

The Miracle of the Manger

The Miracles of Christmas Series Part 4 of 4

John 1:1-2, 14

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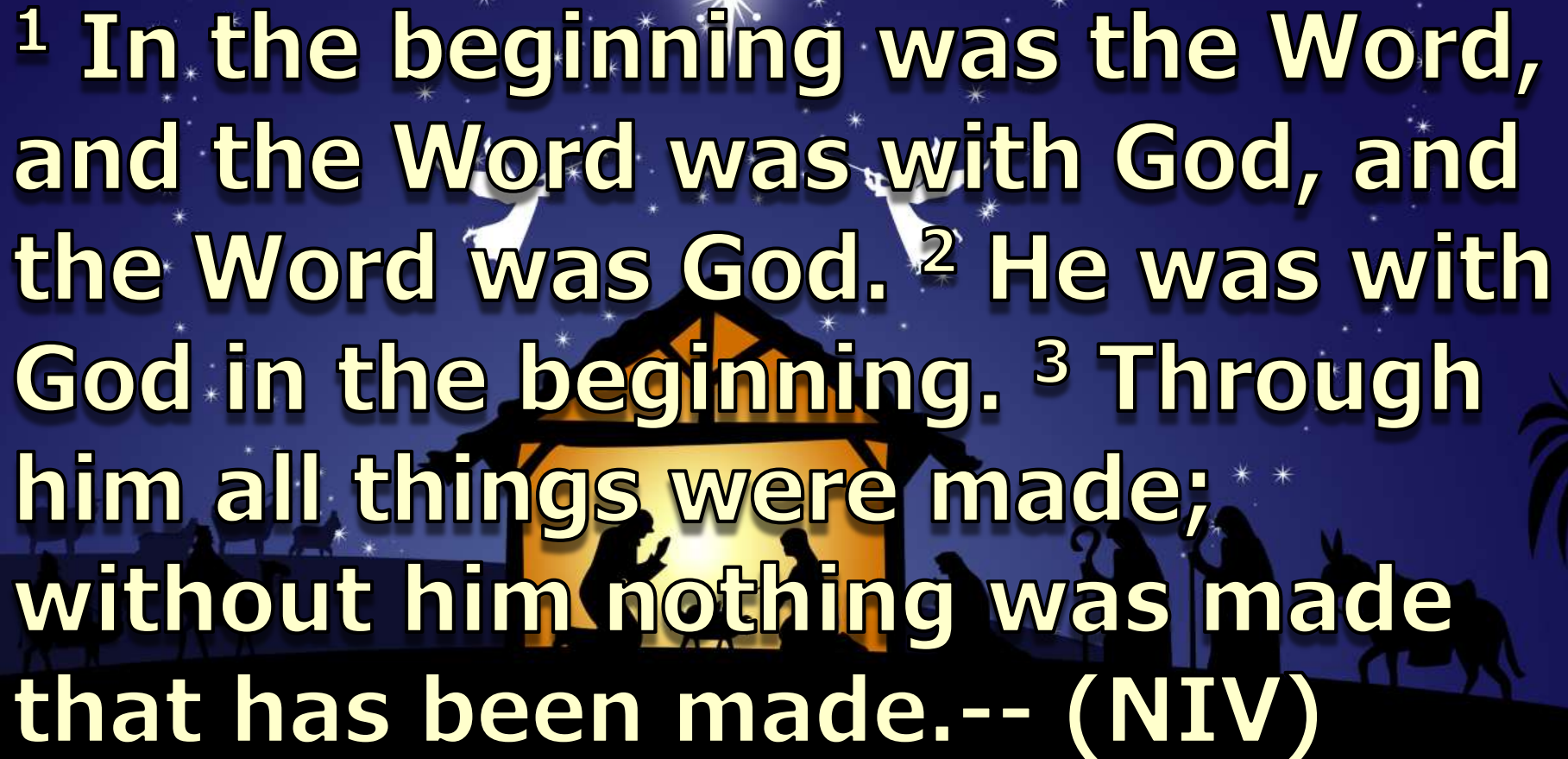
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John 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.-- (NIV)

The background of the slide is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. A single, very bright star with a long, vertical light trail is positioned above the manger scene. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of people and animals. Two people are kneeling in prayer or adoration in front of a glowing, golden manger. To the right, a donkey is visible, and to the left, there are other silhouettes of people and animals. The overall scene is a classic representation of the Nativity.

John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.-- (NIV)

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1. The **Moment** the Word Became Flesh.

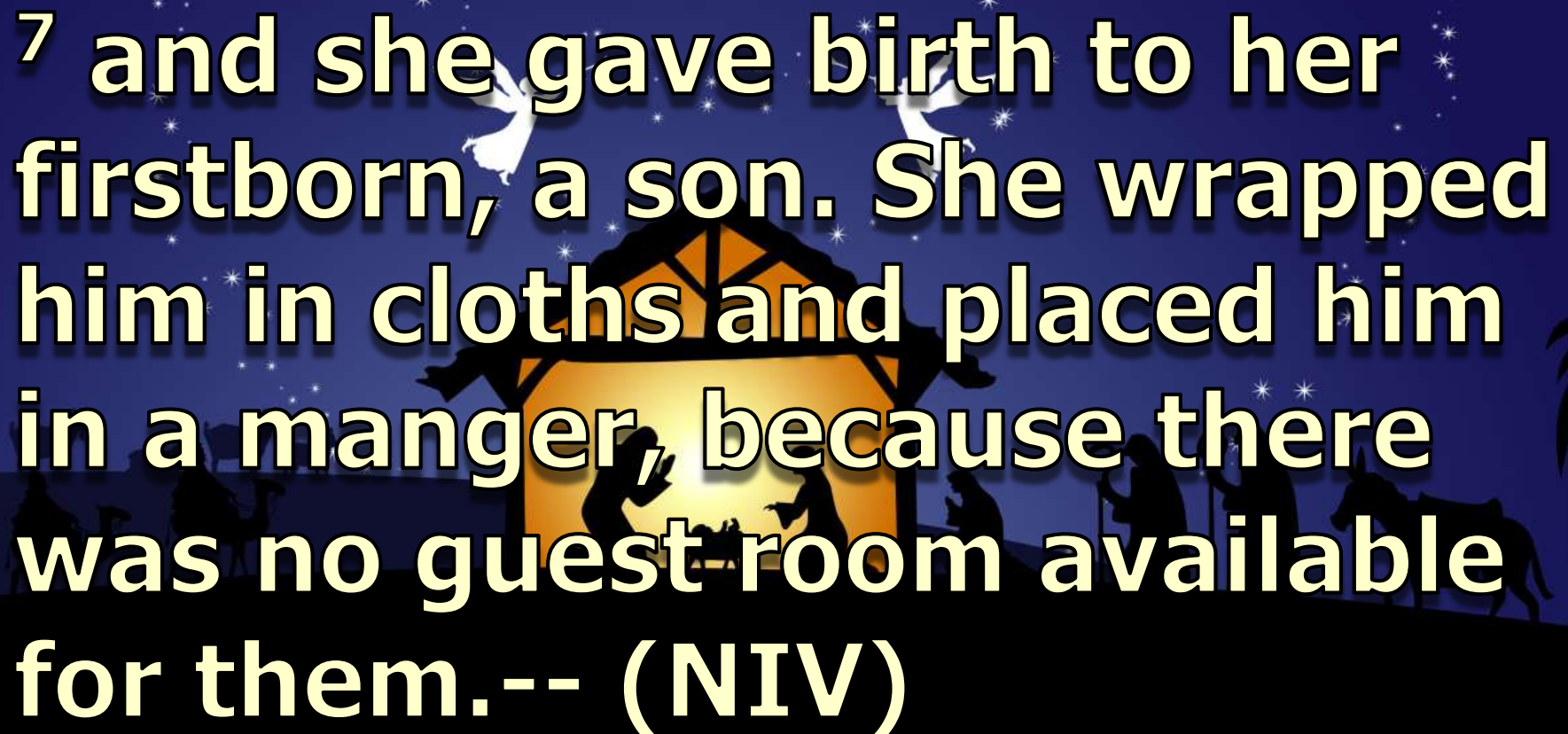
Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (NIV)

2. The Miracle of the Word Becoming Flesh

John 1:14 ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Luke 2:7

7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.-- (NIV)

A background illustration of a nativity scene. In the center is a yellow manger with a dark roof. Two white doves are flying above it. The scene is set against a dark blue night sky filled with many small white stars and one larger, brighter star. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of people and animals, including a camel and a donkey, standing near the manger.

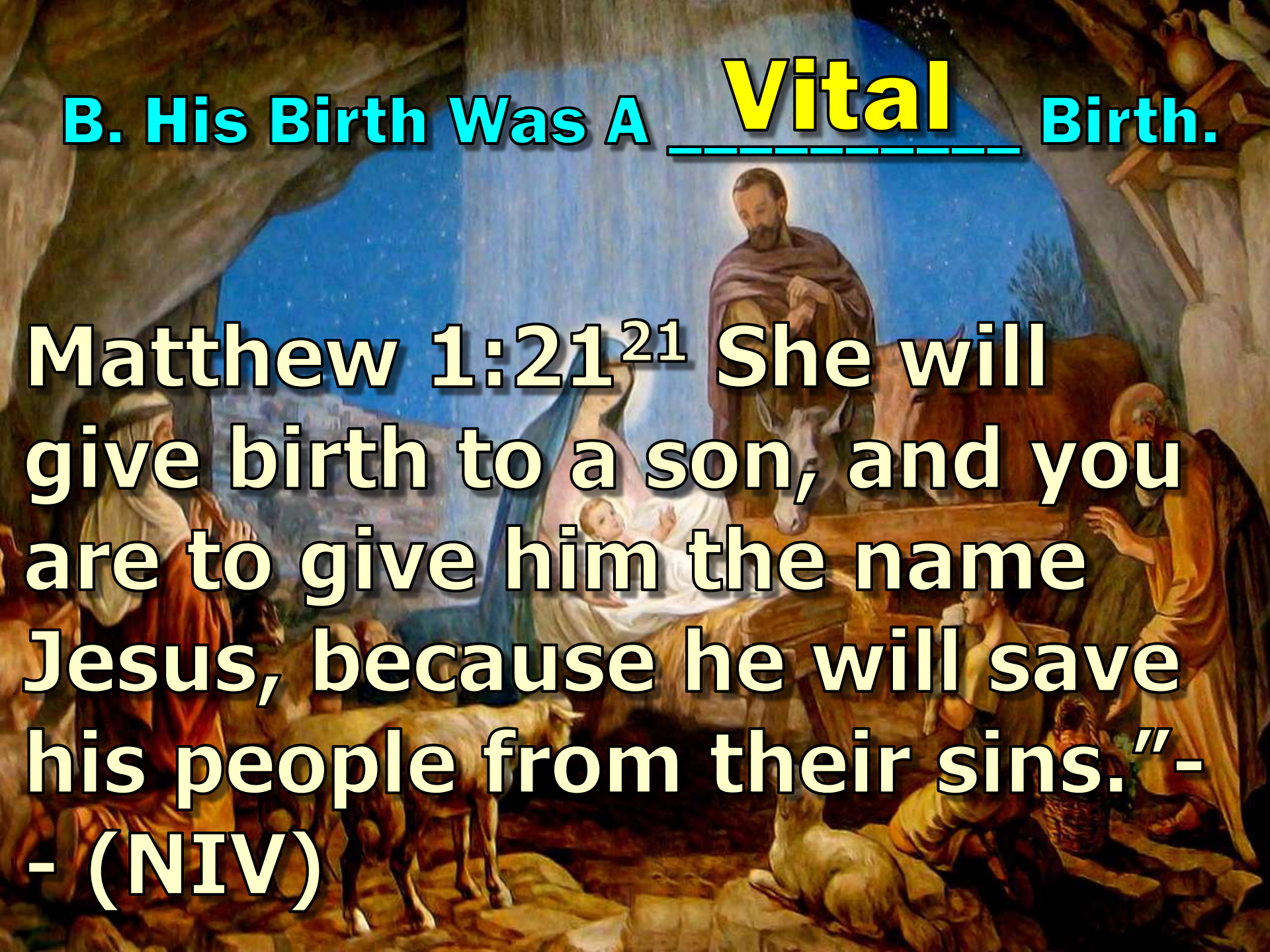
A. His Birth Was A Virgin Birth.

Matthew 1:23²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). -- (NIV)



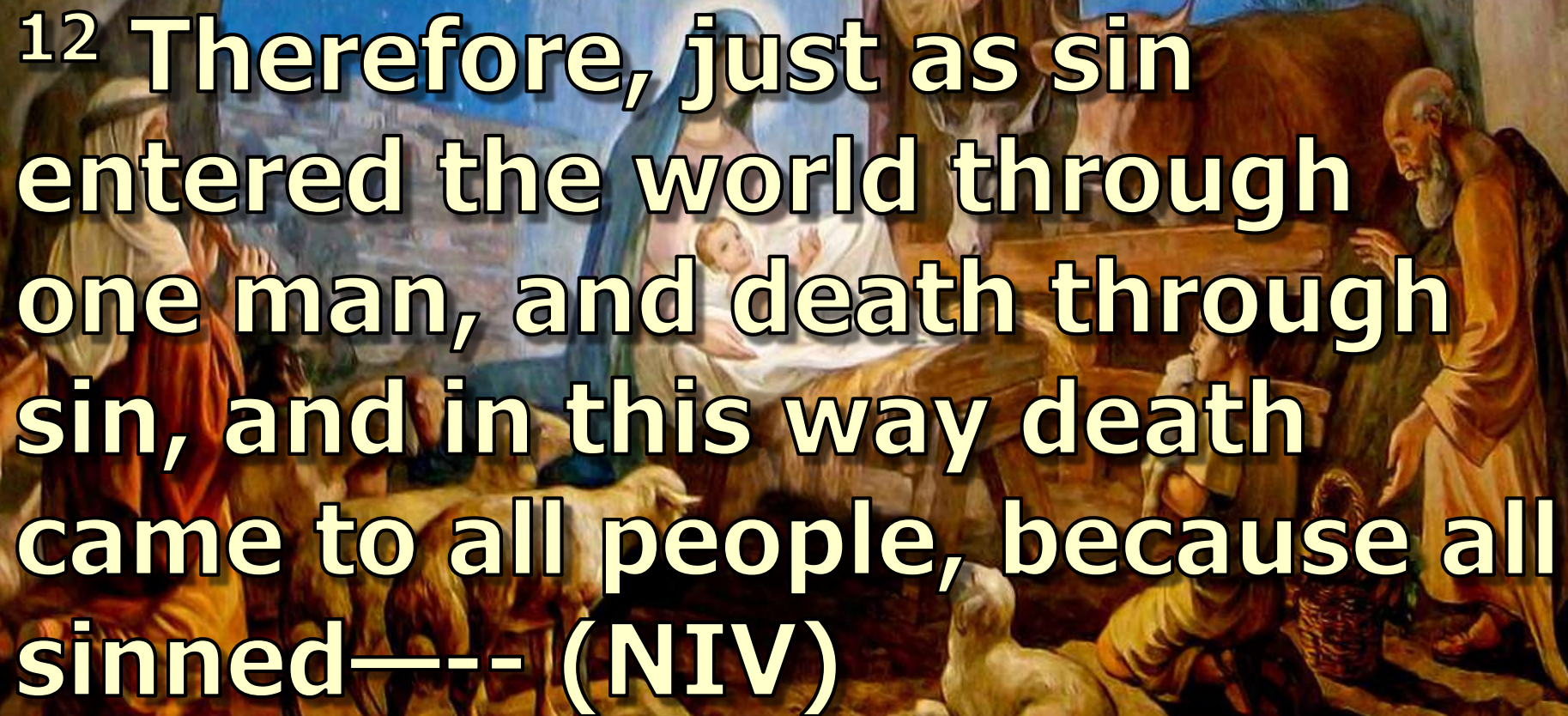
B. His Birth Was A Vital Birth.

**Matthew 1:21²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”-
- (NIV)**



Romans 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned--- (NIV)

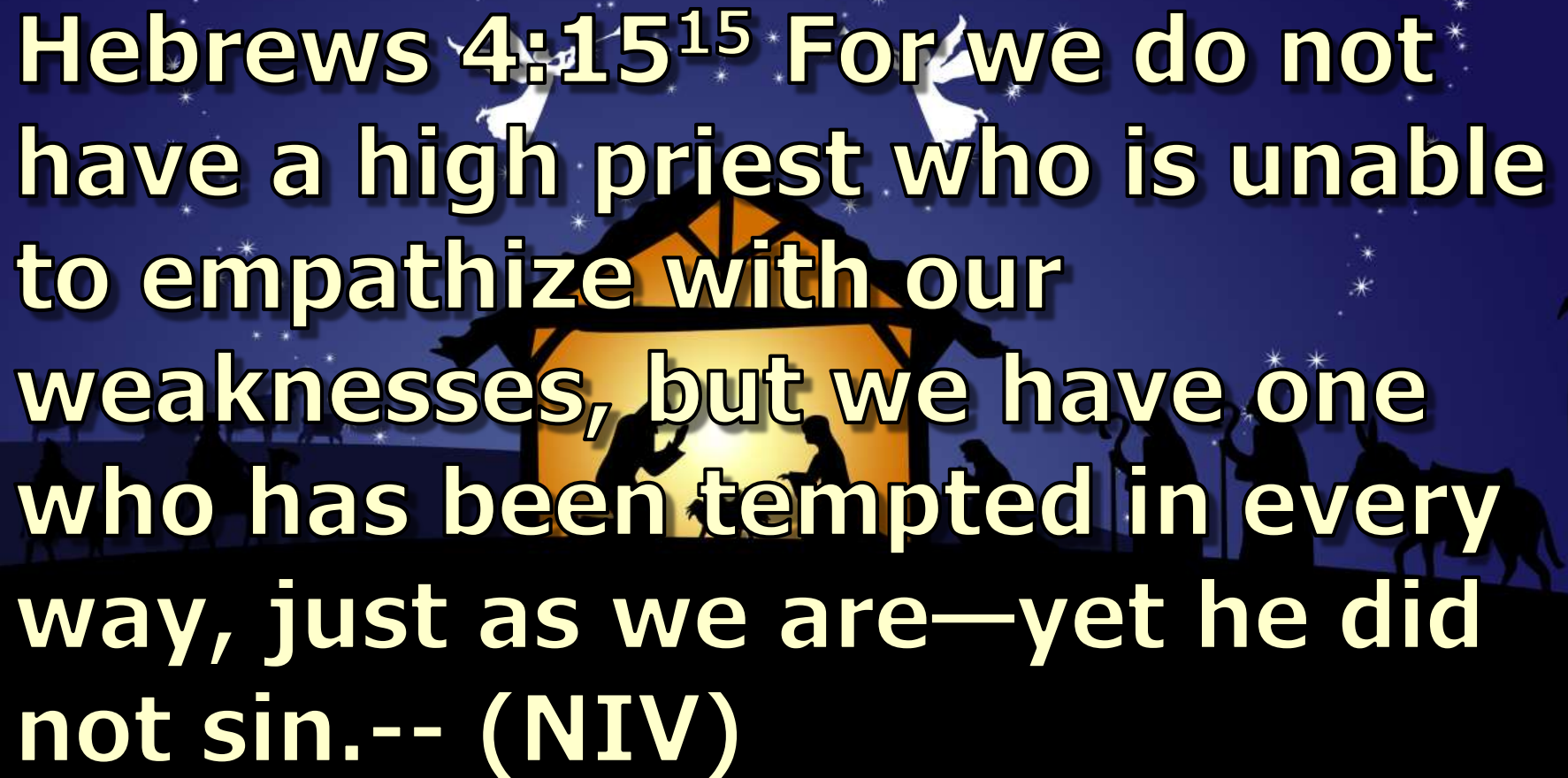


3. The **Motive** of the Word Becoming Flesh.

John 1:14¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.-- (NIV)

A. Jesus Became One With Us

Hebrews 4:15¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.-- (NIV)

The background of the slide is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. A single, larger, multi-pointed bright star is positioned in the upper center. Below the stars, there are dark silhouettes of people and animals. In the center, a person is standing with arms outstretched, facing a bright, glowing yellow light source that resembles a setting or rising sun or moon. To the right, there are silhouettes of people on horseback and a camel. On the far right, a palm tree is visible. The overall scene suggests a biblical or spiritual narrative.

B. Jesus Became One For Us.

Hebrews 2:14¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. (NLT)

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