

Recapturing the Joy of That Sacred Moment



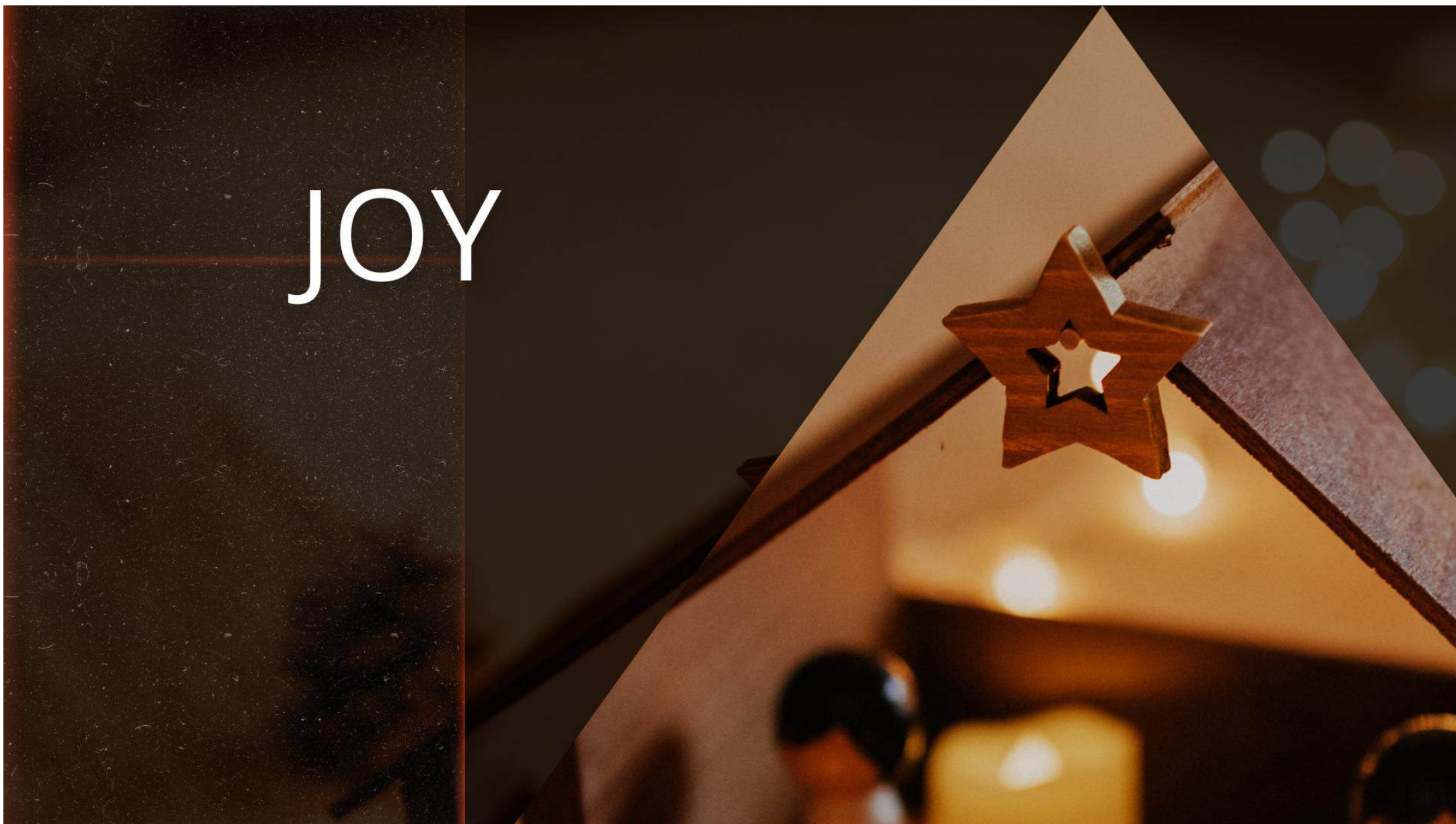
Moments in American History



Moments in Your Personal History



JOY



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J – Jesus

O – Others

Y – Yourself



A dark, atmospheric scene of a nativity scene. In the center, a figure is seated, possibly Mary, with a child in her arms. To the left, a woman in a long, light-colored dress stands. To the right, another woman stands, and a donkey is visible in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from the center. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

LUKE 1:14 – 17

Zechariah and Elizabeth

¹⁴ You will have great joy and gladness, and many
will rejoice at his birth,



LUKE 1:14 – 17

Zechariah and Elizabeth

¹⁵ for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth,



LUKE 1:14 – 17

Zechariah and Elizabeth

¹⁶ and he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord.



LUKE 1:14 – 17

Zechariah and Elizabeth

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly.



LUKE 2:34

Simeon

Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, this child will be rejected by many in Israel, and it will be their undoing. But he will be the greatest joy to many others.



LUKE 2:38

Anna

She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

The background image is a dark, atmospheric scene of a nativity scene. It shows figures in a stable, including a woman with a donkey, and a bright star in the sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from the figures and the star. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

MATTHEW 2:10 – 11

Wisemen/Magi

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!



MATTHEW 2:10 – 11

Wisemen/Magi

¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



MATTHEW 2:2 – 3

Wisemen/Magi

²“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” ³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.



LUKE 2:8-20

The Shepherds


⁸That night, there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,



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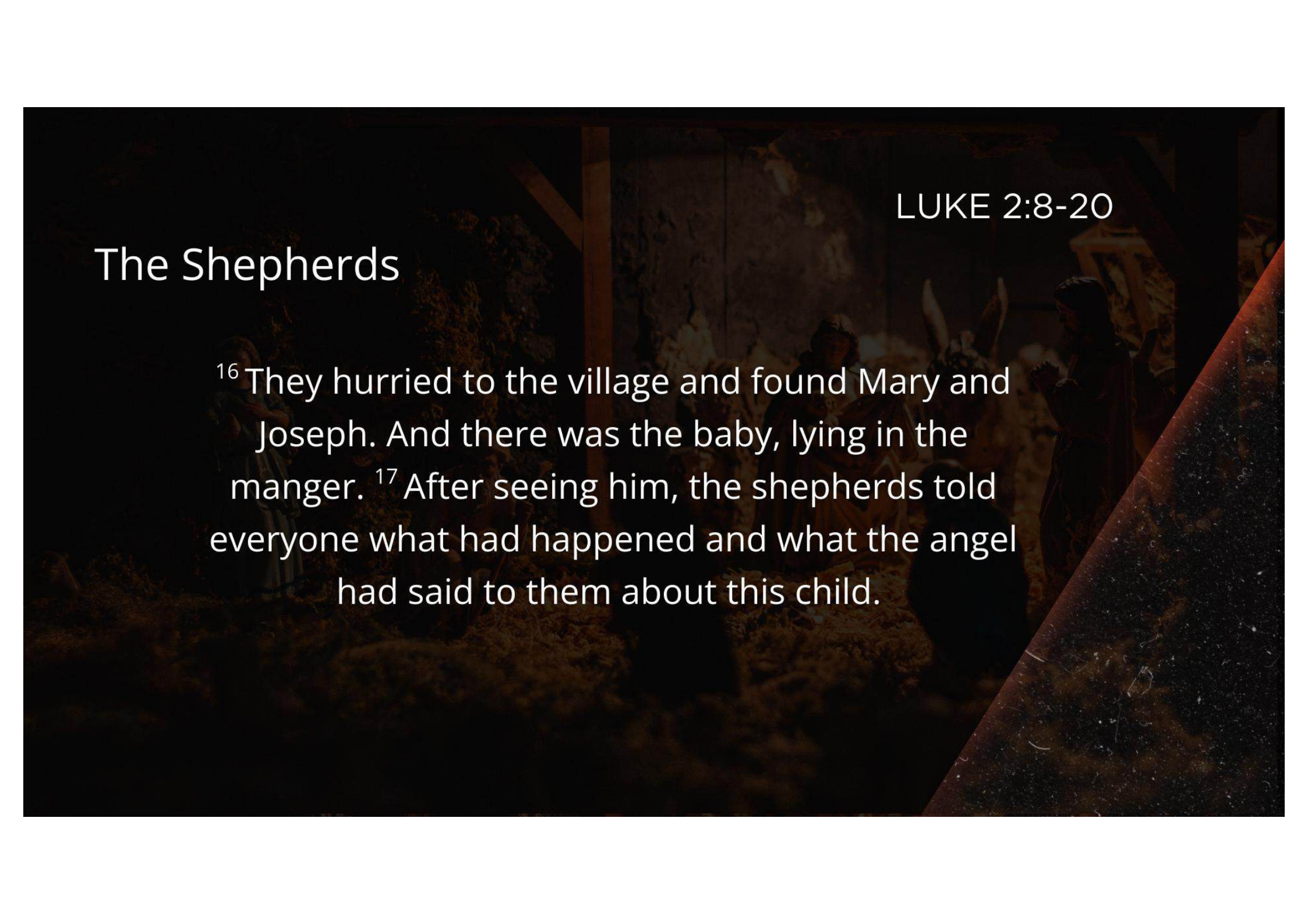
¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!



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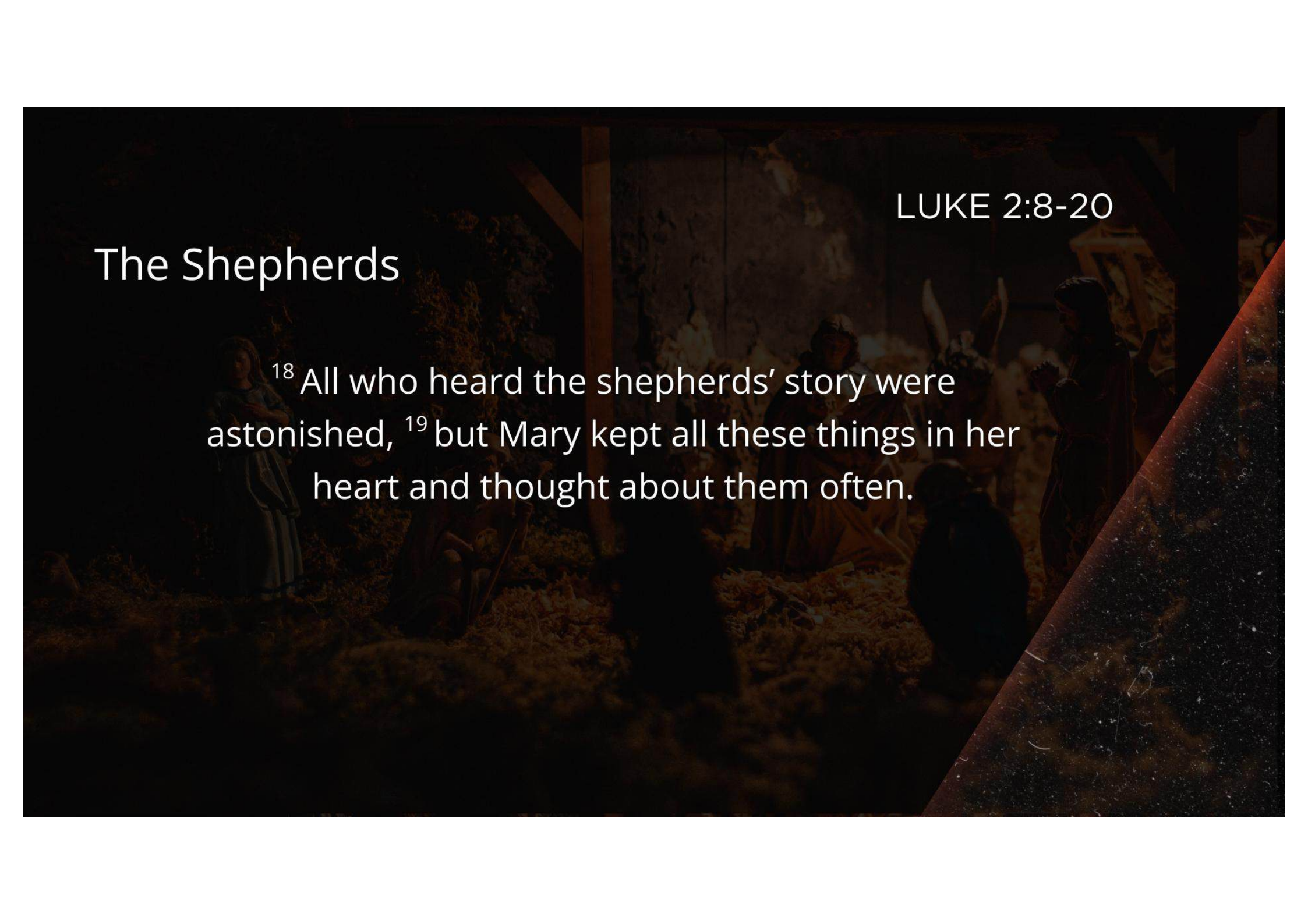
¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”



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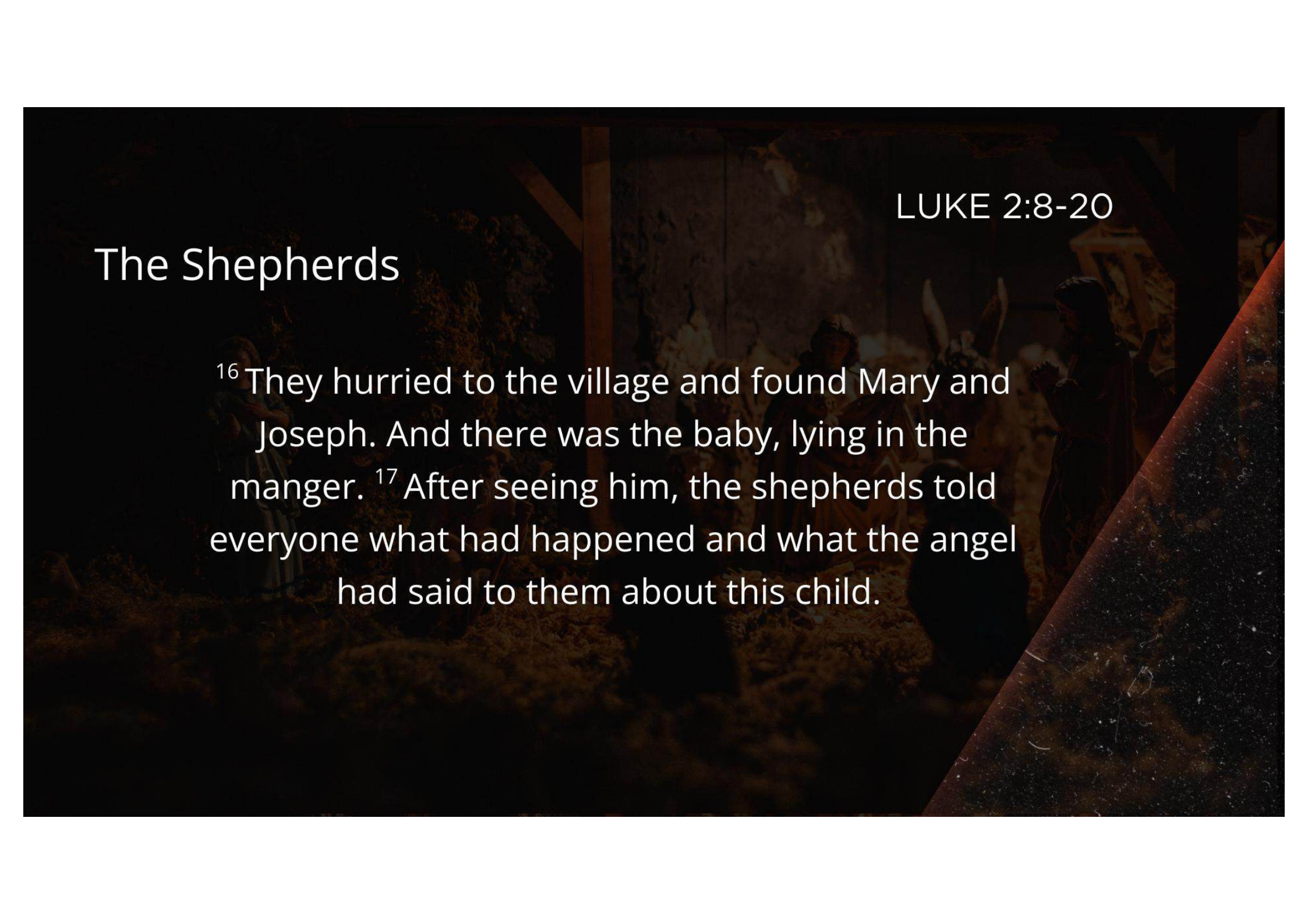
¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”



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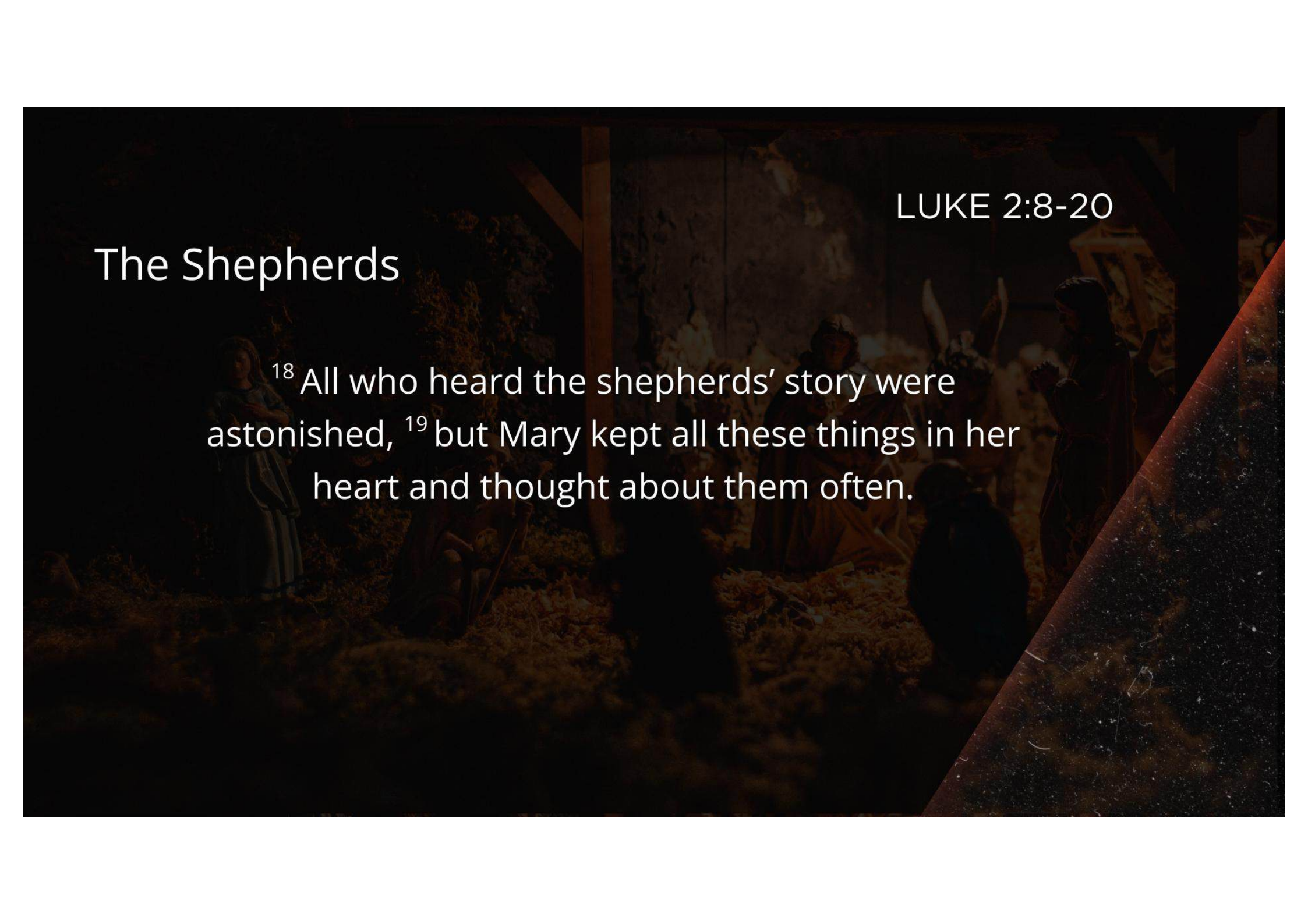
¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



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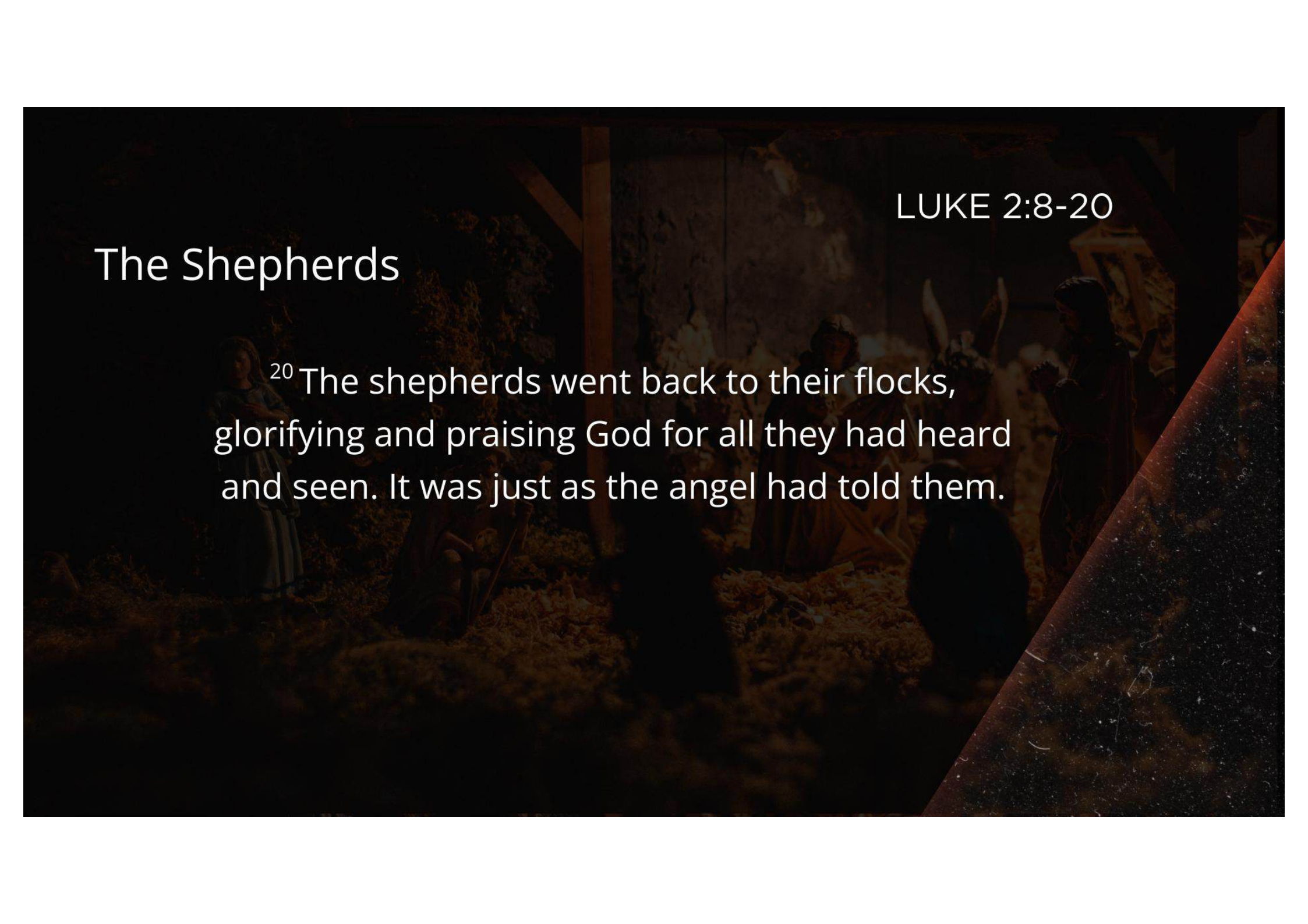
¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

A dark, atmospheric scene of a nativity play. In the background, a figure of Mary stands near a manger where a baby Jesus lies. Other figures, including shepherds and animals like a donkey and sheep, are visible in the dimly lit stable. The scene is set against a backdrop of rough stone walls and wooden beams.

LUKE 2:8-20

The Shepherds

¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

A dark, atmospheric scene of shepherds in a field at night. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source illuminating the scene from the right. Several figures are visible, including a shepherd in the foreground and others in the background. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

LUKE 2:8-20

The Shepherds

²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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A dark, atmospheric scene of a nativity scene. In the center, a woman (Mary) is seated, holding a child (Jesus). To the left, a man (Joseph) is kneeling. To the right, another man is standing. In the background, a donkey and a manger are visible. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from the center. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

LUKE 2:10

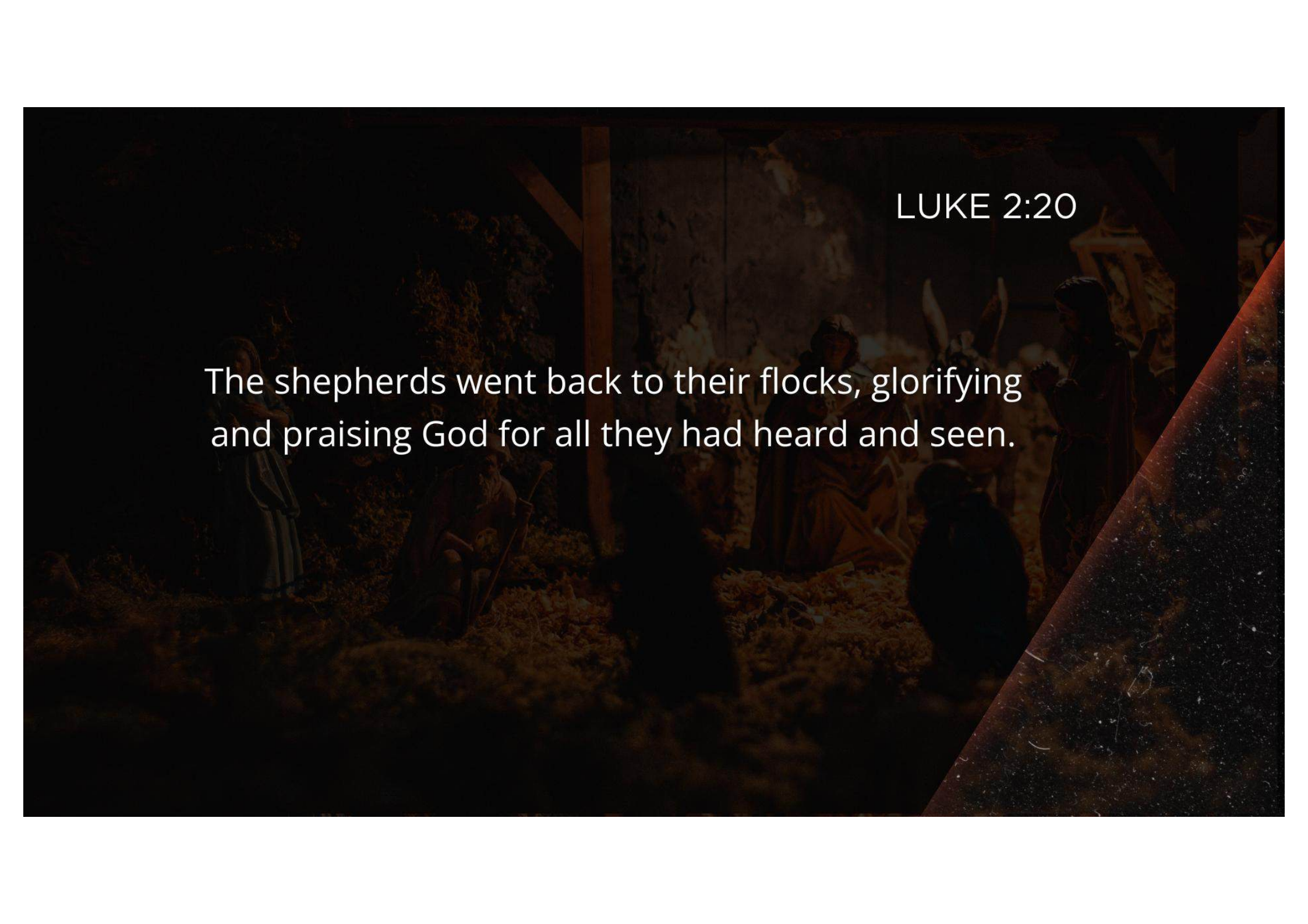
The Angel

I bring "you""good news" that will bring great joy
to "all people."



LUKE 2:8

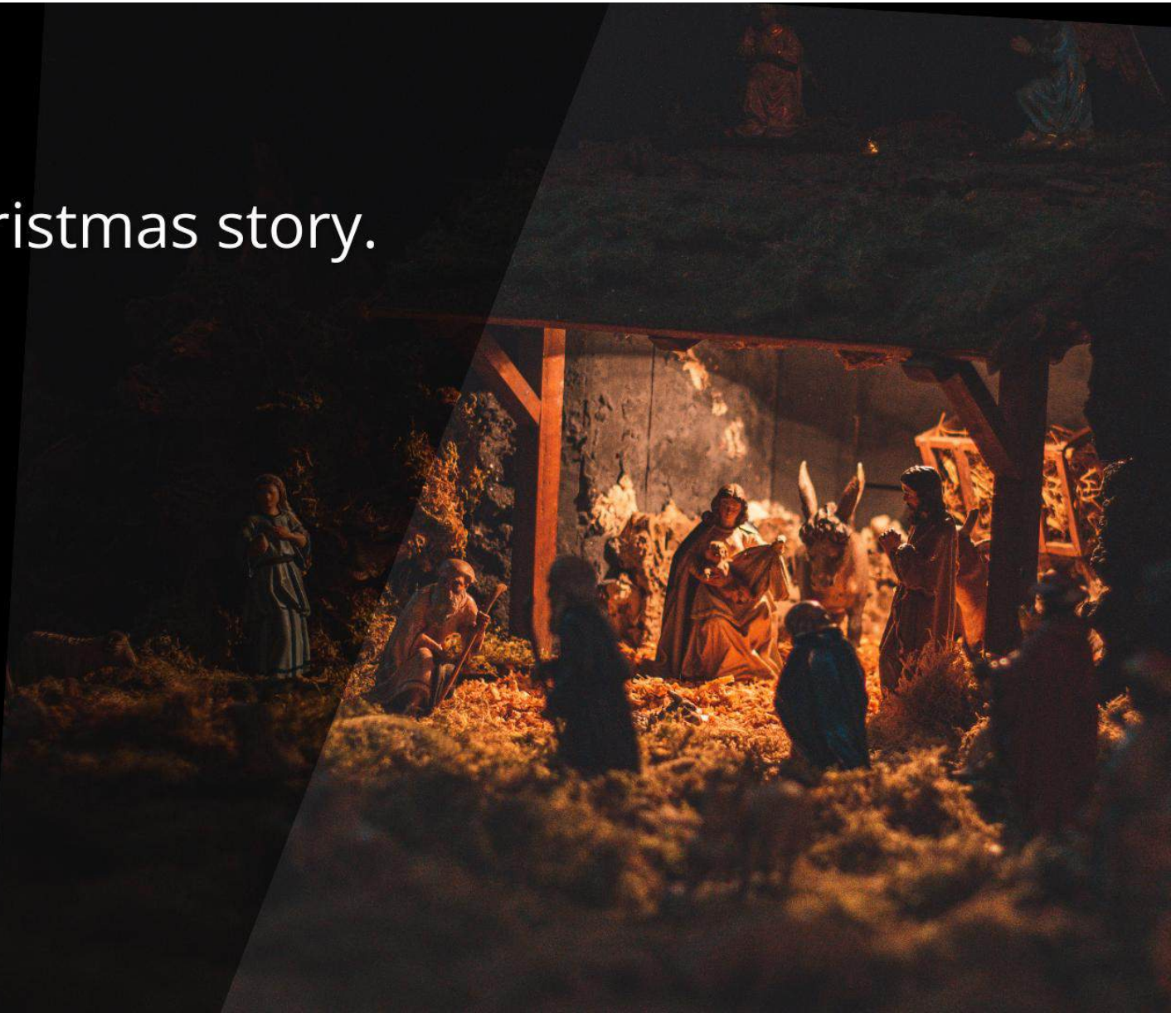
That Night!



LUKE 2:20

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying
and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

We all have a Christmas story.



Recapturing the Joy of That Sacred Moment



The background image is a dark, moody scene, possibly a painting or a stage set, depicting a group of people in a cave or a similar underground setting. The lighting is low, with a warm, golden glow emanating from a central point, creating a sense of mystery and depth. The figures are dressed in period clothing, and the overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative. A diagonal red line cuts across the bottom right corner of the image.

PSALM 51:12

David

Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

A dark, atmospheric scene of people in a ruined building. The floor is covered in rubble and debris. In the background, there is smoke or dust rising from the ground. Several figures are visible: a woman in a long dress on the left, a man in a long robe and hat in the center, and a woman in a long dress on the right. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong light source from the right, creating a dramatic effect. The overall mood is one of desolation and hope.

ISAIAH 61:10

Isaiah

I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God!



ISAIAH 61:10

Isaiah

I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God!
For he has dressed me with the clothing of
salvation and draped me in a robe of
righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for
his wedding or a bride with her jewels.



PSALM 28:7

David

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him
with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is
filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

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