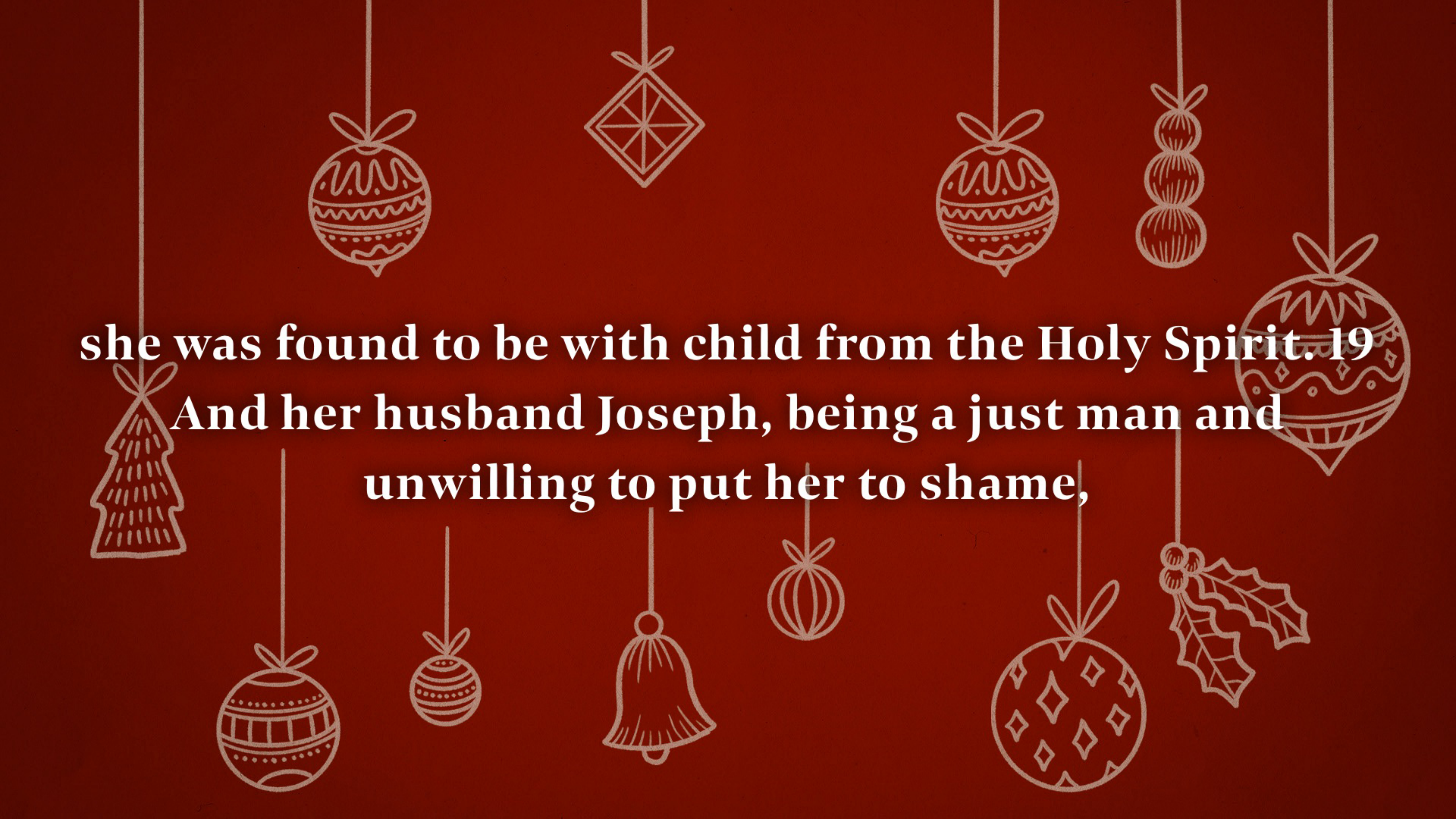


**Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together**

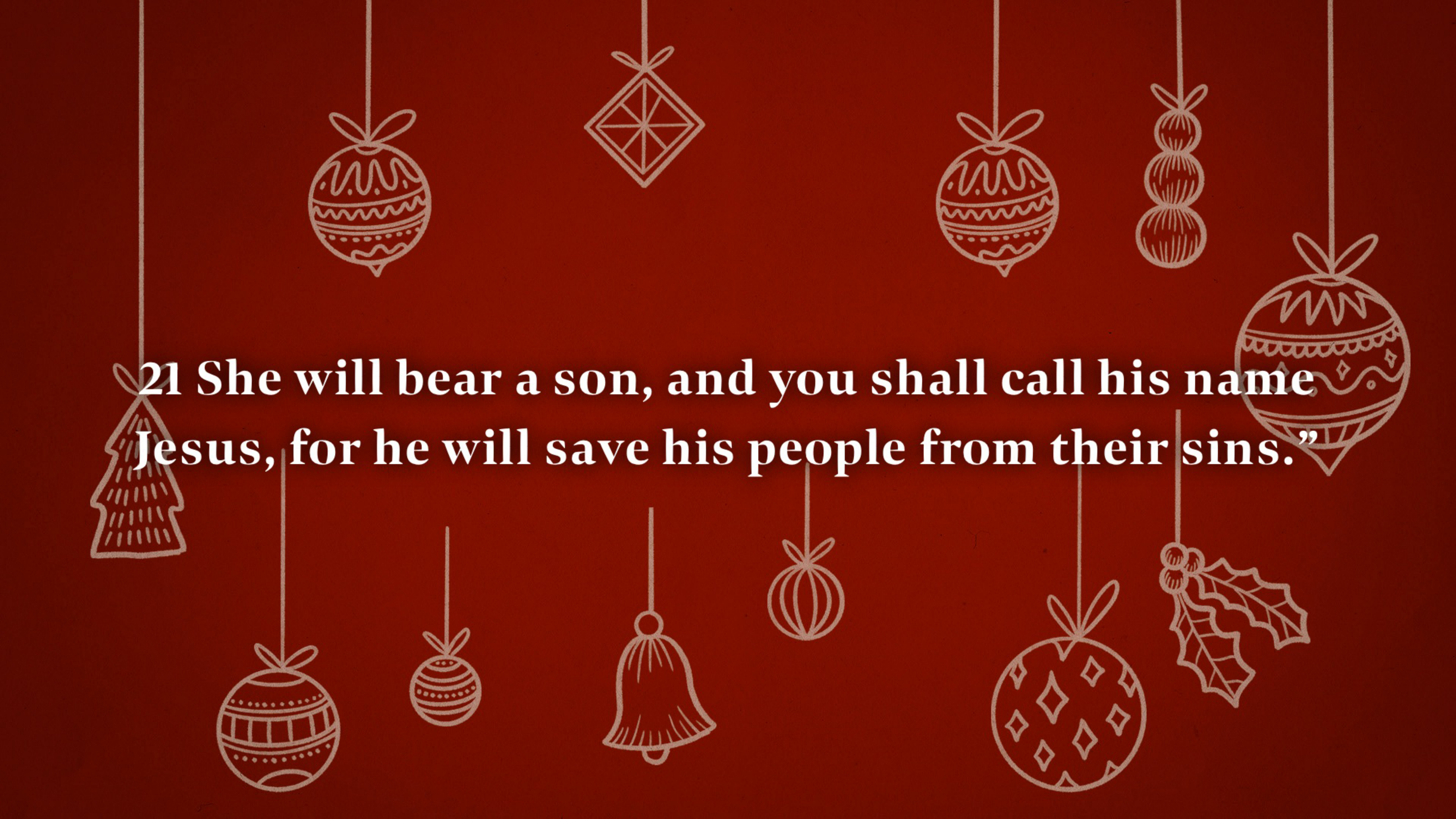


she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19
And her husband Joseph, being a just man and
unwilling to put her to shame,

**resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he
considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream, saying,**



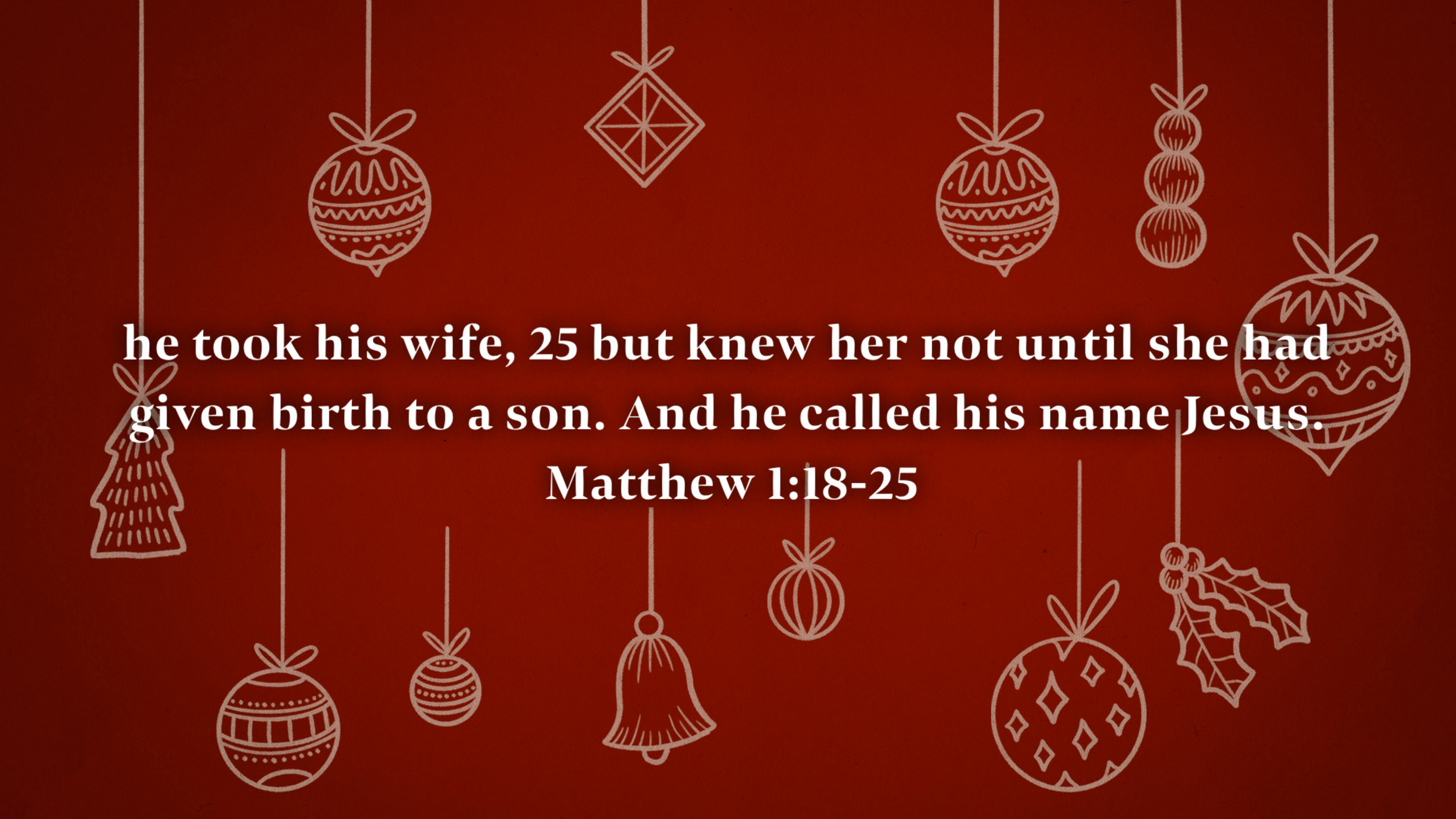
**“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your
wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit.**



**21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**

**22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had
spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,**

and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him:



**he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had
given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.**

Matthew 1:18-25



**Your answer to the question, “Who is Jesus?” will
determine where you spend eternity.**



**...He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his
heel.” Genesis 3:15**

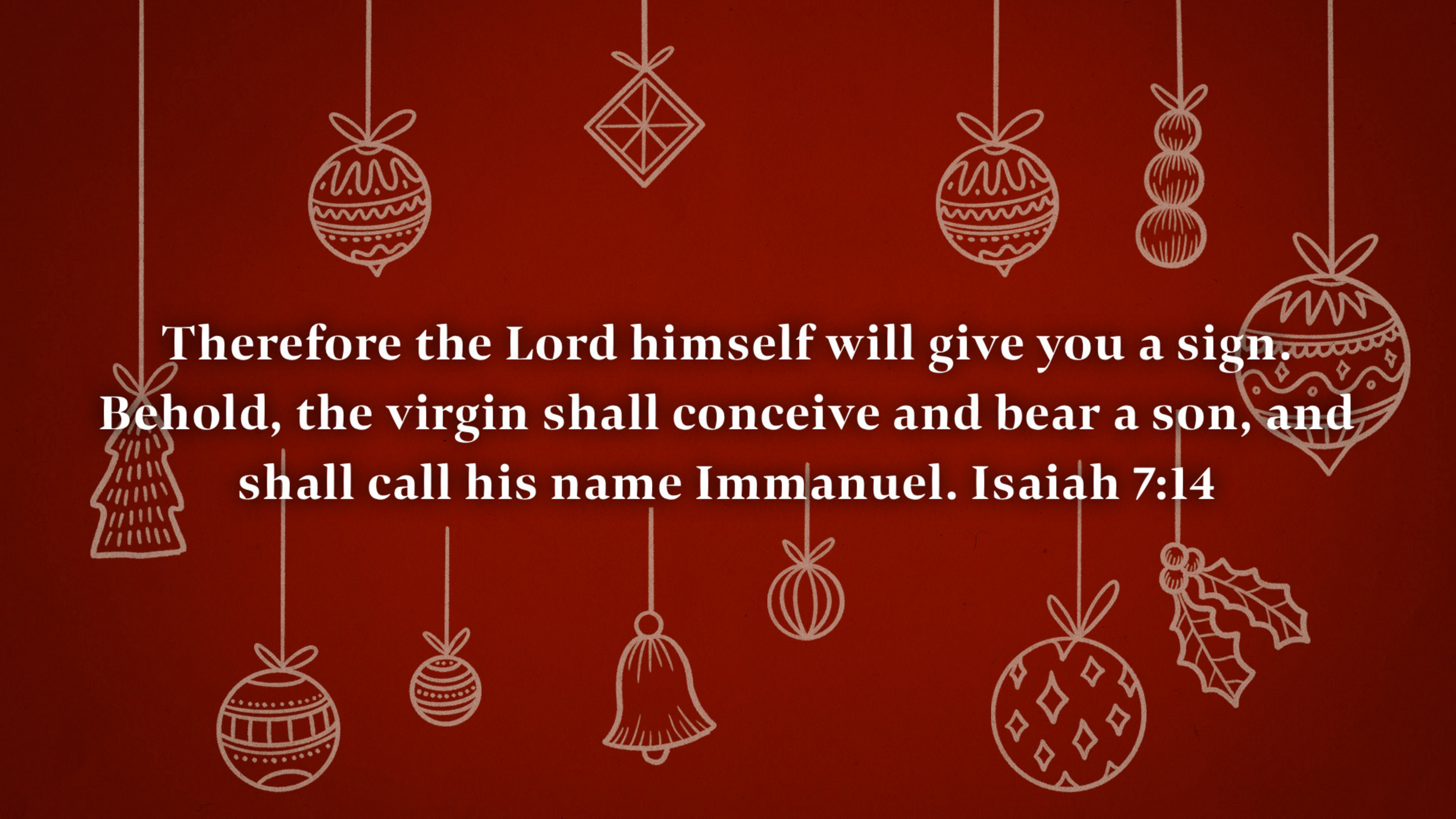


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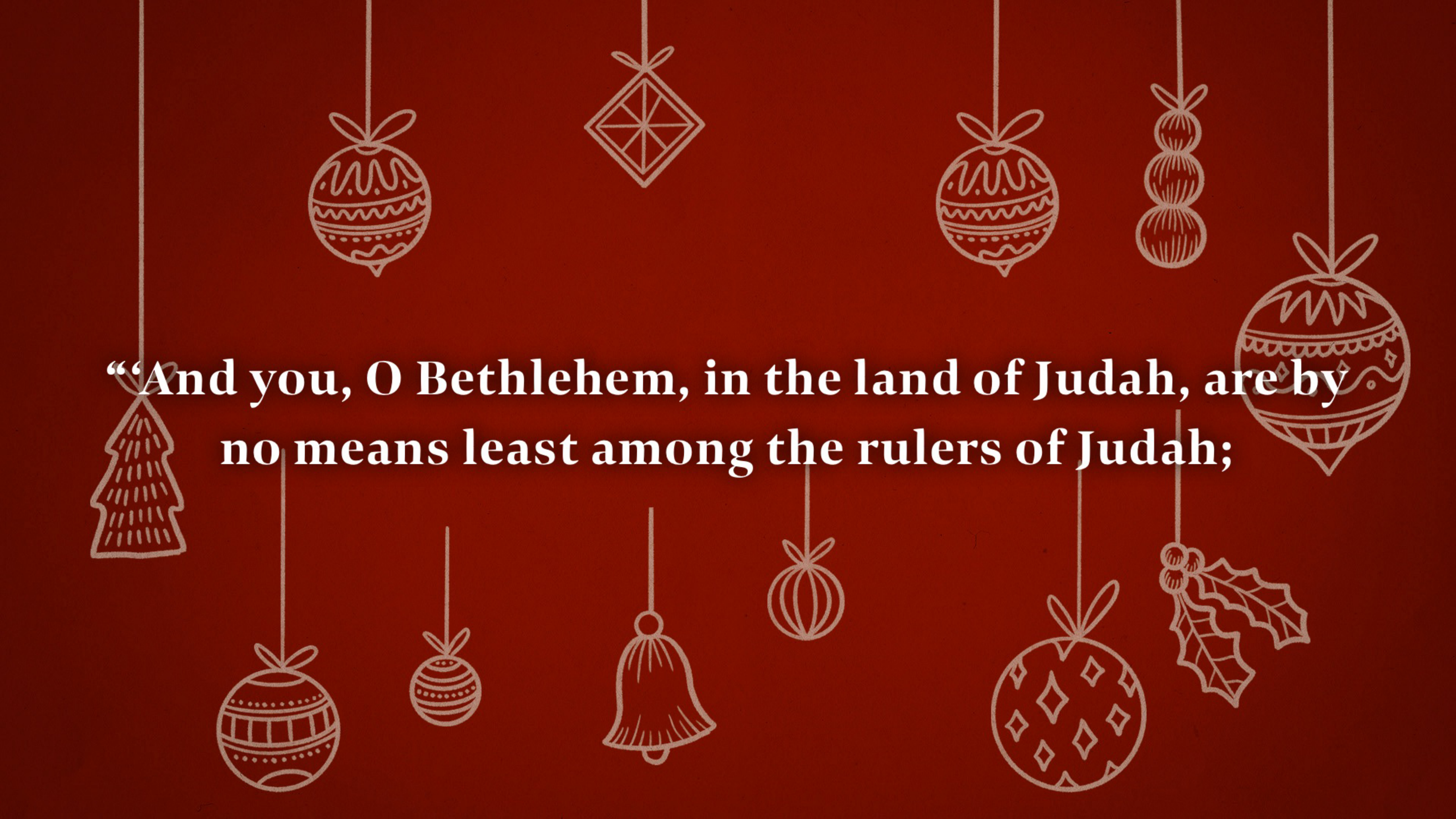


**23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”... Matthew**

1:22,23



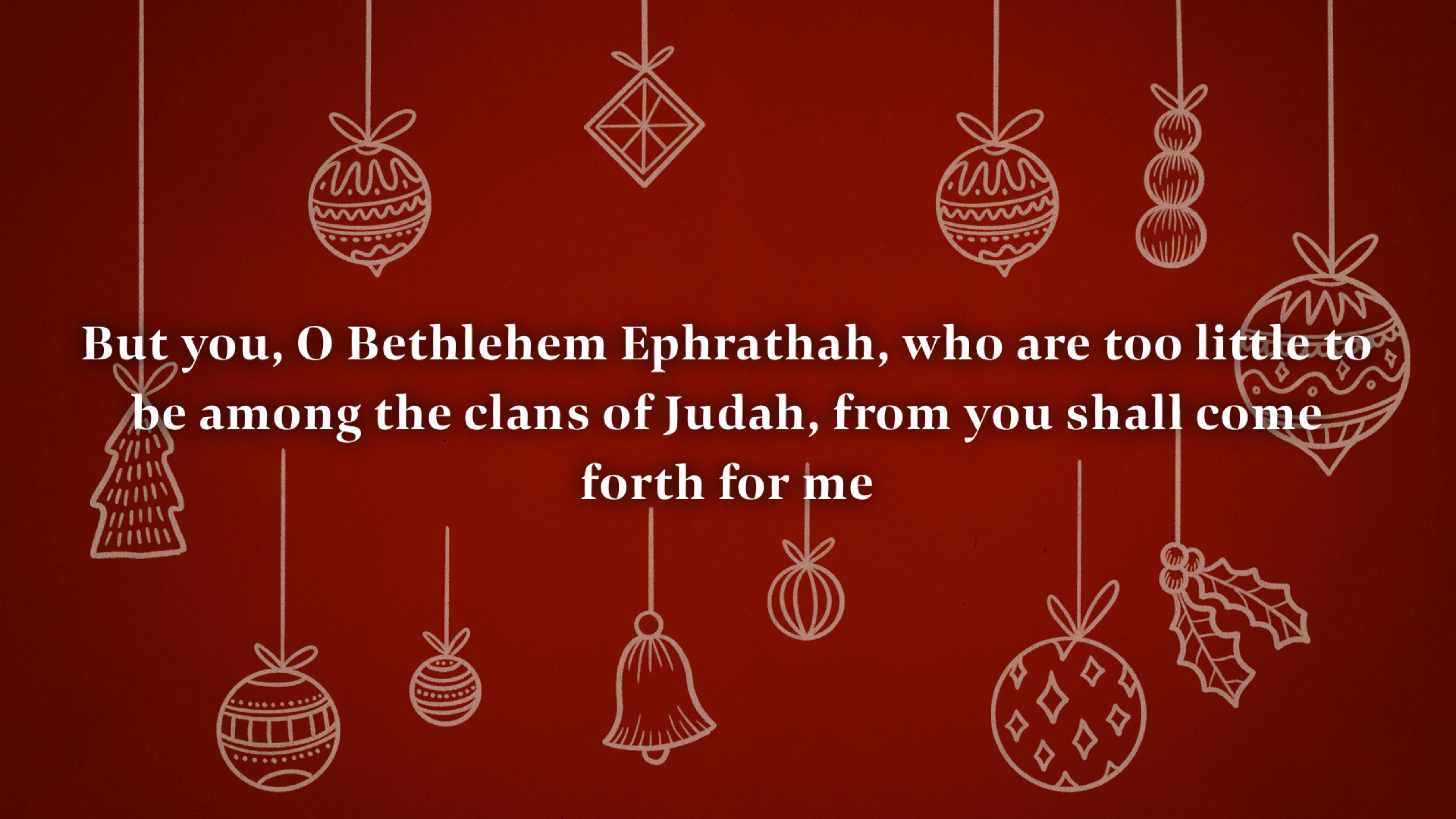
**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14**



**“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by
no means least among the rulers of Judah;**



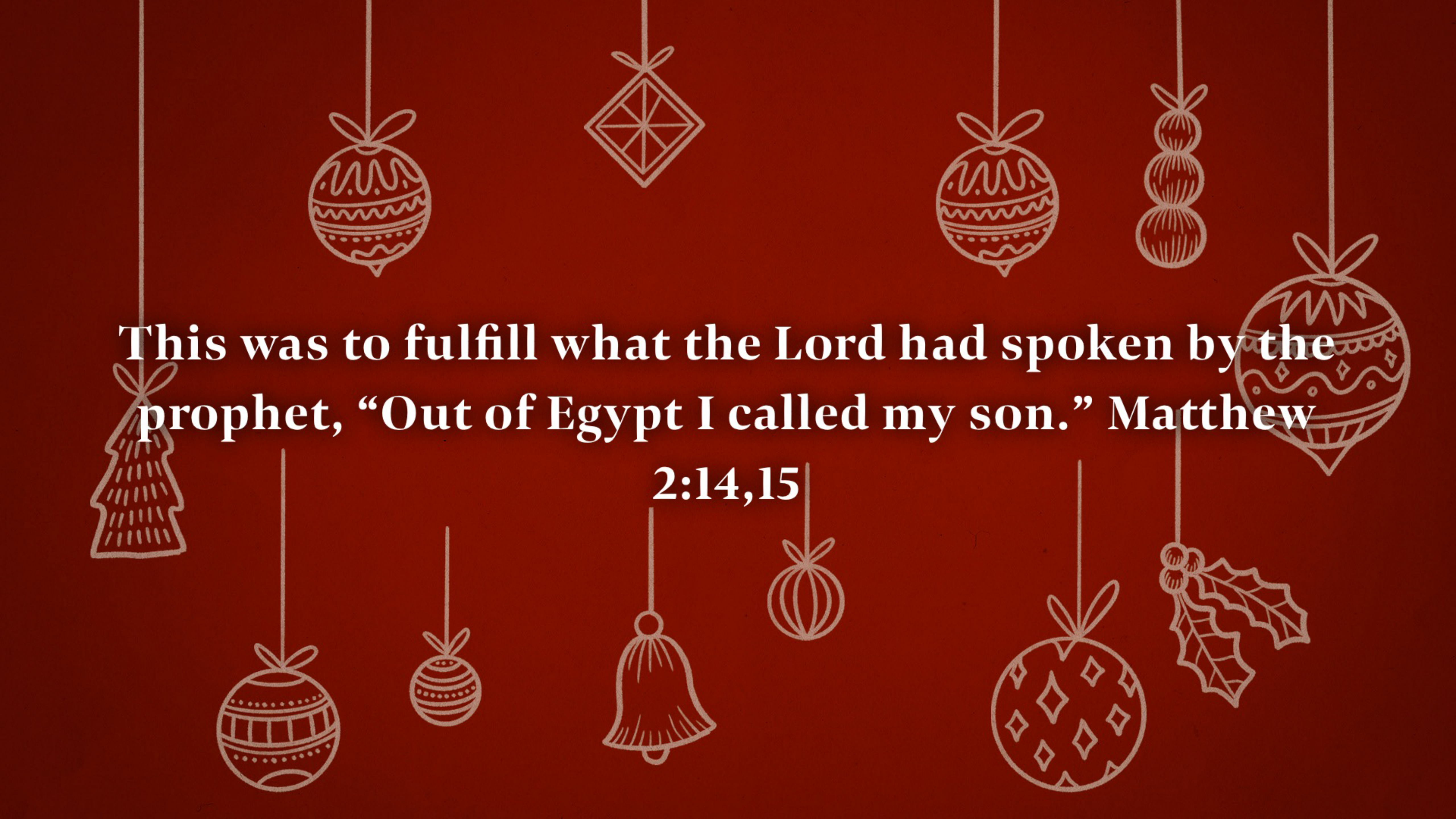
**for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my
people Israel.” Matthew 2:6**



**But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to
be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come
forth for me**

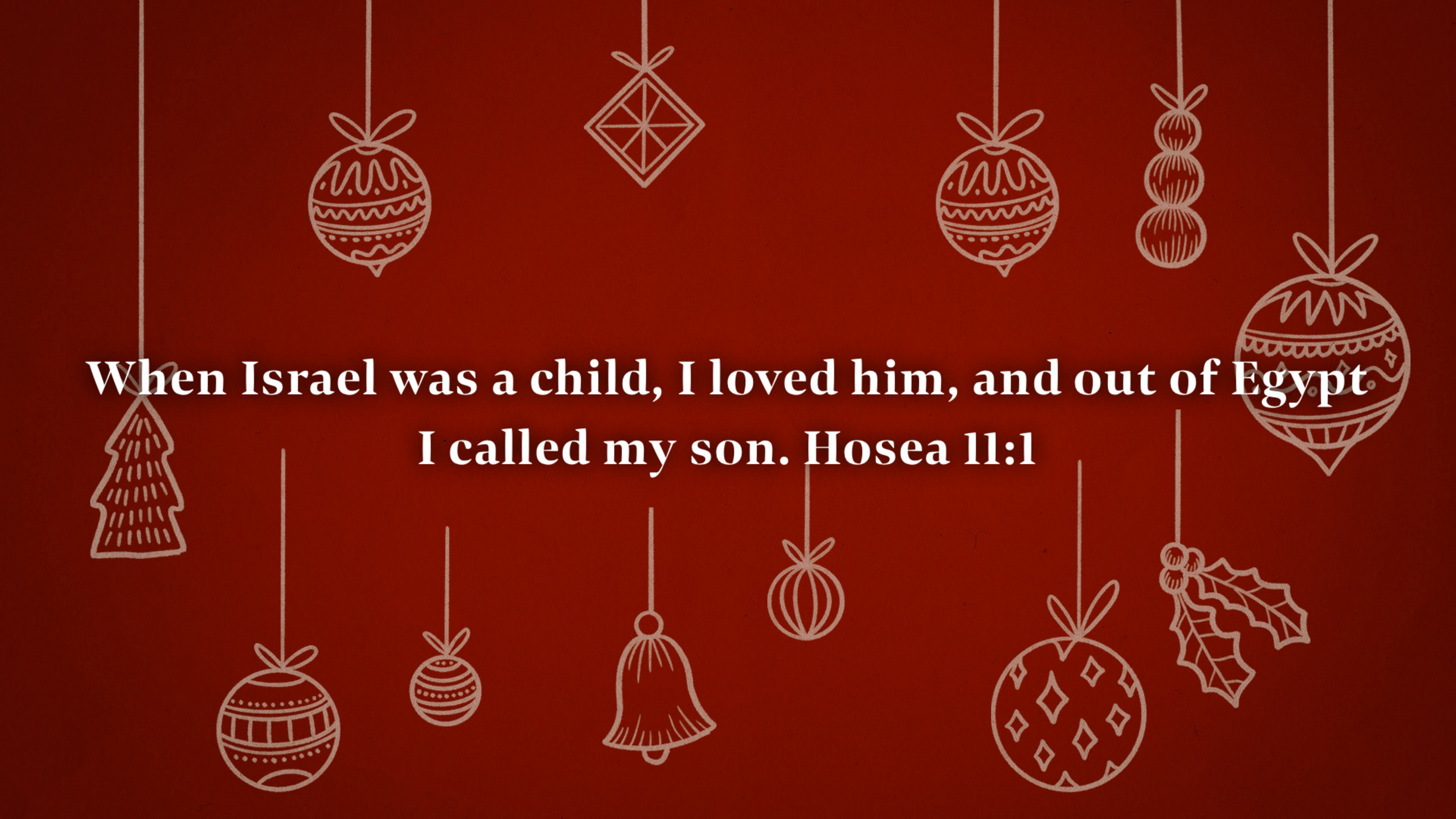
**one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is
from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2**

**And he rose and took the child and his mother by
night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there
until the death of Herod.**



**This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the
prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Matthew**

2:14,15



**When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt
I called my son. Hosea 11:1**



**Exodus 4:22 = “Thus says the Lord, Israel is my
firstborn son...”**



**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that
in everything he might be preeminent. Colossians 1:18**

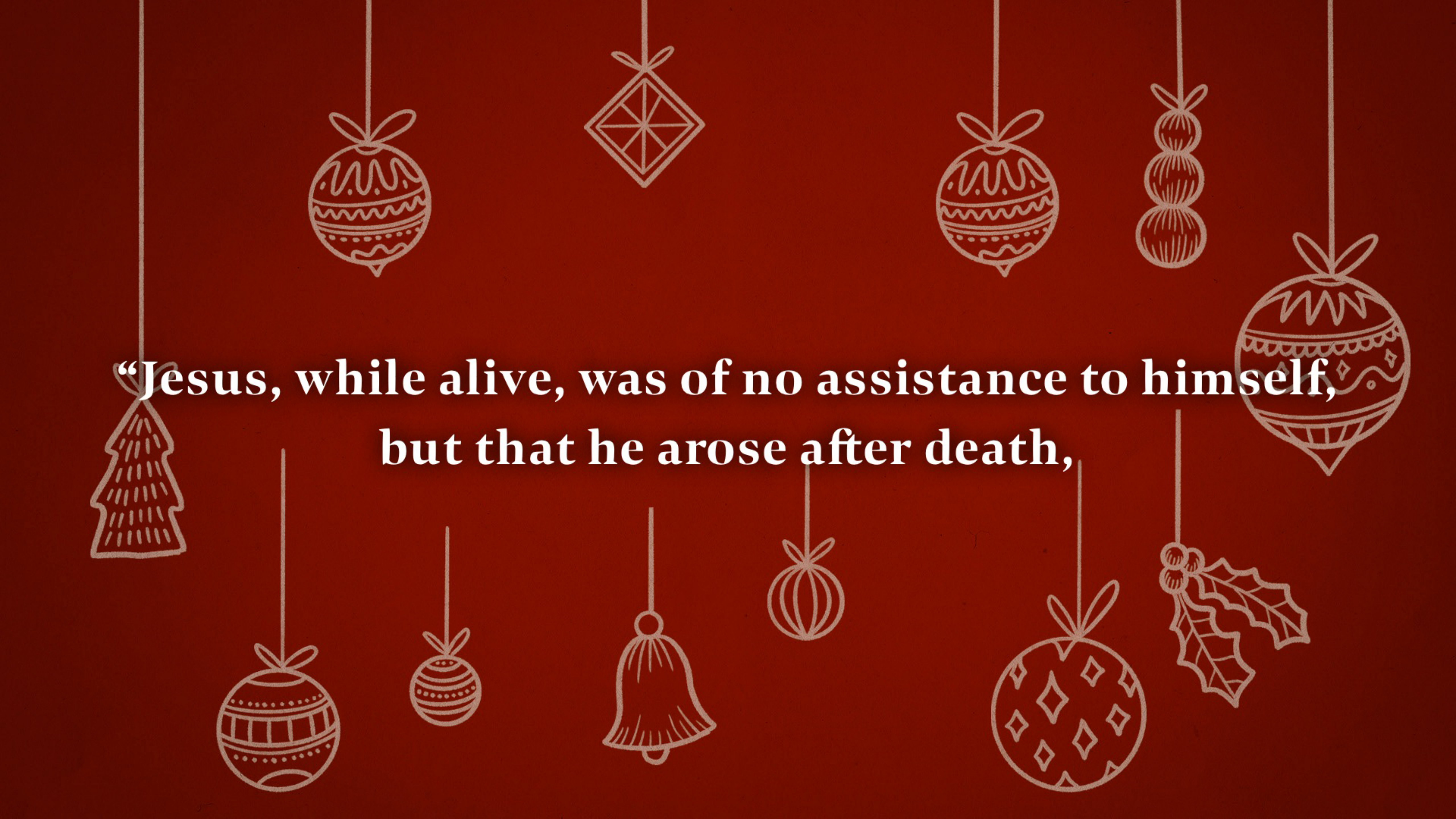


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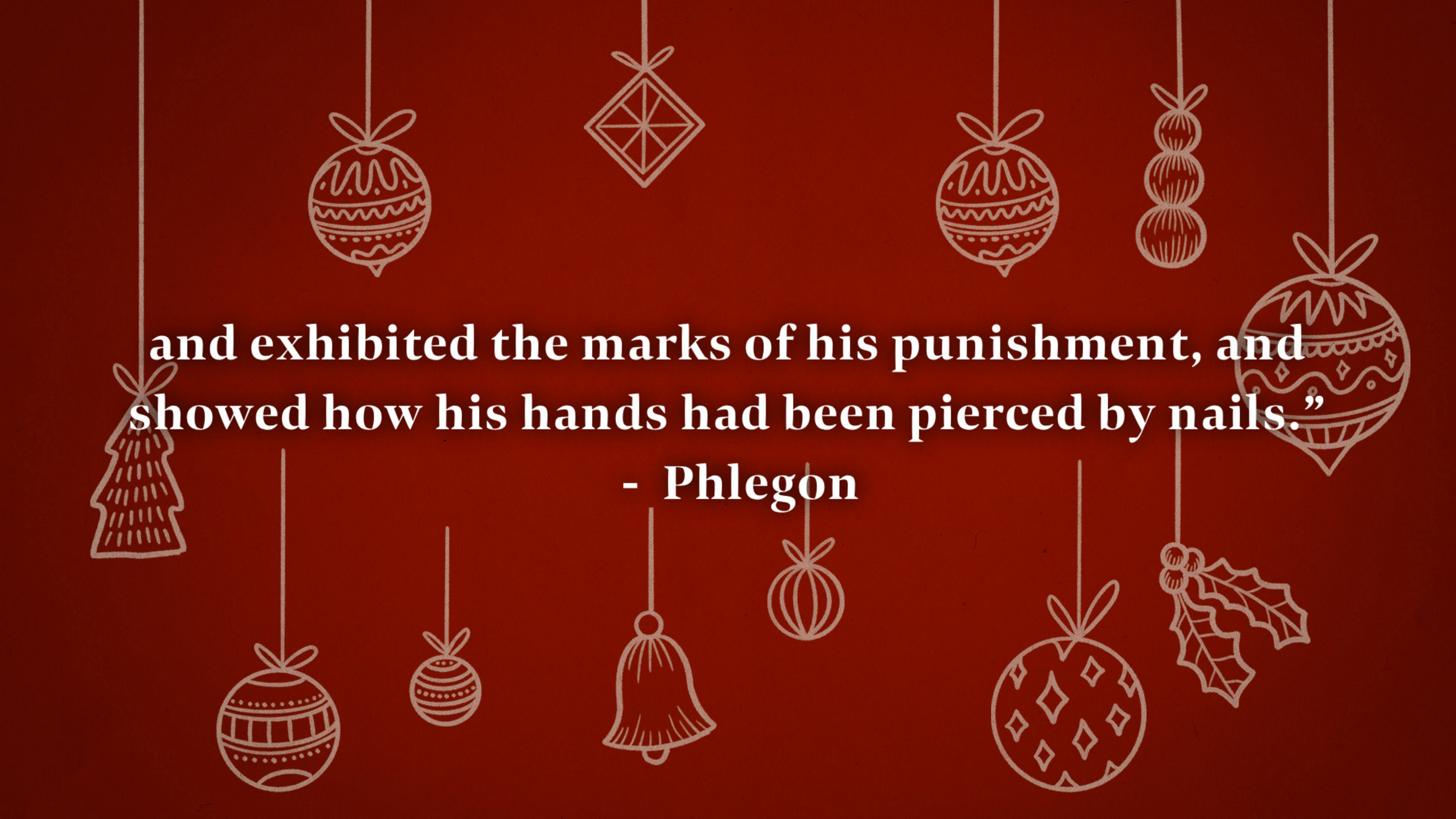


1) The Bible is a library.

2) Outside sources confirm prophetic events.

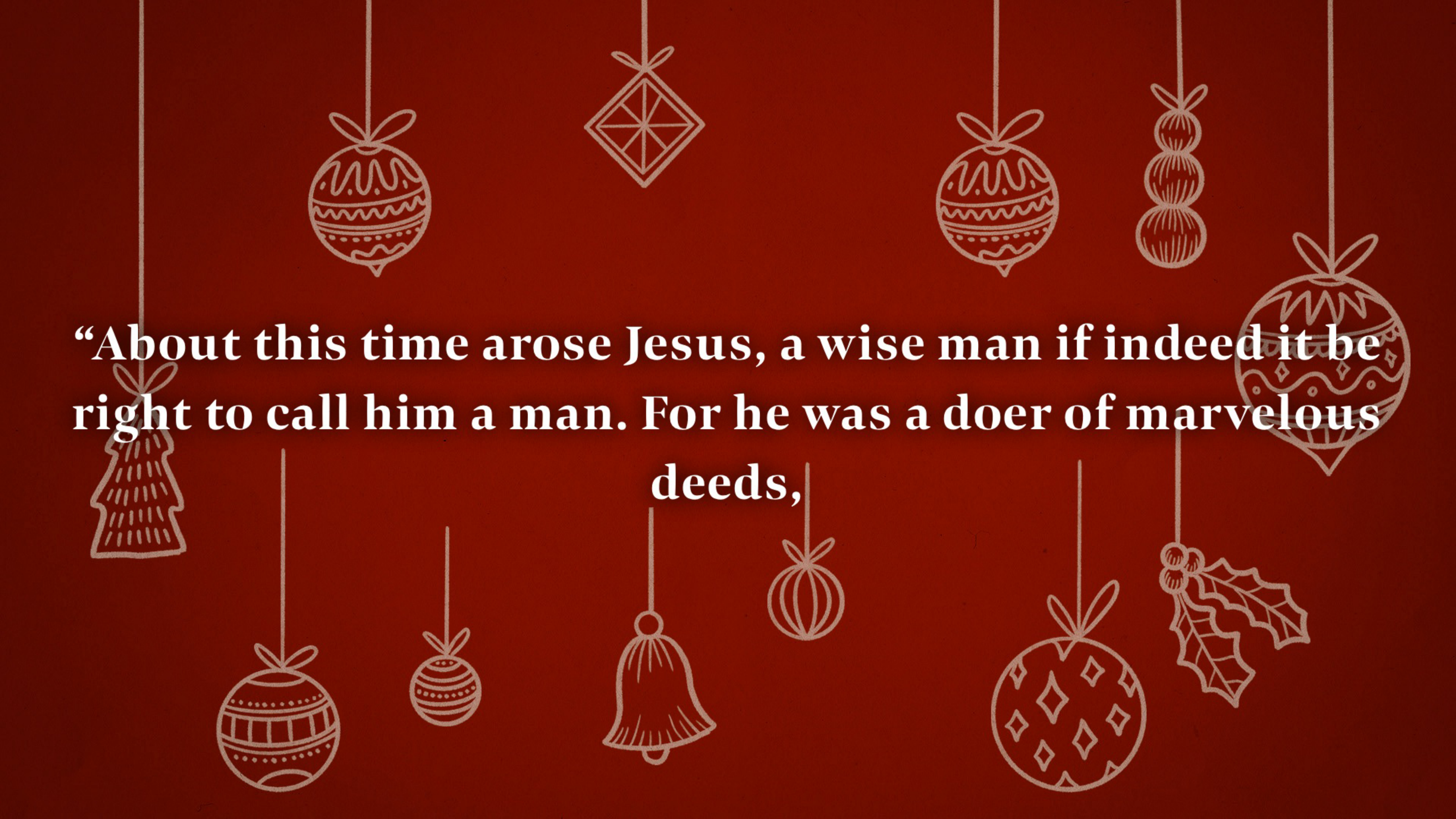


**“Jesus, while alive, was of no assistance to himself,
but that he arose after death,**



**and exhibited the marks of his punishment, and
showed how his hands had been pierced by nails.”**

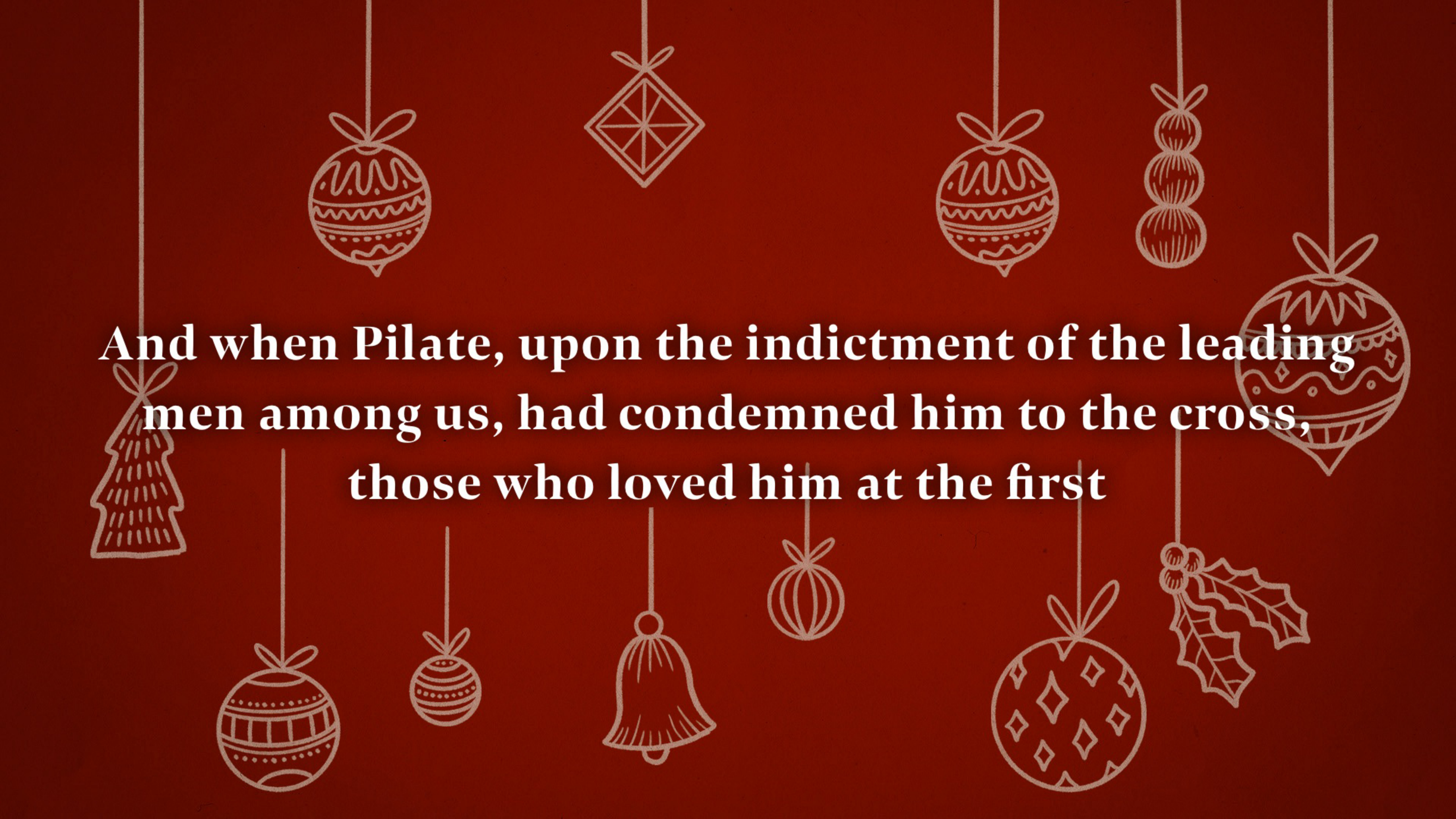
- Phlegon



**“About this time arose Jesus, a wise man if indeed it be
right to call him a man. For he was a doer of marvelous
deeds,**

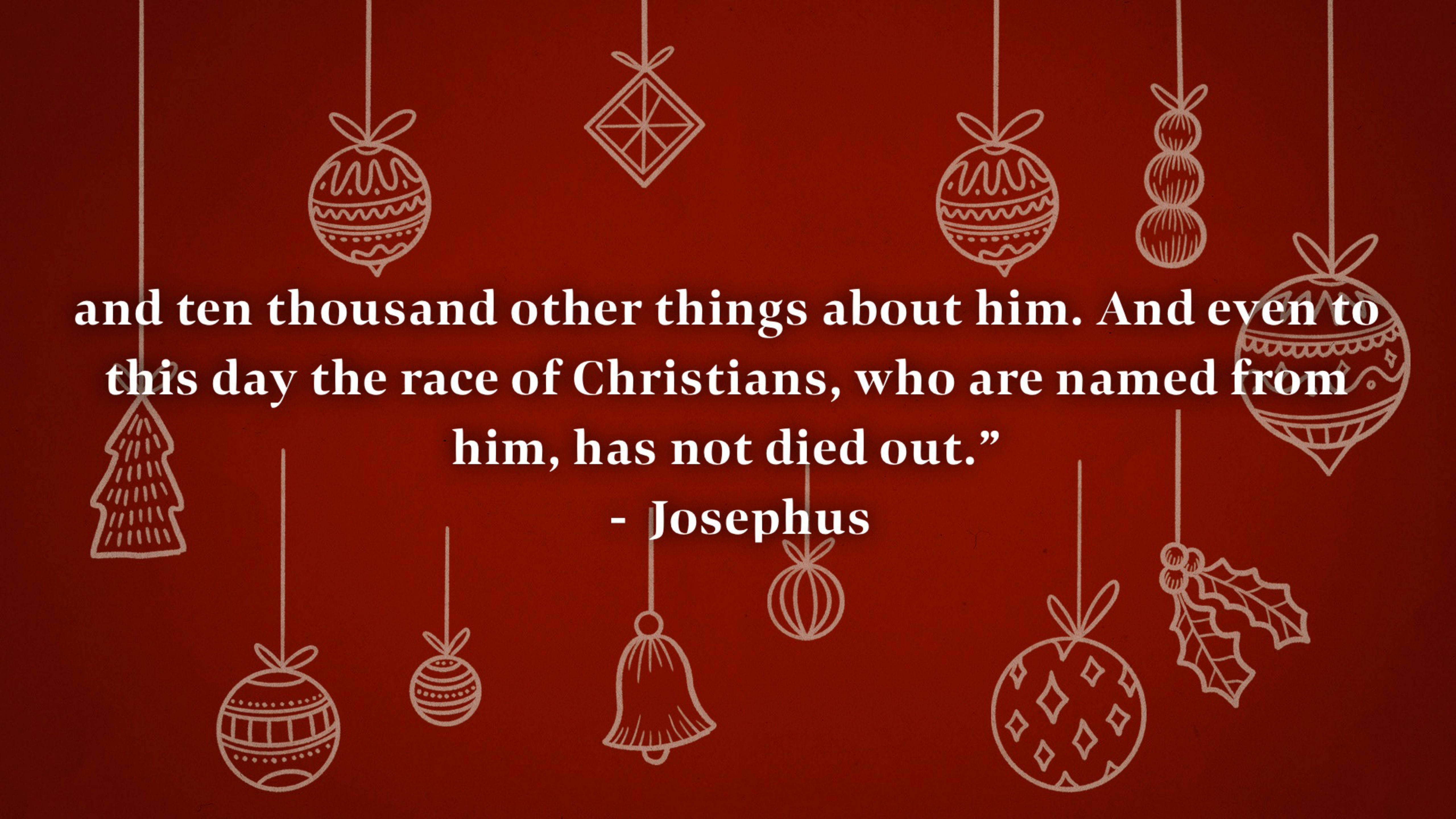


**and a teacher of men who gladly receive the truth. He
drew to himself many persons, both of the Jews and
also of the Gentiles. He was the Christ.**



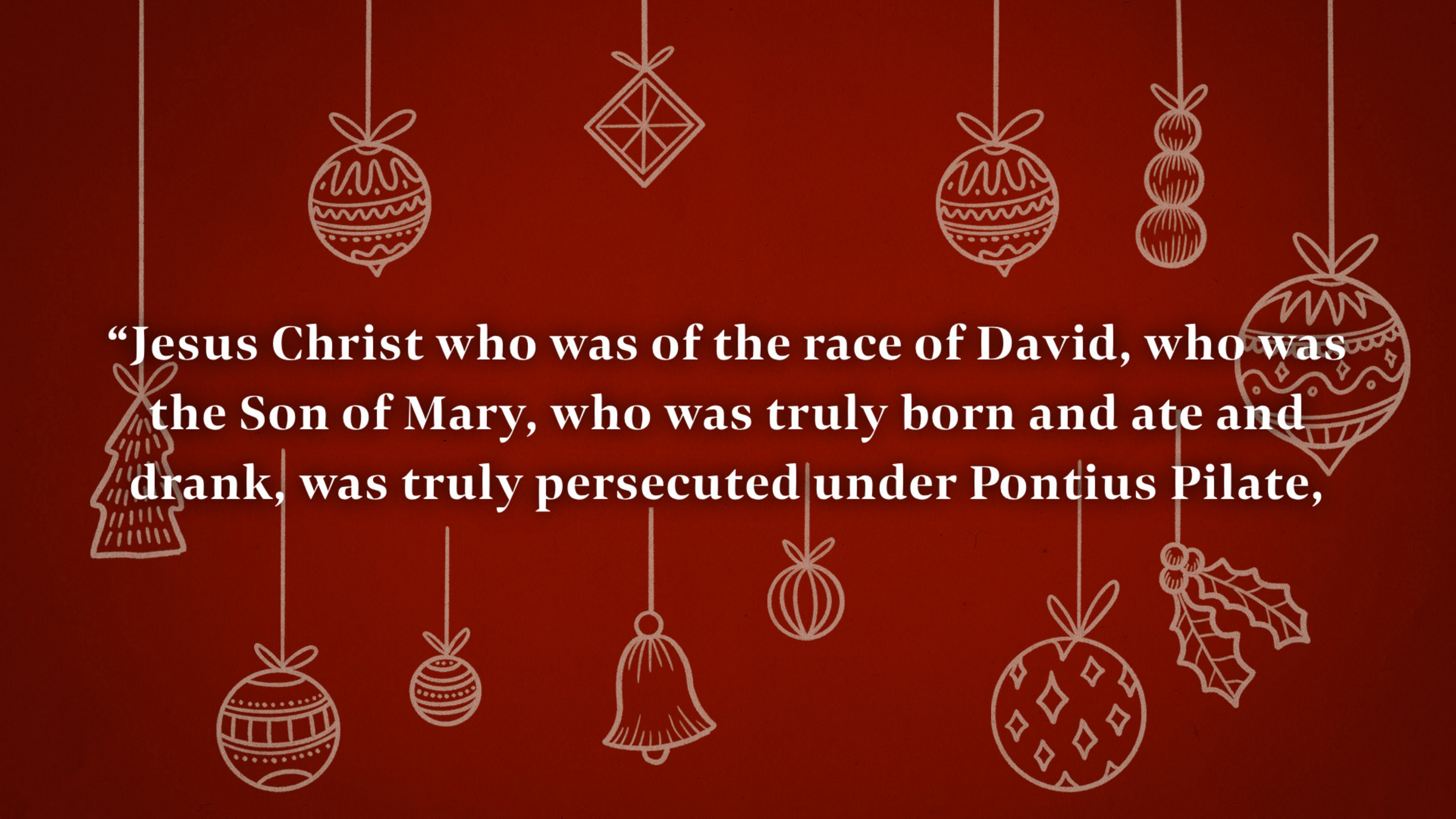
**And when Pilate, upon the indictment of the leading
men among us, had condemned him to the cross,
those who loved him at the first**

**did not cease to do so for he appeared to them alive on
the third day—the godly prophets having foretold
these**

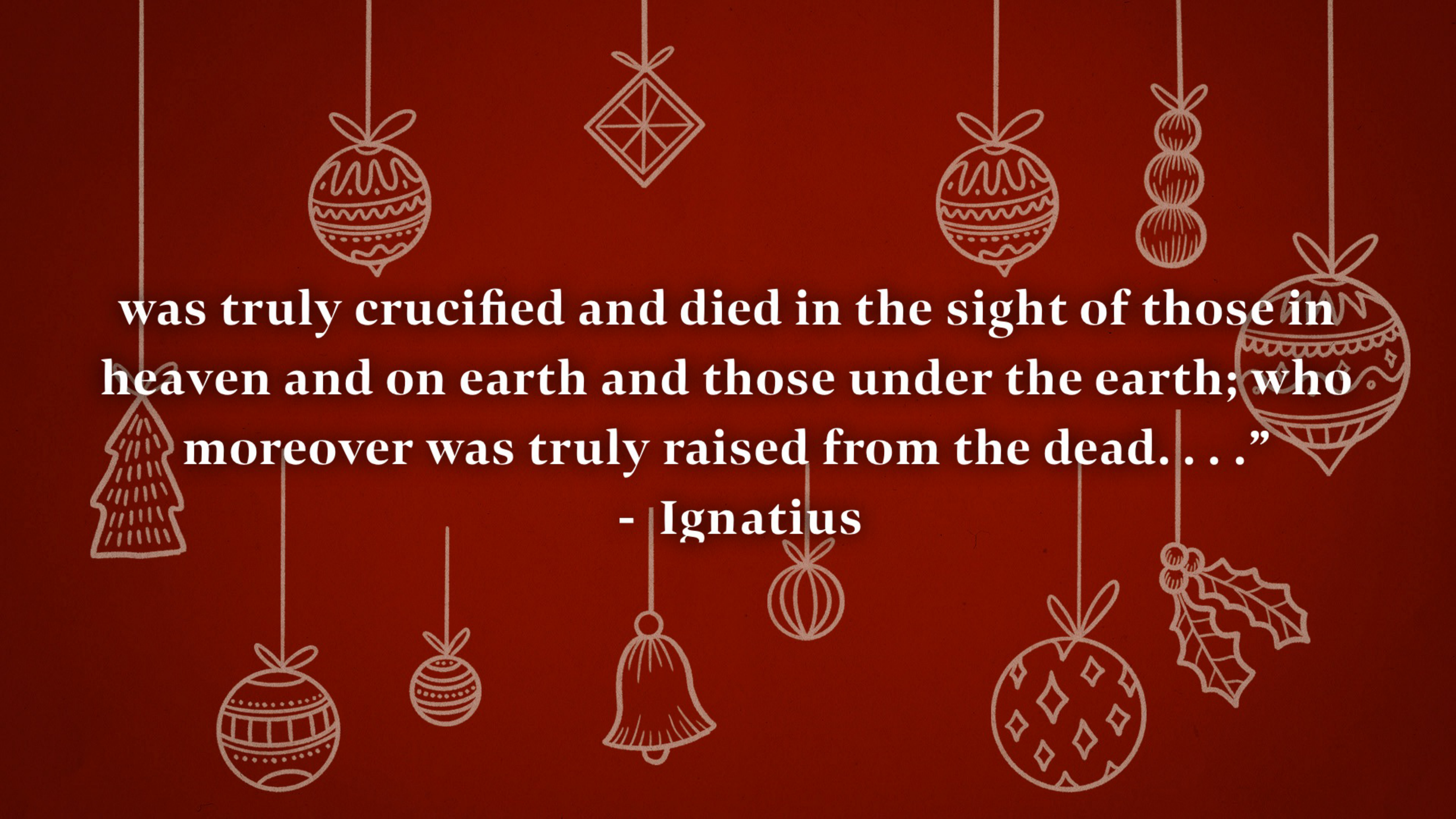


**and ten thousand other things about him. And even to
this day the race of Christians, who are named from
him, has not died out.”**

- Josephus

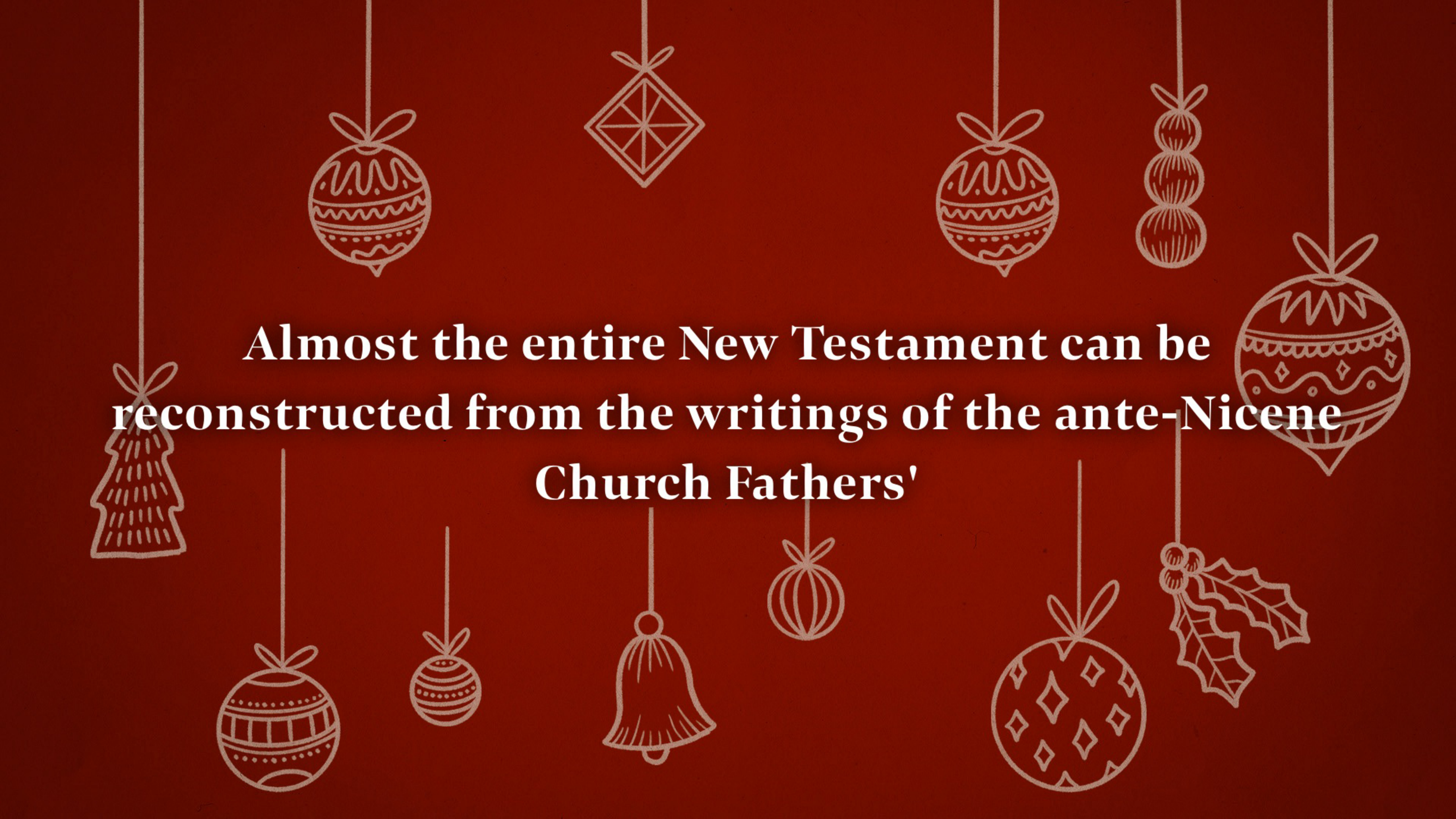


**“Jesus Christ who was of the race of David, who was
the Son of Mary, who was truly born and ate and
drank, was truly persecuted under Pontius Pilate,**



**was truly crucified and died in the sight of those in
heaven and on earth and those under the earth; who
moreover was truly raised from the dead....”**

- Ignatius



**Almost the entire New Testament can be
reconstructed from the writings of the ante-Nicene
Church Fathers'**

writings as well as from the Christian Apocrypha and
Pseudopigrapha.

**Conclusion: It takes more faith to believe anything
except Jesus is the Son of God as prophesied.**



If prophecy is true...

1) Accept Jesus Christ as Savior.



If prophecy is true...

2) See God's power as alive in you.



**And when he returned to Capernaum after some days,
it was reported that he was at home.**

**2 And many were gathered together, so that there was
no more room, not even at the door. And he was
preaching the word to them. Mark 2:1,2**



**Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but
as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because
the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15,16**



1) Make plans but hold them loosely.



2) Know your priority.



Plan like Jesus...


3) Believe God is sovereign over every moment.

**...He knows the way that I take; when he has tried me,
I shall come out as gold. Job 23:10**



Plan like Jesus...

4) Pray for wisdom in the moment.



**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean
on your own understanding.**

**6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make
straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5,6**