

The One
Who
Guards Our
Night!

Luke 2:1-12 (NLT)

The Birth of Jesus

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

The Shepherds and Angels

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."







A man with a beard, wearing a white robe, is shown from the chest up, holding a large, round loaf of bread with both hands. The bread is broken in the middle, revealing a soft, porous interior. In the foreground, on a wooden table, sits a simple, rustic wooden cup. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the man and the bread. The overall lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the textures of the bread and the man's hands.

1). THE BREAD OF LIFE





Our faith is not in
relics--our faith is in
the Living Christ!



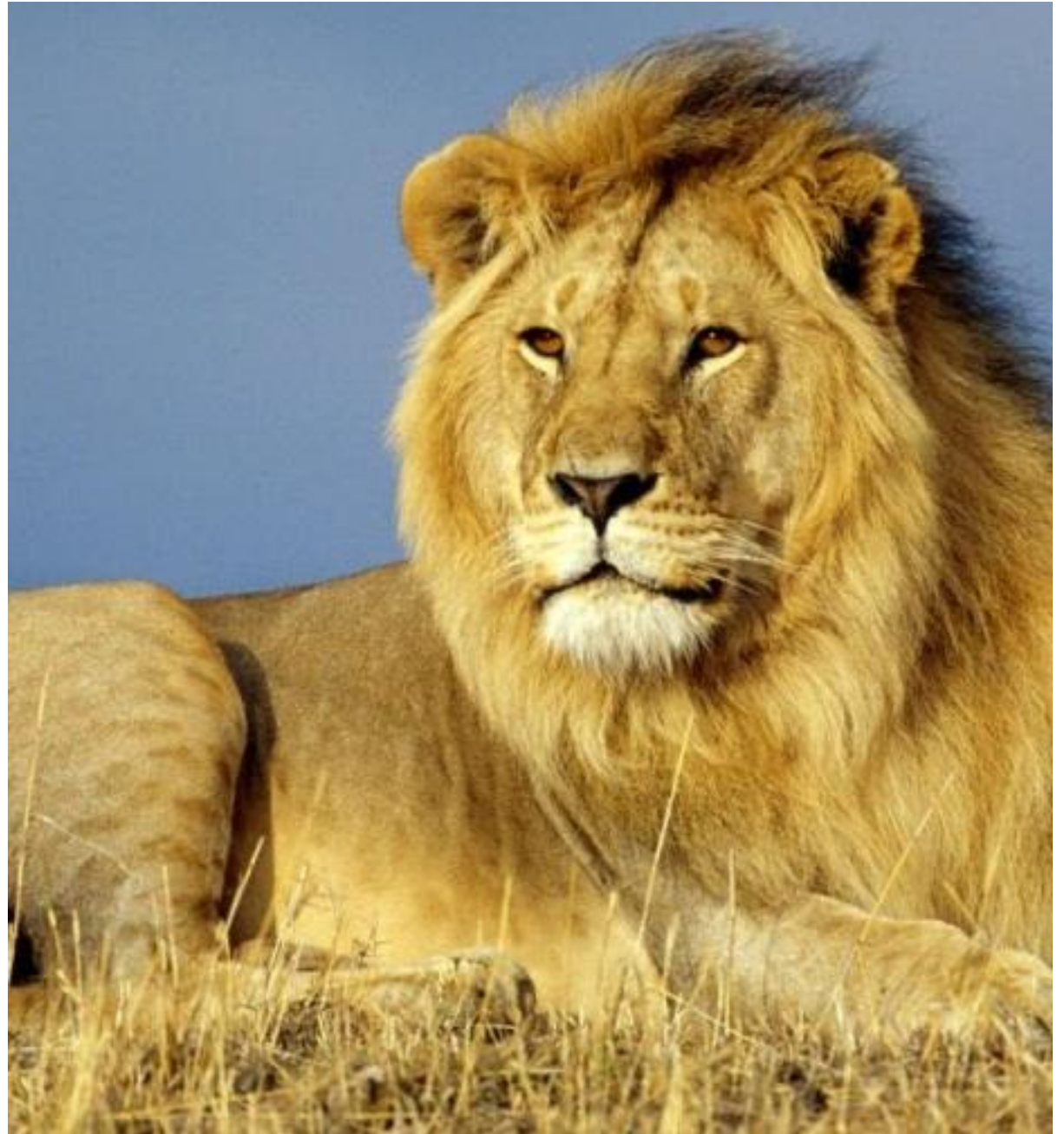
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Luke 2:8 (NLT)



NIV--living
KJV--abiding
OG--guarding guard







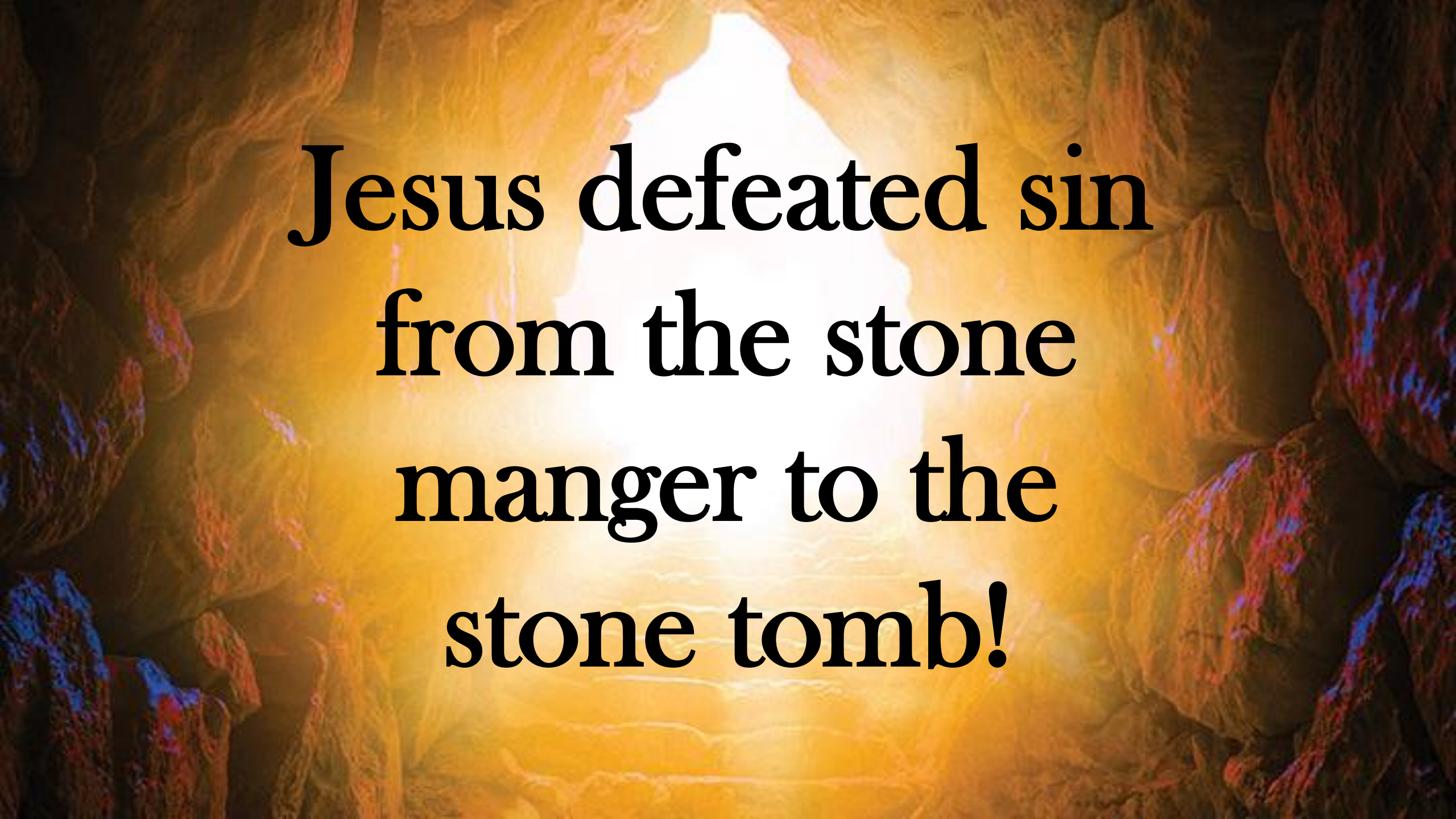
There is heightened danger at night.



2). THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A landscape photograph featuring a golf course in the foreground, a dense forest of green trees in the middle ground, and a dramatic sky with dark, heavy clouds. Sunbeams, or crepuscular rays, stream down from the top of the frame, creating a sense of divine light and hope. The overall mood is serene and inspirational.

**He watches us even more
intently while we're in the night
seasons of our lives.**

The background of the image is a close-up view of a stone tomb entrance. The stones are dark and textured, with a bright, golden light shining through the opening in the center, creating a strong contrast and a sense of divine light. The text is centered over this scene.

**Jesus defeated sin
from the stone
manger to the
stone tomb!**



Courtesy of Tower of David Museum



3). KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS



The angel tells the
shepherds about the
rightful heir to the Throne
of David.

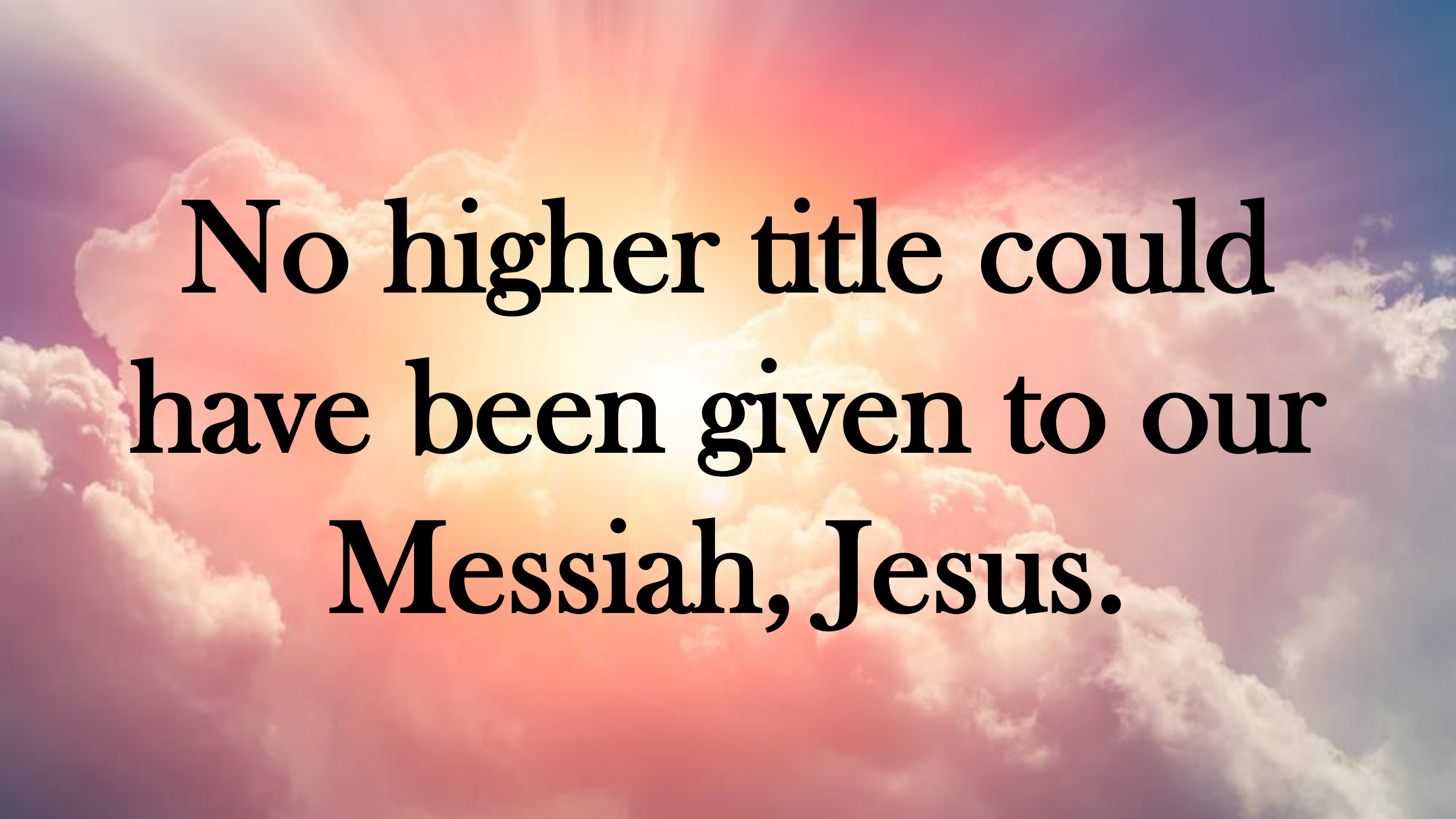
These absolutely
fearless shepherds
"feared a great
fear."



¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has
been born today in Bethlehem, the city of
David!

Luke 2:11 (NLT)





**No higher title could
have been given to our
Messiah, Jesus.**

**ALL THIS GOOD
NEWS IS
SPECIFICALLY FOR
YOU!**

