

# LUKE'S GOSPEL

INVESTIGATING THE MAN WHO IS GOD

THE EARLY YEARS

Jesus is Here



<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Luke 2:1-2 (ESV)

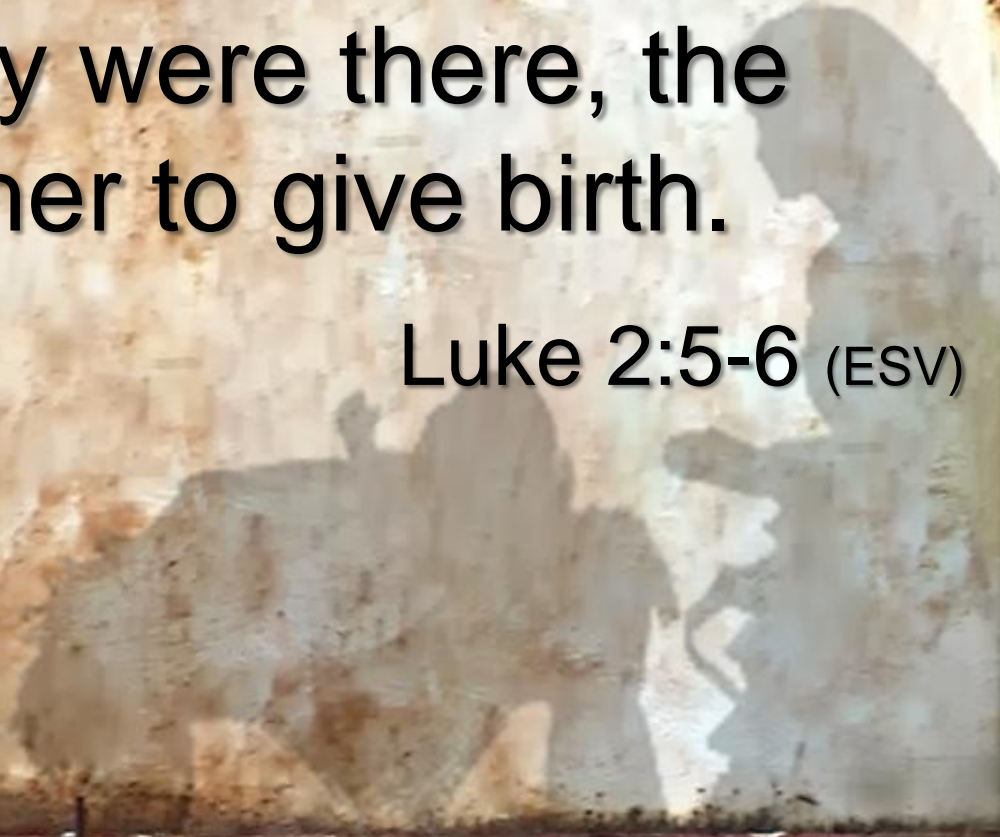
<sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

Luke 2:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his  
betrothed, who was with child.

<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the  
time came for her to give birth.

Luke 2:5-6 (ESV)



**7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**Luke 2:7 (ESV)**

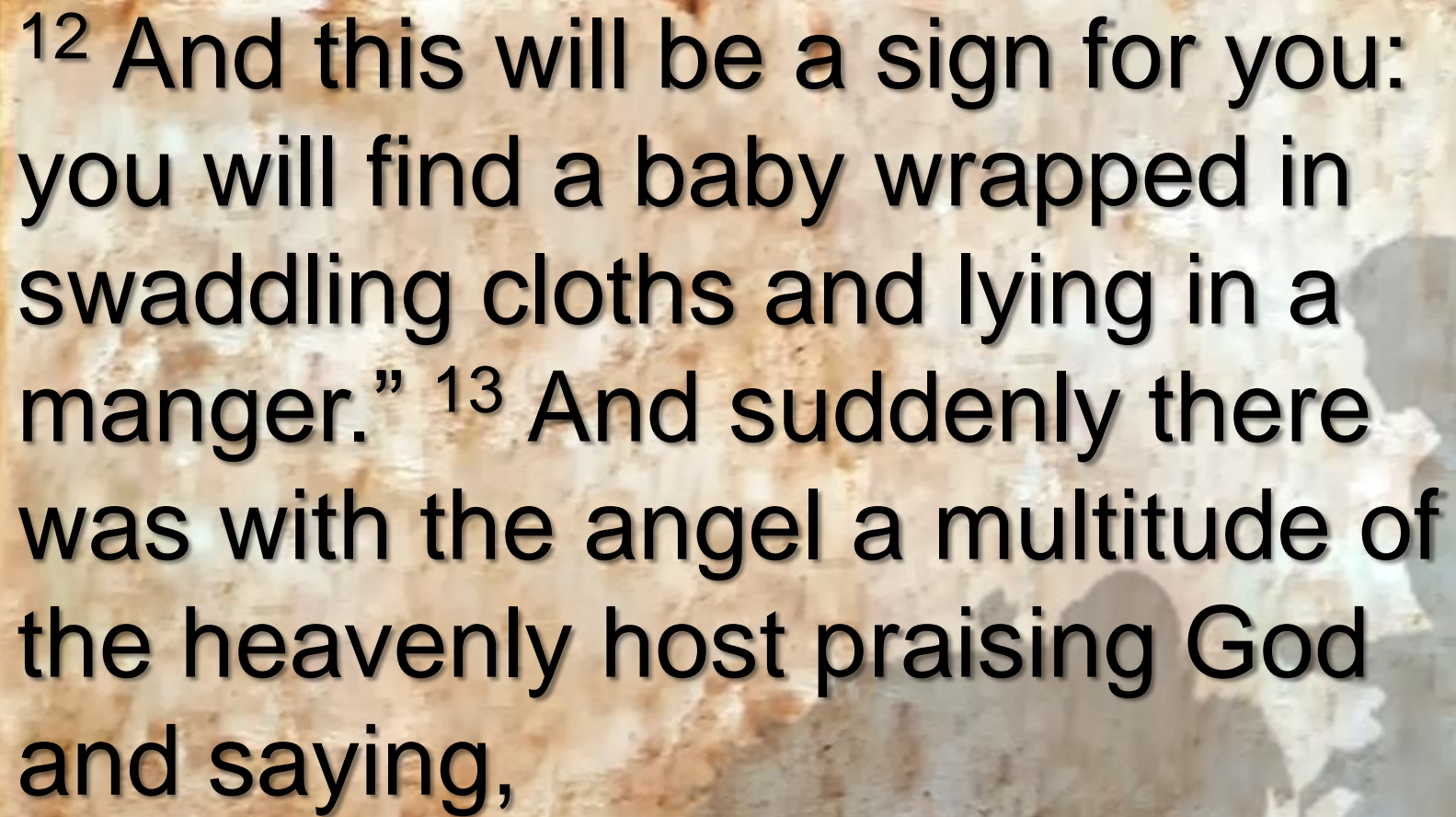
<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

Luke 2:8-9 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them,  
“Fear not, for behold, I bring you  
good news of great joy that will be  
for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is  
born this day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

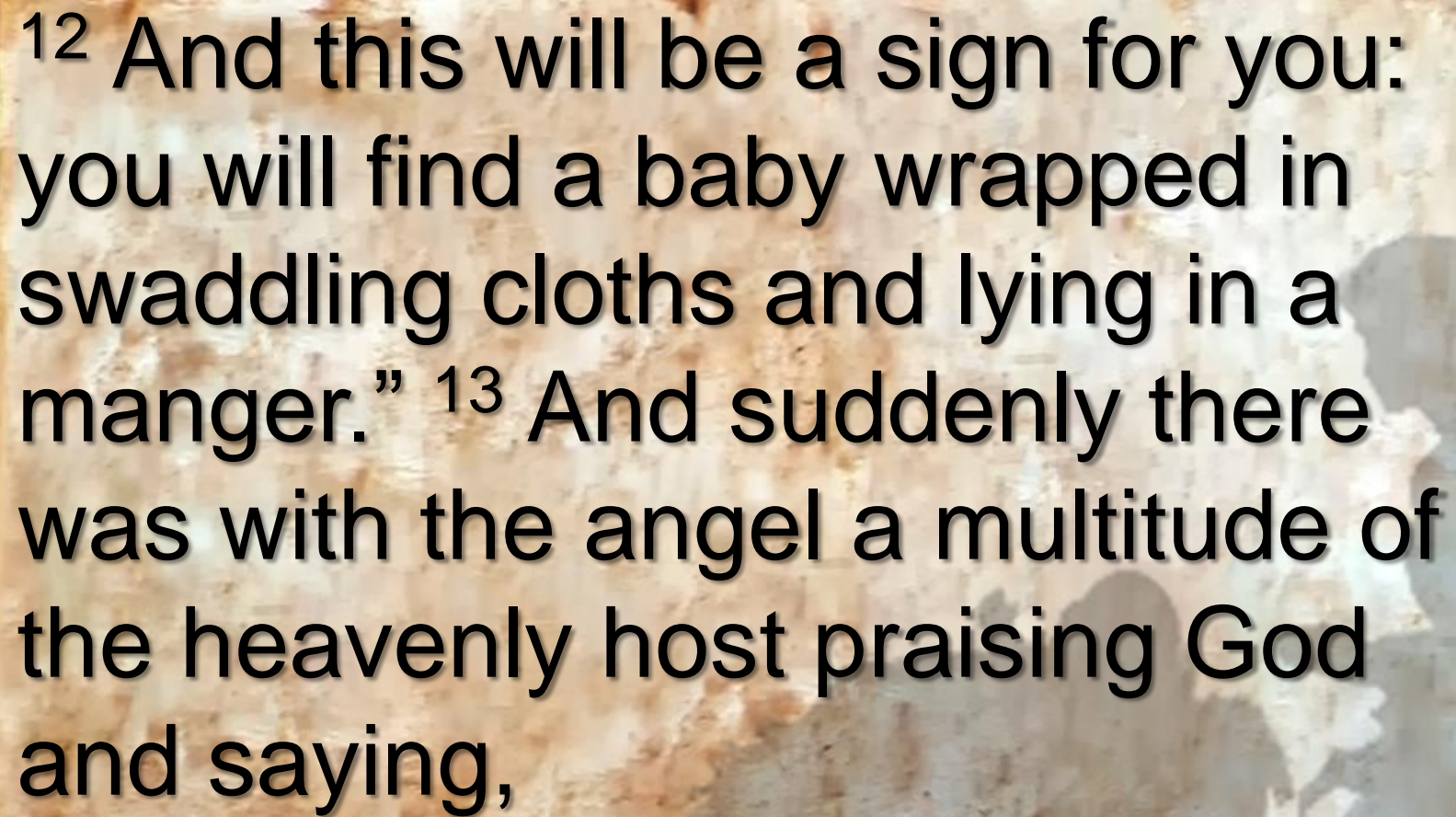
Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)



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14 “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those  
with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:14 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Luke 2:15 (ESV)

**16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

Luke 2:16-17 (ESV)

**18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

**19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

**Luke 2:18-19 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God for all  
they had heard and seen, as it had  
been told them.

Luke 2:20 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days,  
when he was circumcised, he was  
called Jesus, the name given by  
the angel before he was conceived  
in the womb.

Luke 2:21 (ESV)

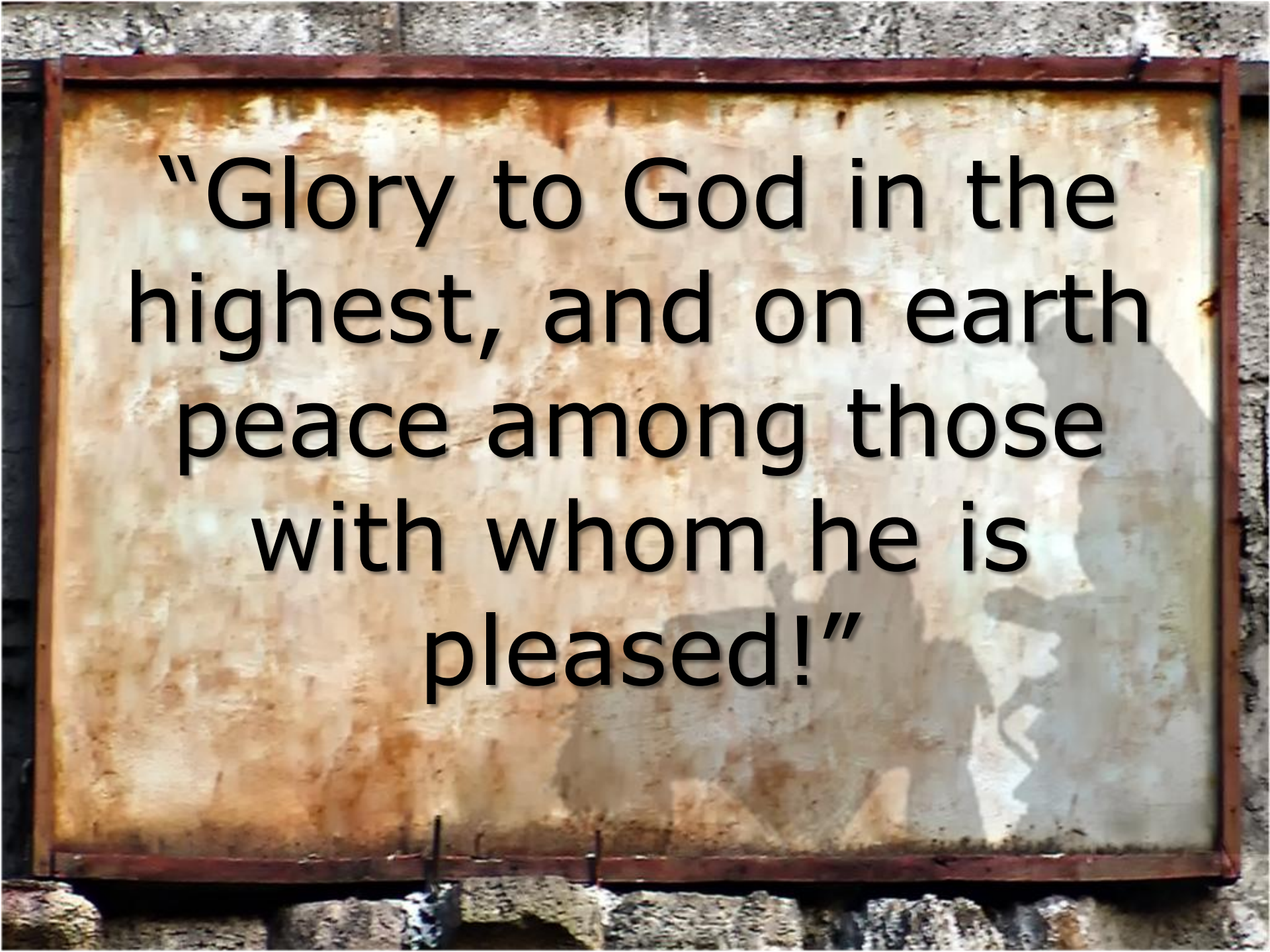


# Who Was Born?

- Savior - the one who rescues His people from the penalty and power of sin
- Christ - the anointed Messiah
- Lord - master, owner, ruler, head of everything
- Jesus (Ἰησοῦς) - Savior

Why is this baby's birth  
such great news?





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# Who would come:

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Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

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# Where he would come:

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2 (ESV)

# When he would come:

<sup>1</sup> Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1 (ESV)

# **Why he would come:**

**<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

**Isaiah 53:1 (ESV)**



# Why he would come:

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:2 (ESV)

# Why he would come:

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:3 (ESV)

# Why he would come:

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:4 (ESV)

# Why he would come:

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

# Why he would come:

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

# **Why he would come:**

**7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:7 (ESV)

# Why he would come:

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isaiah 53:8 (ESV)

# **Why he would come:**

**9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV)



# Why he would come:

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV)

"Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."

- Josephus

**I'm Not Sure I Believe  
It...**



# Responding to Jesus

