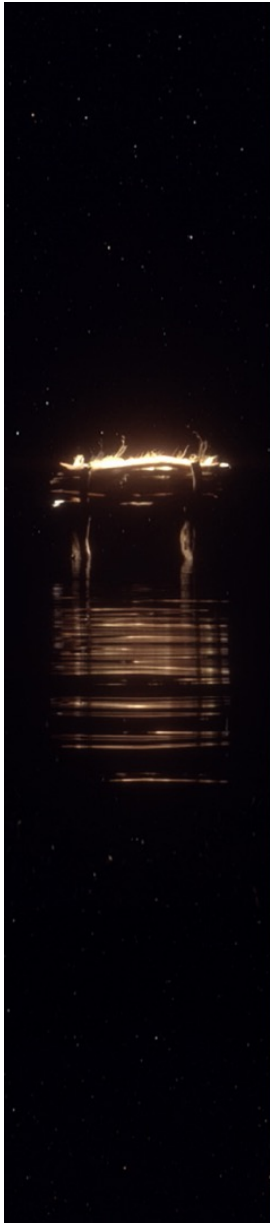






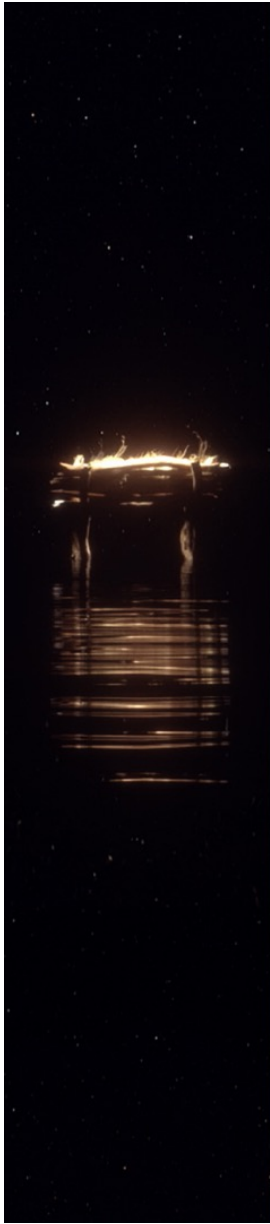
# GIFTS/ SANTA





**“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”**

**Matthew 2:11**



**Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.”**

**John 19:39-40**



**“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of  
God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

**Romans 6:23**



# **ST NICHOLAS**

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**LIGHTS/ STAR**

**“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”**

**Matthew 2:1-2**



**“After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.”**

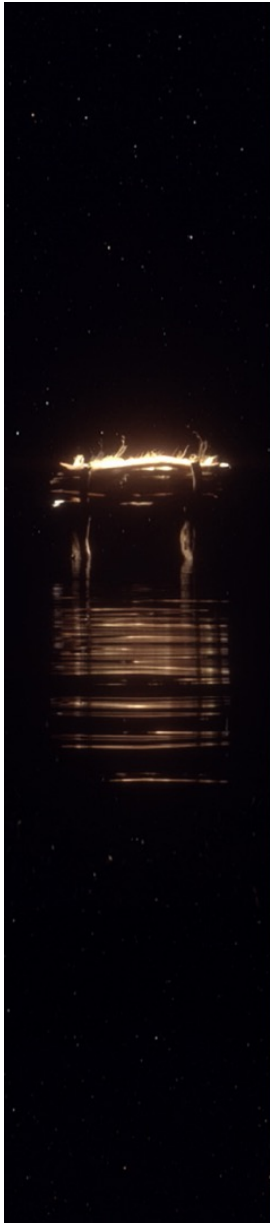
**Matthew 2:9**



# WREATH

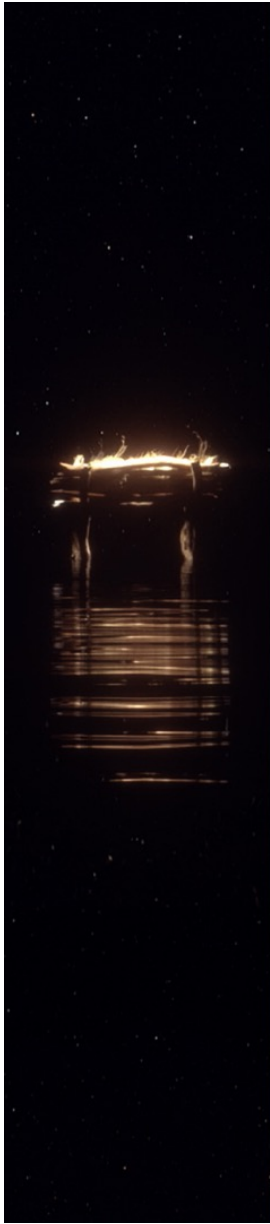






**“and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.”**

**Matthew 27:29-31**



**“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was  
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the  
chastisement that brought us peace, and with his  
wounds we are healed.”**

**Isaiah 53:5**



**“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”**

**John 19:30**



**“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:20**



**SHEPHERD**

**“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.”**

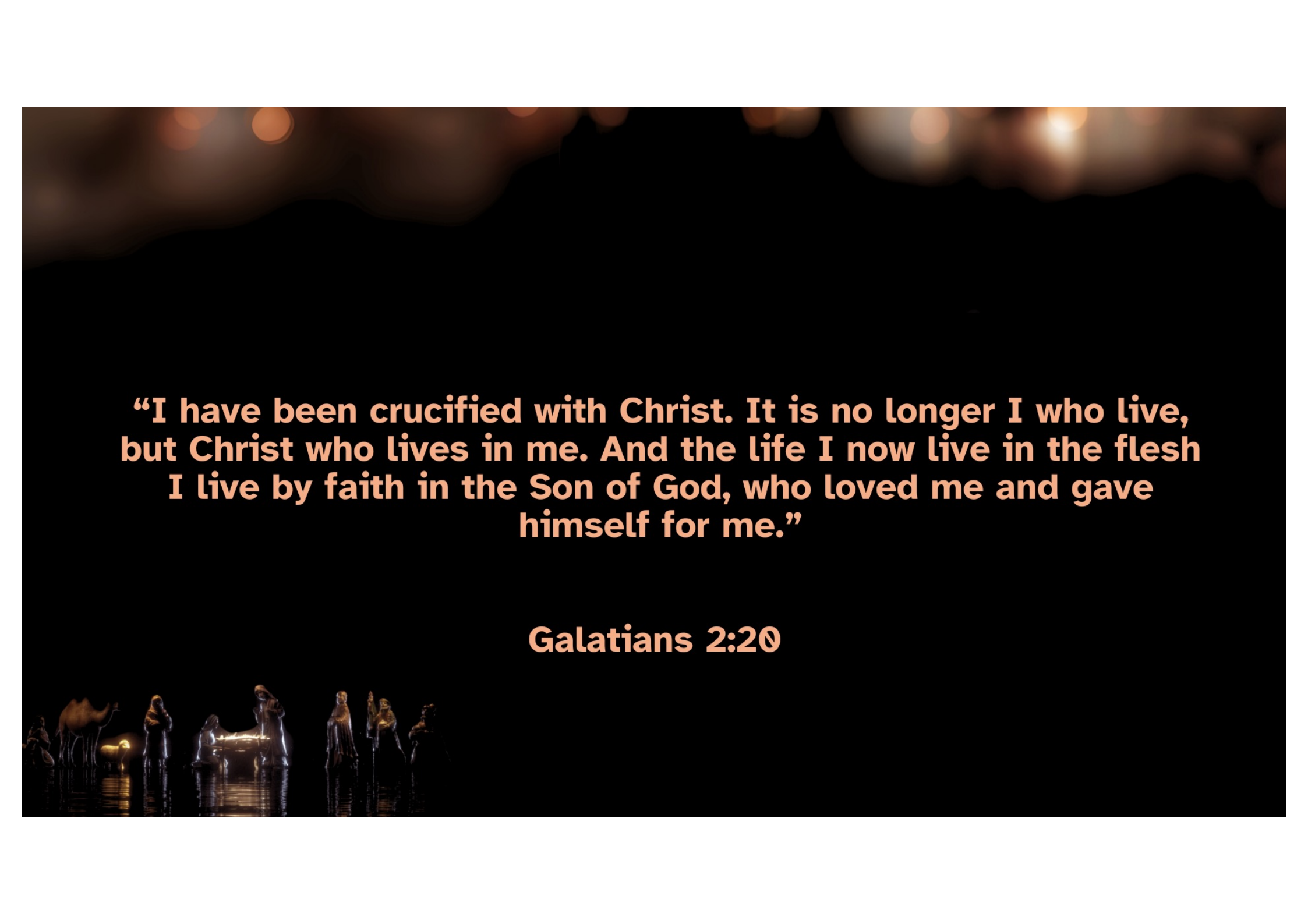
**Psalm 23:4**





**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**



**“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”**

**Galatians 2:20**



**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”**

**John 3:16**



**“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”**

**Matthew 24:14**

