

CHRISTMAS TIME

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THE MESSAGE in the
Manger



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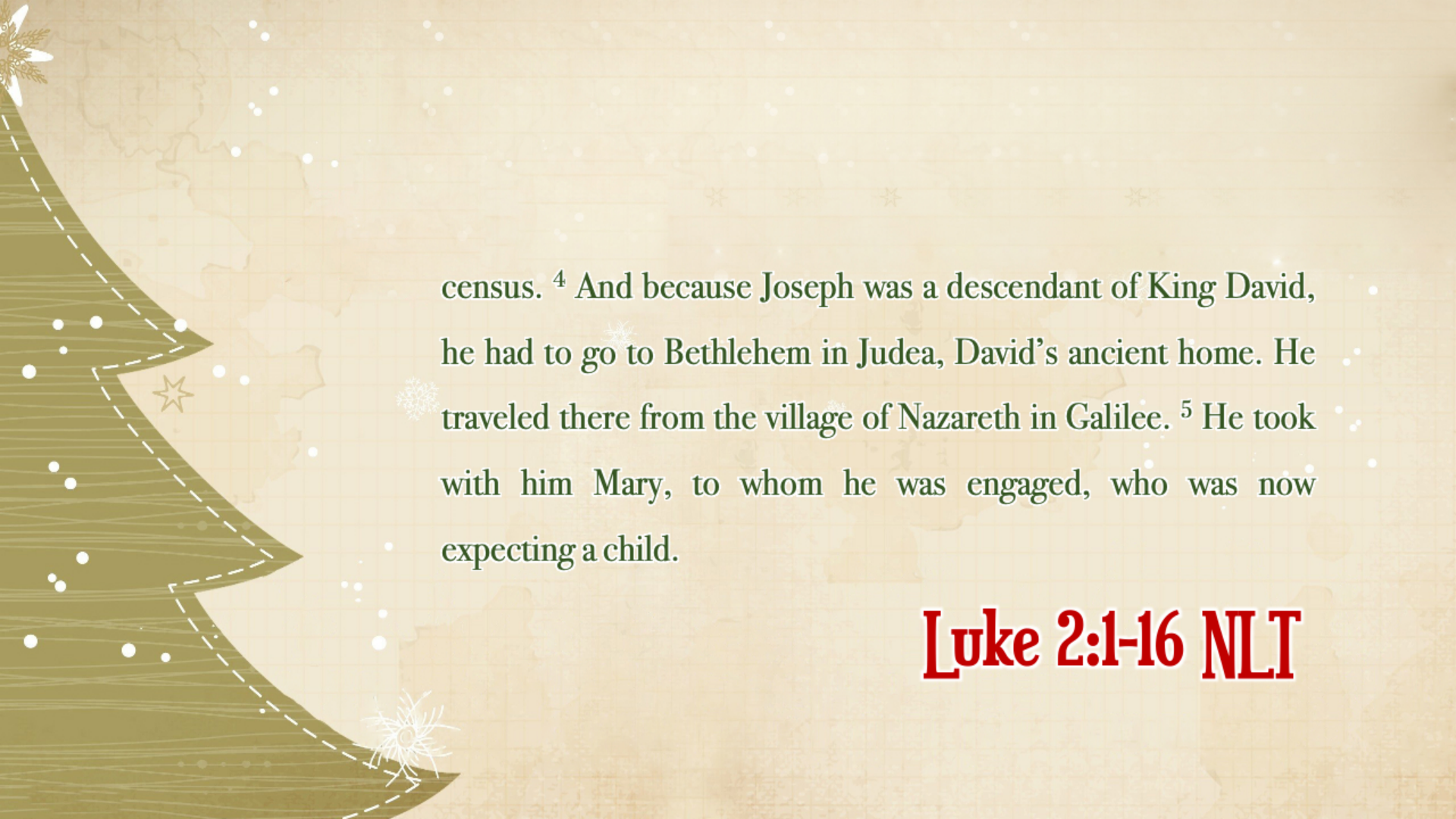
God places His only son
in a feeding trough.



¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

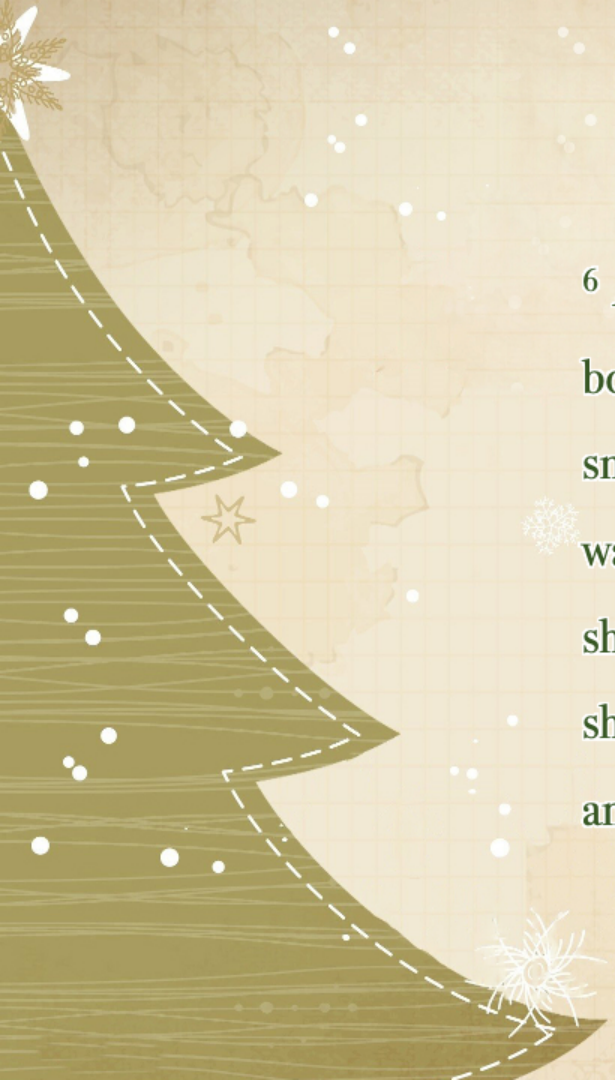
² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this

Luke 2:1-16 NLT



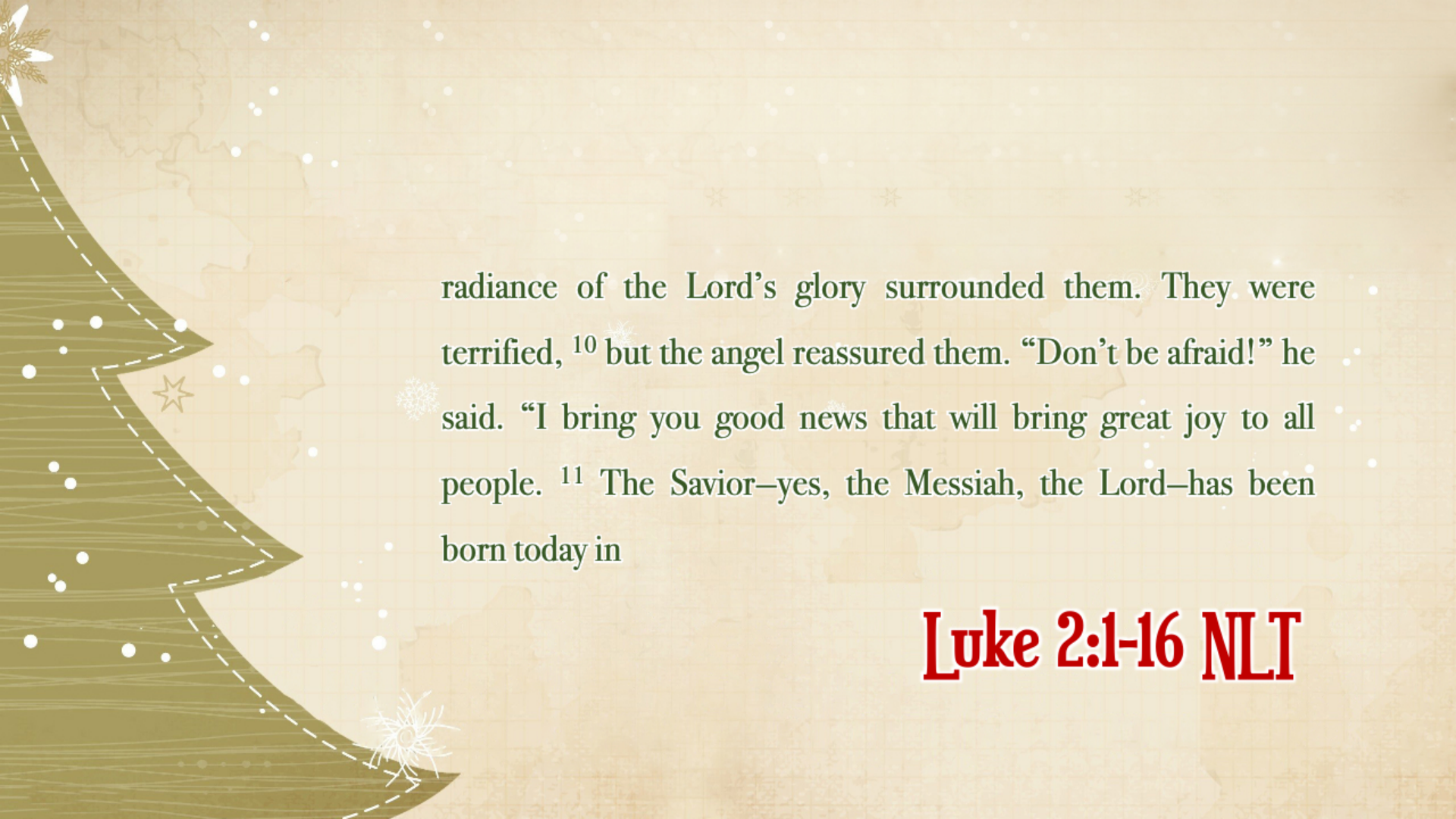
census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

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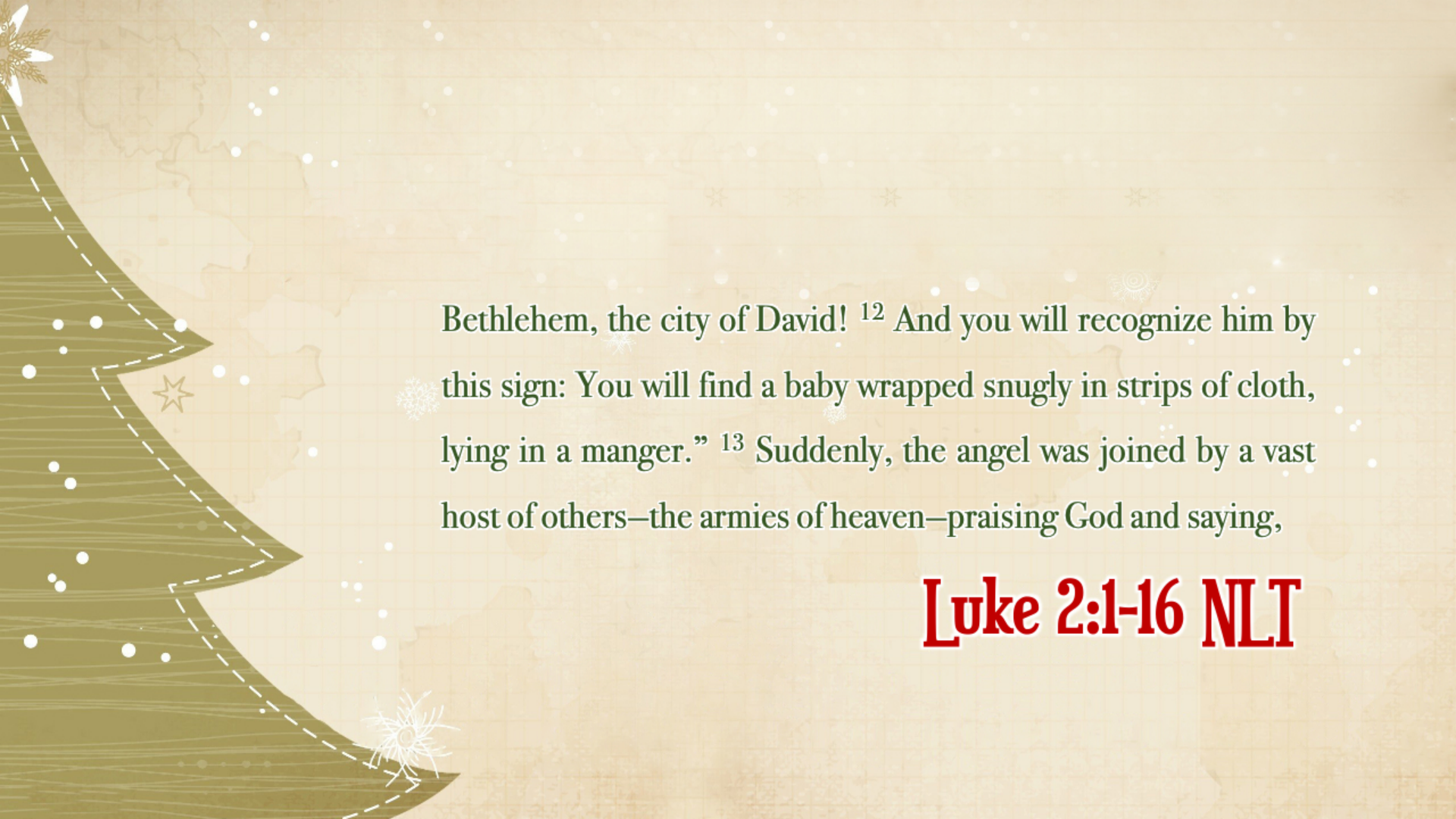
⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. ⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the

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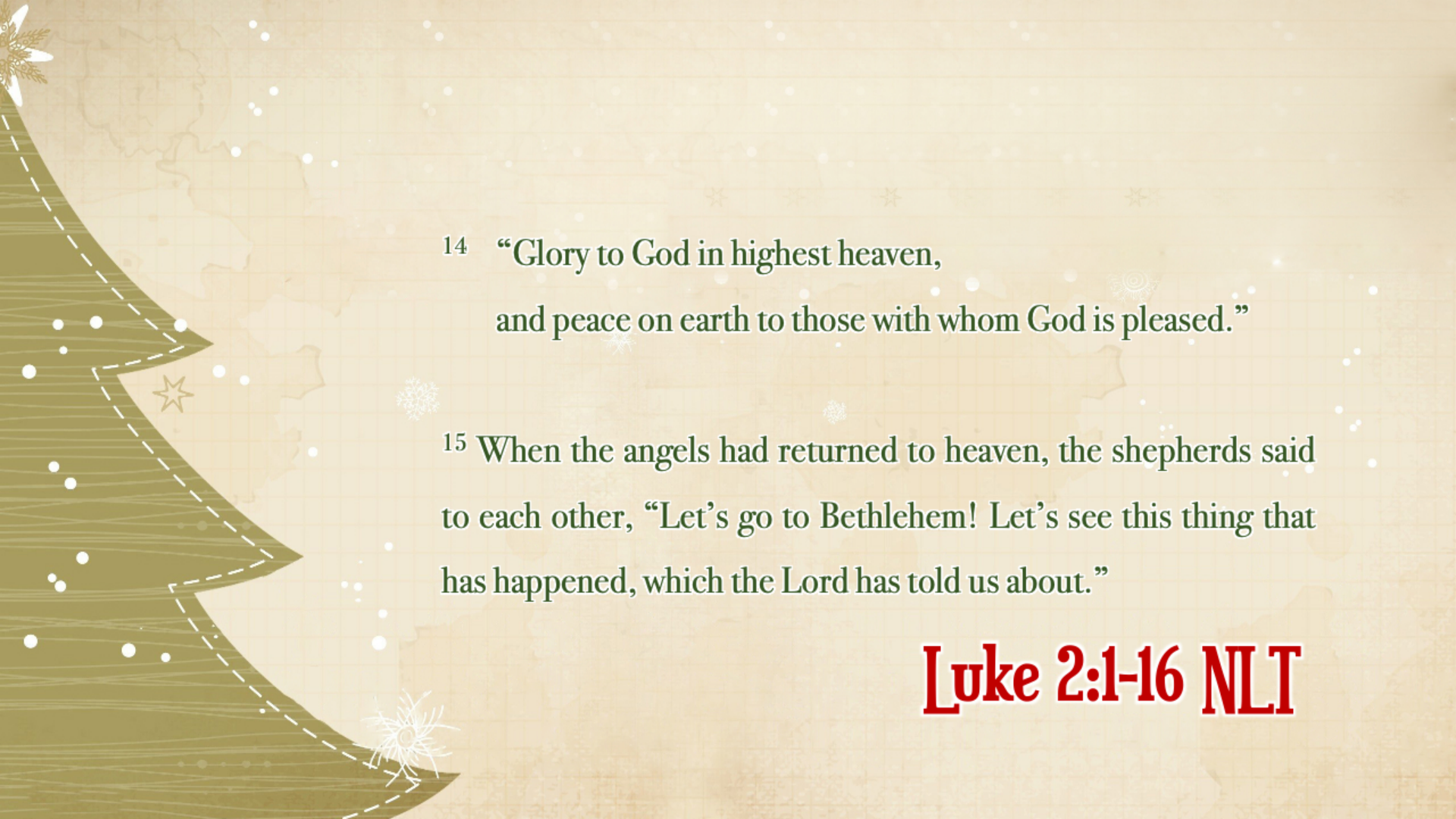
radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in

Luke 2:1-16 NLT



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.” ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

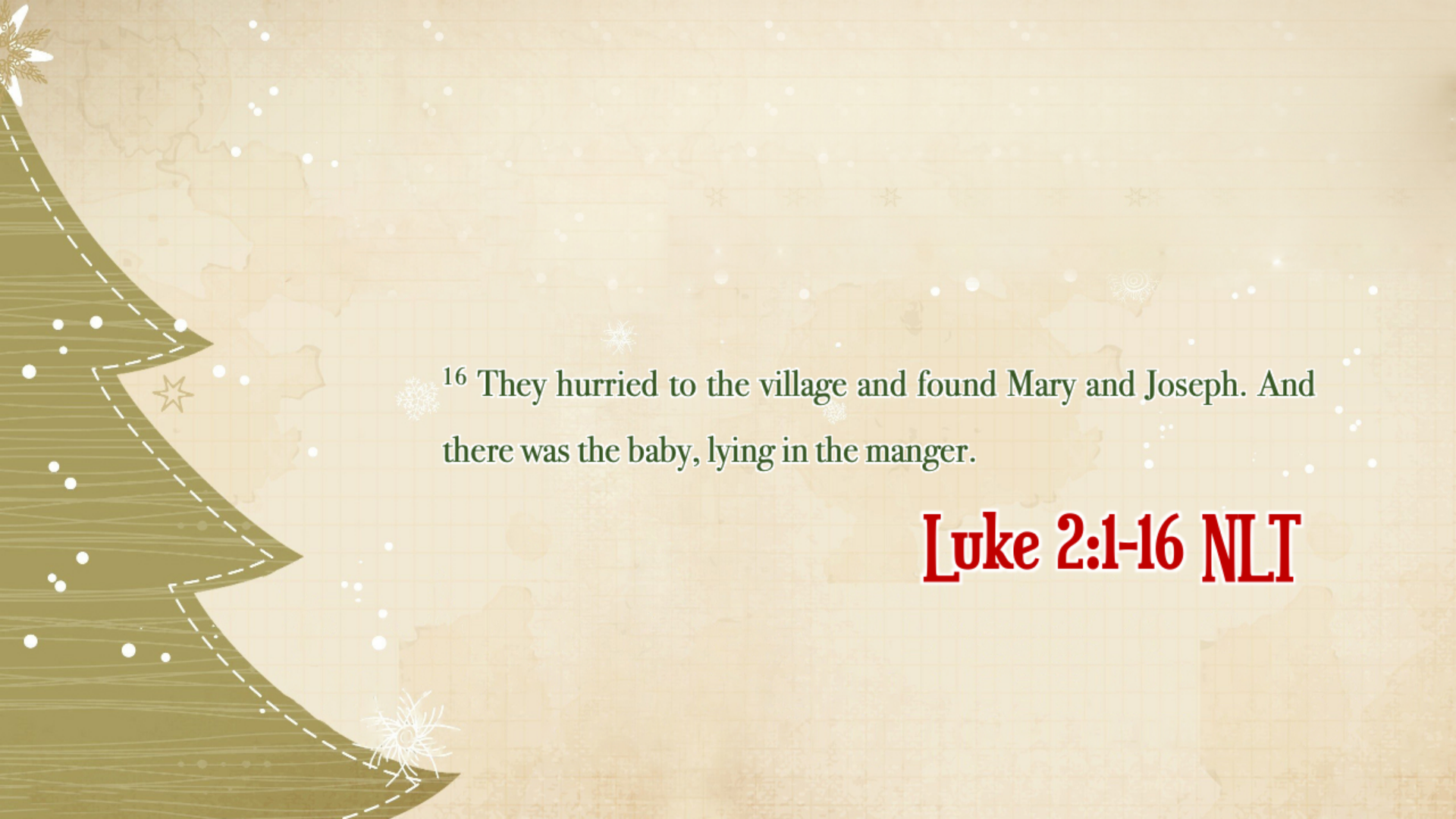
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14 “Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

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So why a manger?

The manger makes
Jesus accessible.



⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to
his own advantage;

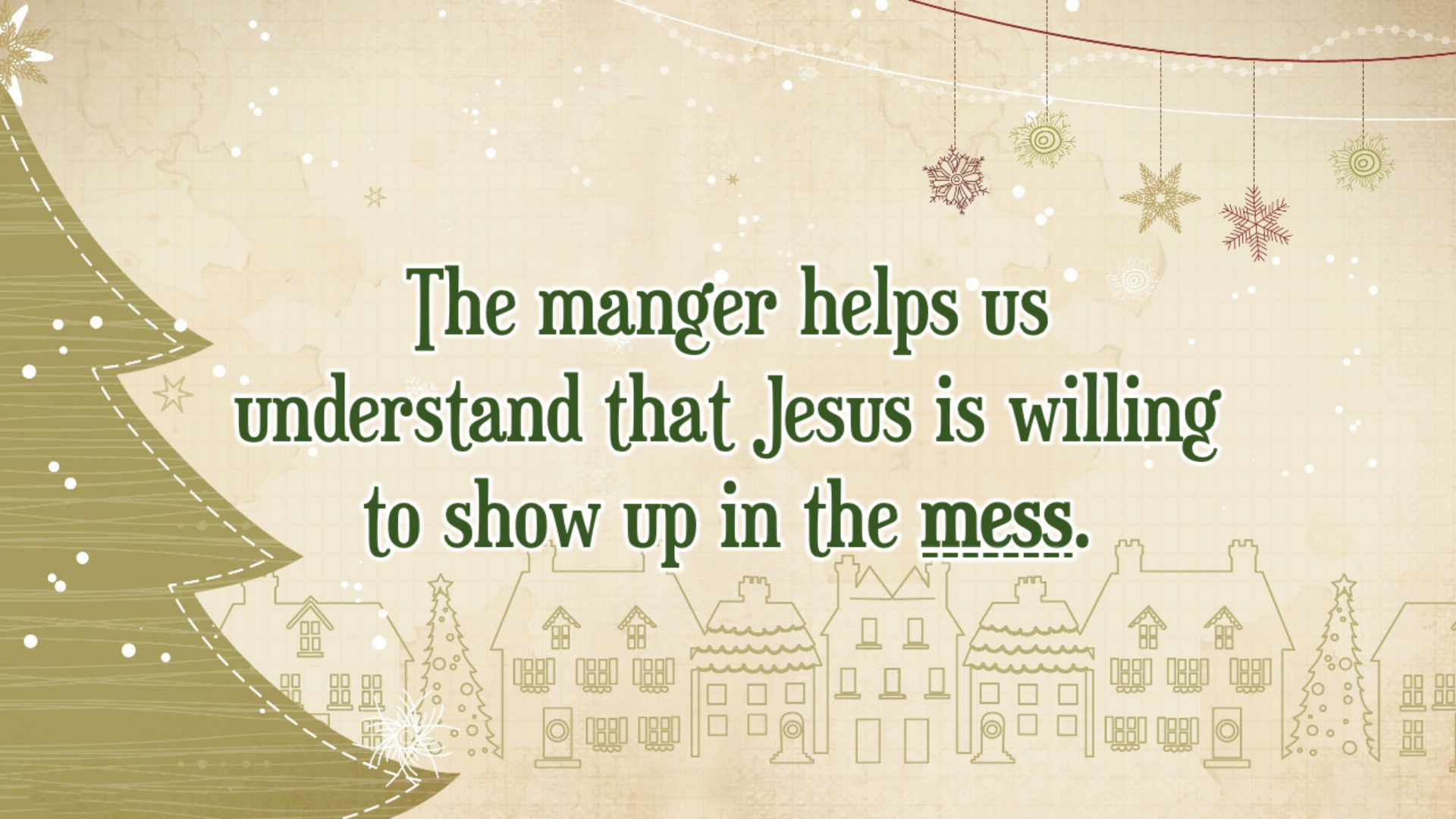
Philippians 2:5-8 NIV



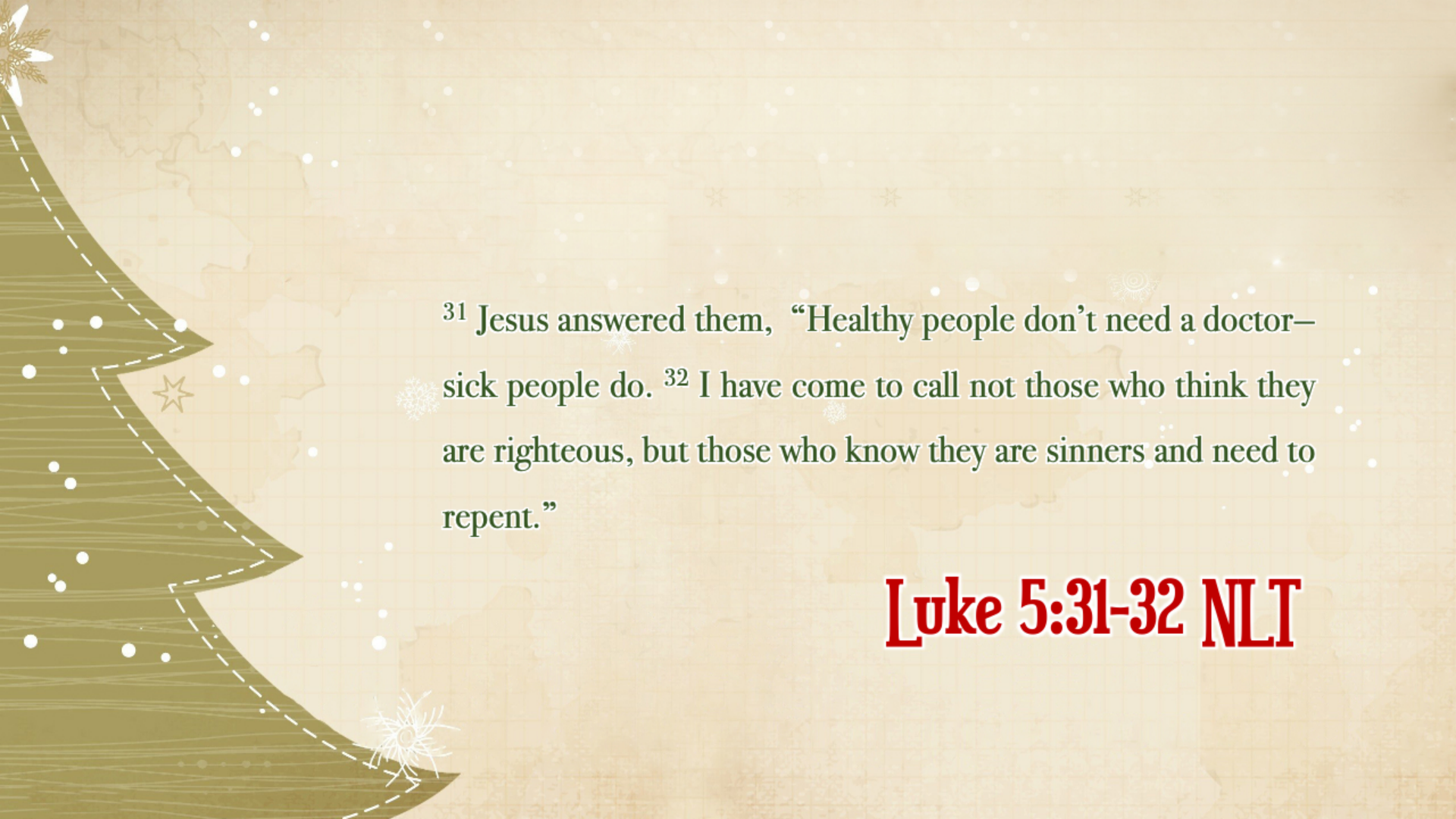
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

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The manger helps us
understand that Jesus is willing
to show up in the mess.

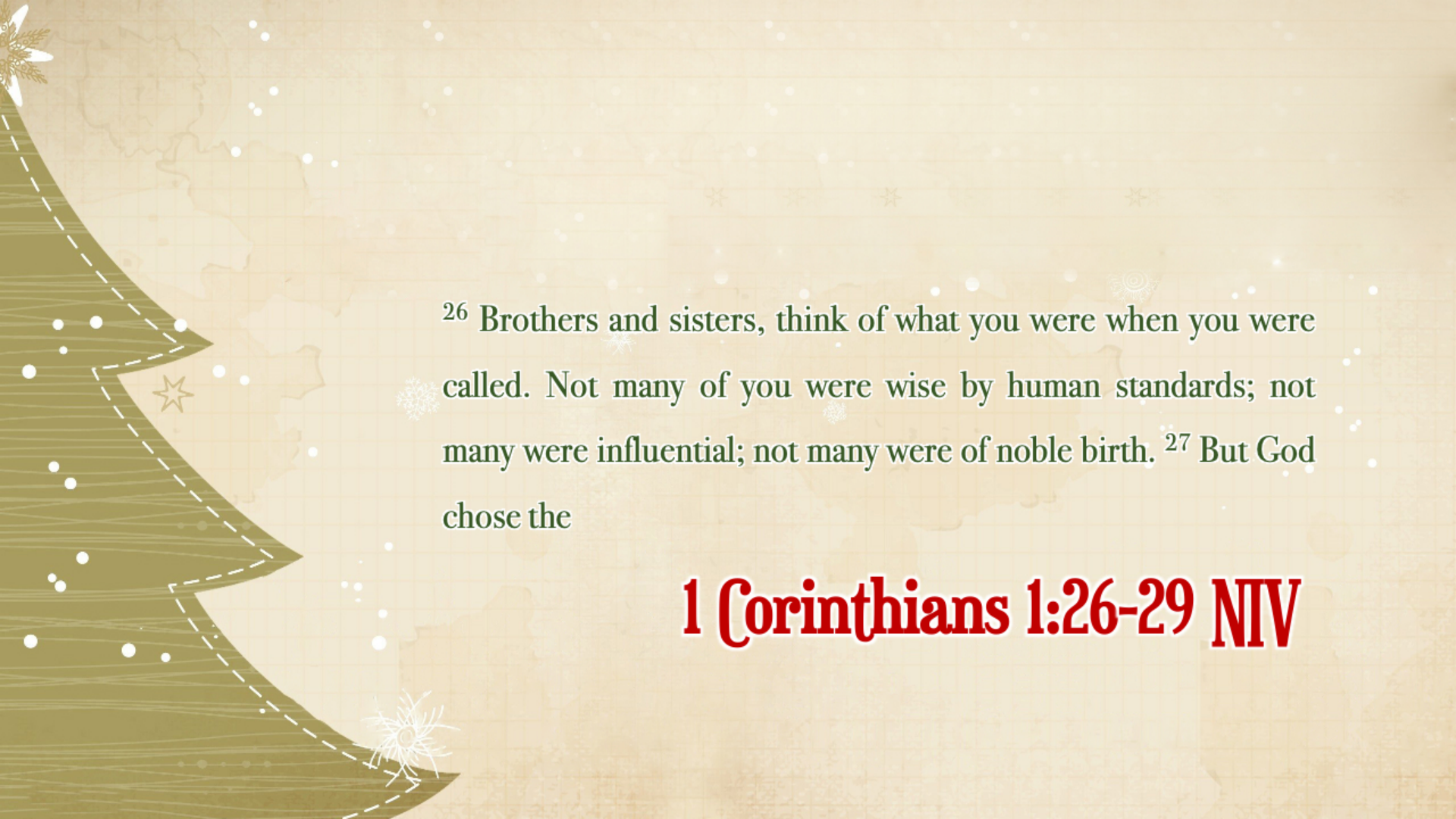


³¹ Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—
sick people do. ³² I have come to call not those who think they
are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to
repent.”

Luke 5:31-32 NLT




The manger reminds us that
God can use the lowly things to
change everything.



²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the

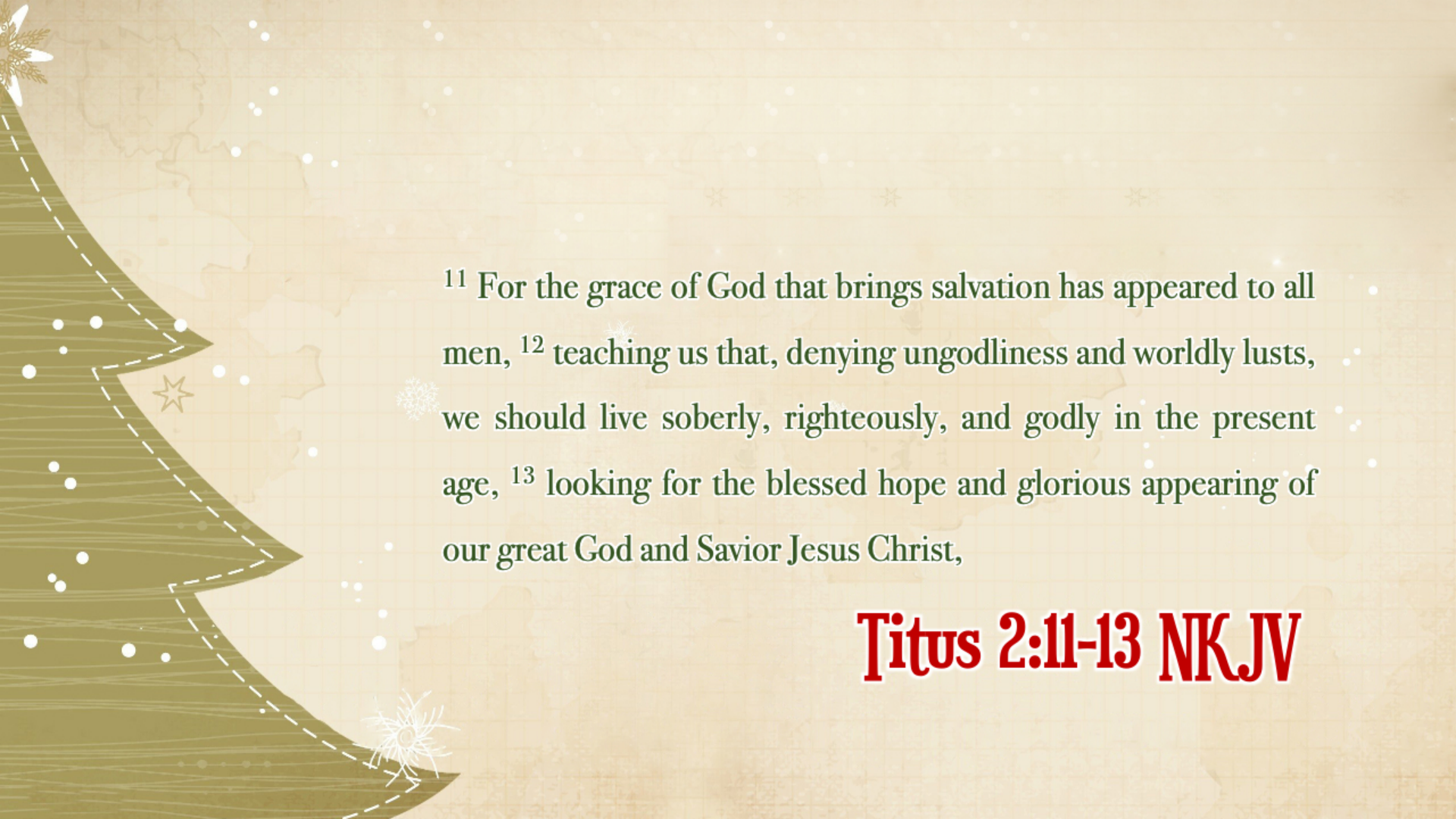
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foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.

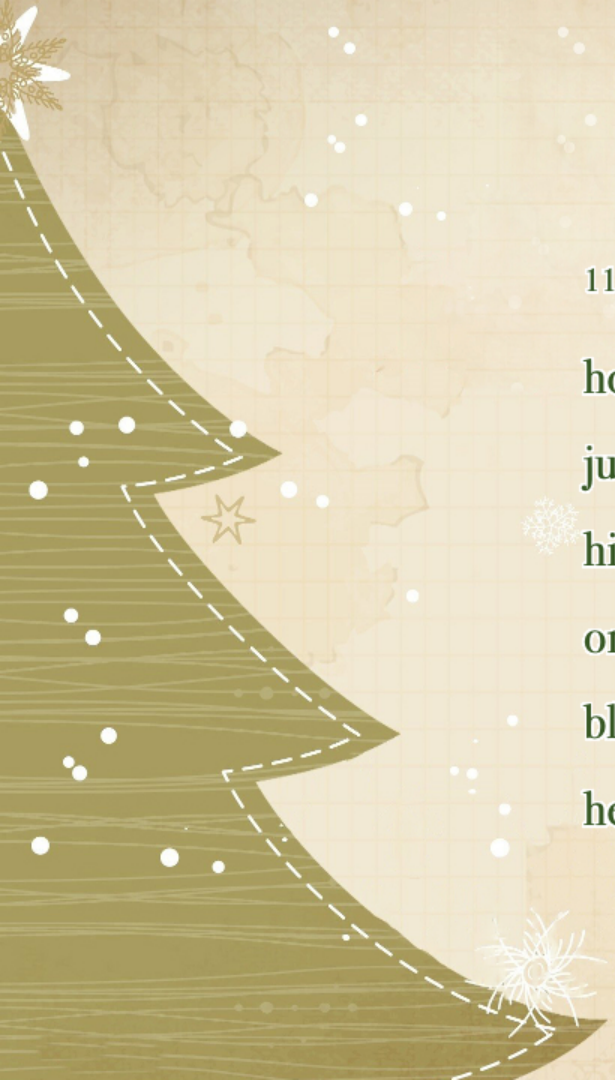
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The manger reminds us that Jesus' first coming was in the most humble of circumstances but His second coming will be glorious.



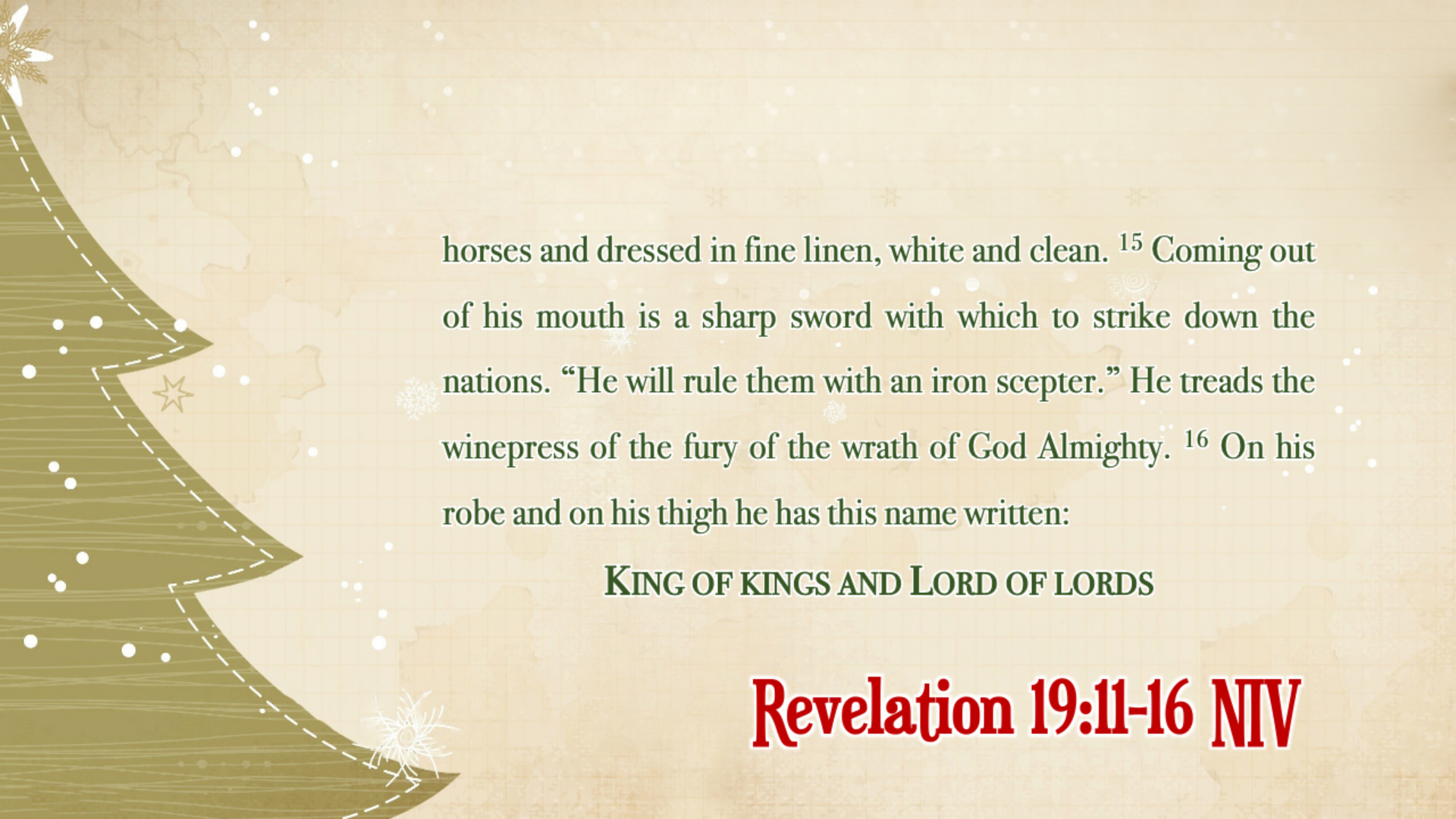
¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:11-13 NKJV



¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white

Revelation 19:11-16 NIV



horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

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