



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# The Joy of New Life In Christ

*"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
that shall be to all the people." Luke 2:10*



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## Luke 2:10

*Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."*

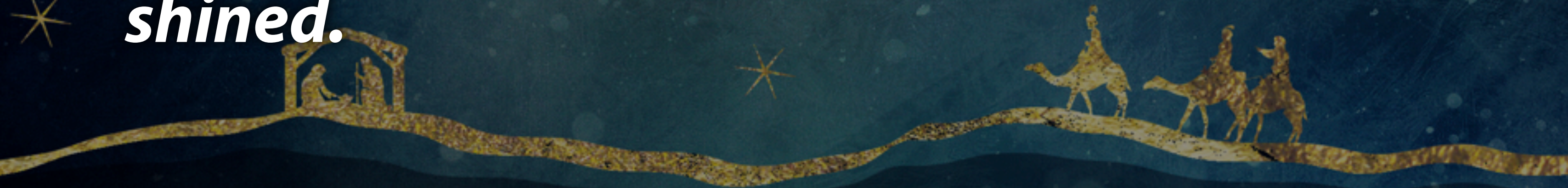




## Isaiah 9:2-4

*(also spoken by Jesus Matthew 4:15-17)*

*The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, **Upon them a light has shined.***







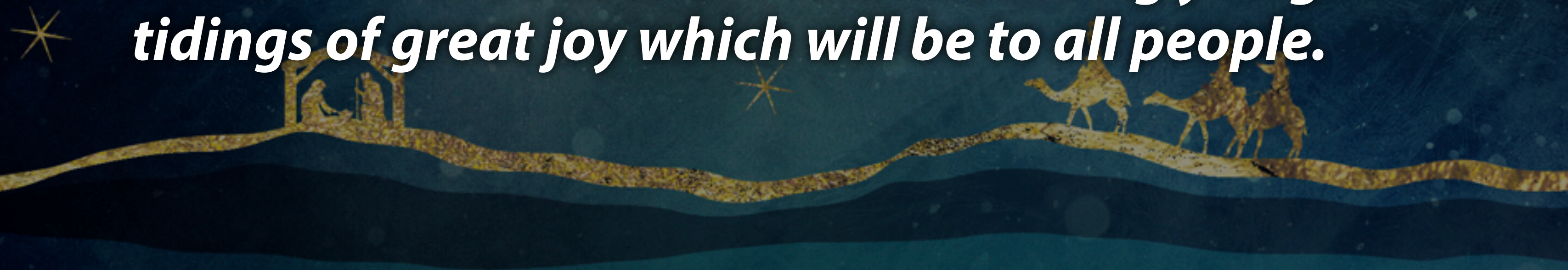
- **Bethlehem was a busy, loud place** because people had returned to their home towns to be counted in the Roman government ordered census
- **The Shepherd's field** was a solitary, quiet place for caring for sheep





## **Luke 2:8**

*Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.***





# JOY TO THE WORLD

(Written in 1719 by English minister, Isaac Watts)

*“Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her king  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing...”*



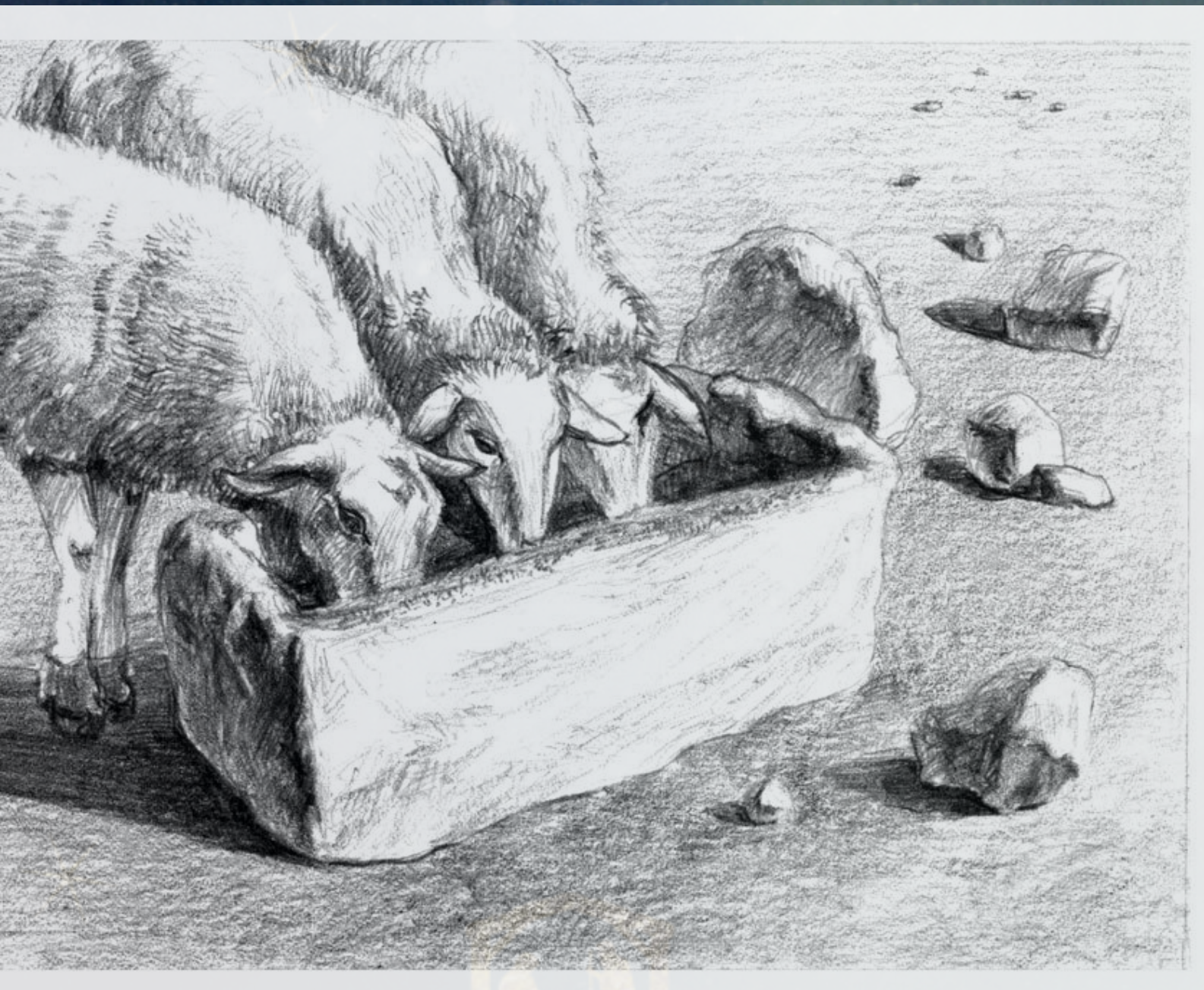




**Luke 2:11, 11** *For there is born to you **this day** in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a [d]manger.”* 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 **“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**







Jesus was not born in a palace.

He was born in a “manger,” a feeding place for animals.

He was **“born to you”** – to everyday people





**After Jesus' Birth, the "Wise Men" (Maji) left their place to bring Jesus gifts with joy.**

**Matthew 2:1–3, 9–11 (NIV)**

*9 After they had heard the king, they [the wise men] went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, **they were overjoyed.***





The **Magi** were likely spiritual, royal persons from the "East" (*Not from the West*).

*"Magi is derived from the Persian word "maguŝ"*





## **Matthew 2:1–3, 9–11 (NIV)**

*11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with **gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.***





# Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh





According to tradition, **gold** was given to the infant King as a **symbol of His royalty**.

**Frankincense**, a fragrant incense used in sacrificial offerings, was meant to **represent Jesus' deity**.

**Myrrh**, an embalming oil, was a **token of His future suffering and death**.





***“Wise Men & Women Still Seek Him!”***

The Giving of Gifts is Recognition  
Of God’s Greatest Gift to All:  
***Our Savior, Jesus Christ***





***New Life is a Gift That Keeps Giving***

**John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world that **he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish **but have eternal life.***





M E R R Y

*CHRISTMAS*

