

Sermon Challenge Tracker

Alone
vs.
Joseph



Main Sermon Point

God will never
leave us alone



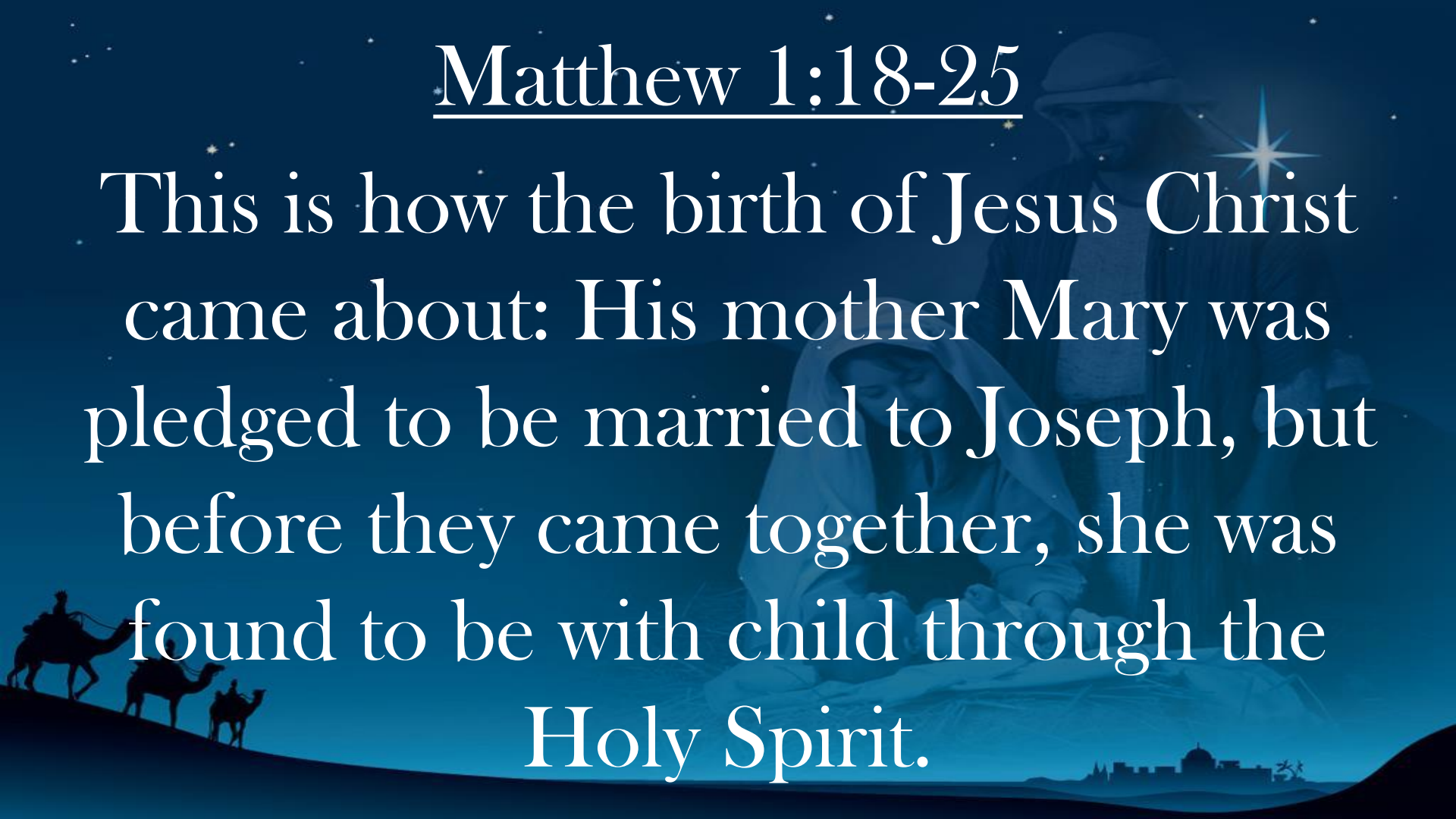
Feeling Like You Are Home Alone

Matthew 1:18-25



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This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint, ethereal illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, Mary is shown in a white robe, cradling the infant Jesus. Joseph stands behind her, also in a white robe. A bright star is visible in the upper right corner. In the lower left, the silhouettes of three camels with riders are visible, representing the Three Kings. In the lower right, there is a silhouette of a city or town with a prominent dome, likely representing Bethlehem.

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Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this,



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an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.



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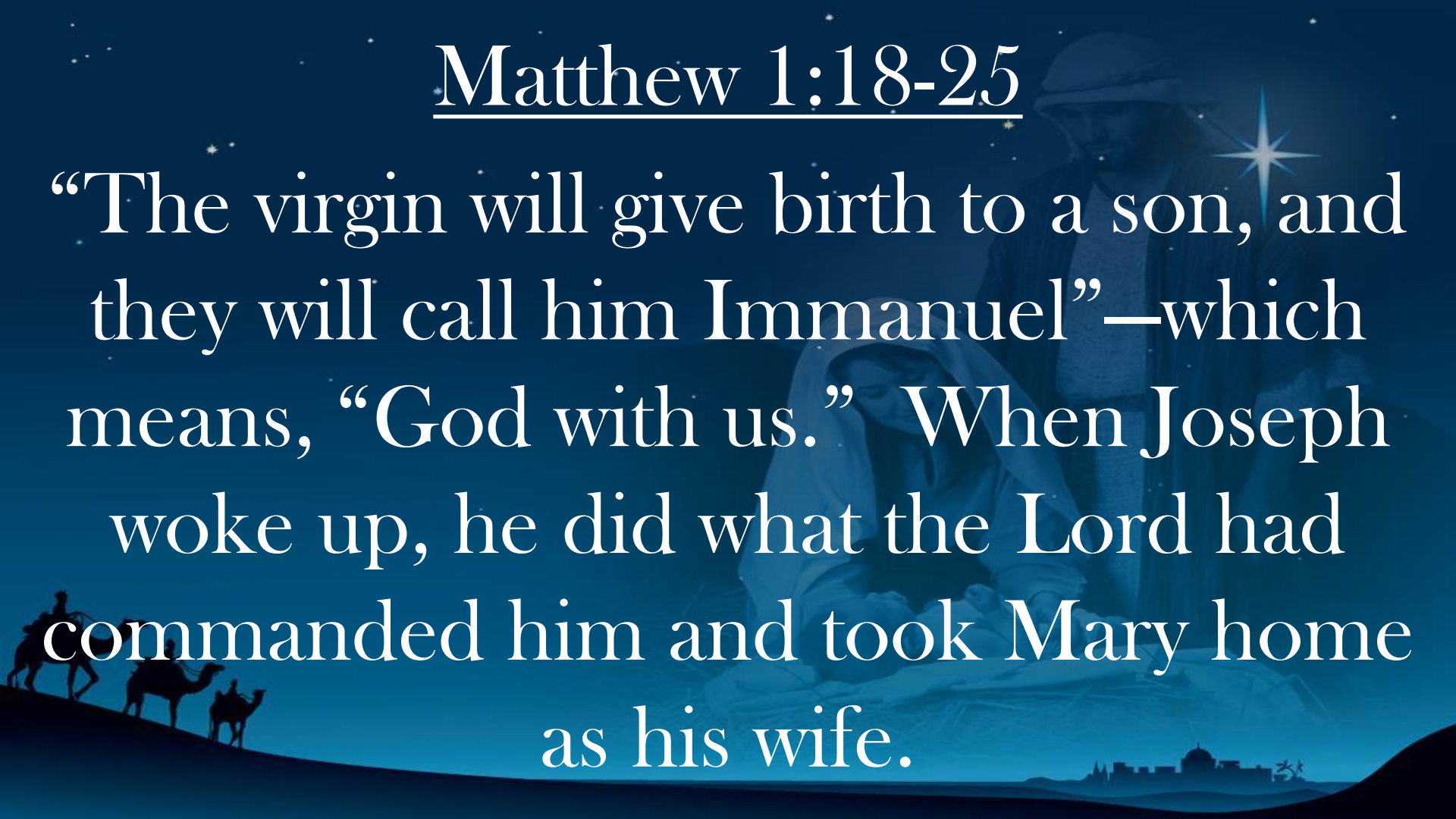
She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:



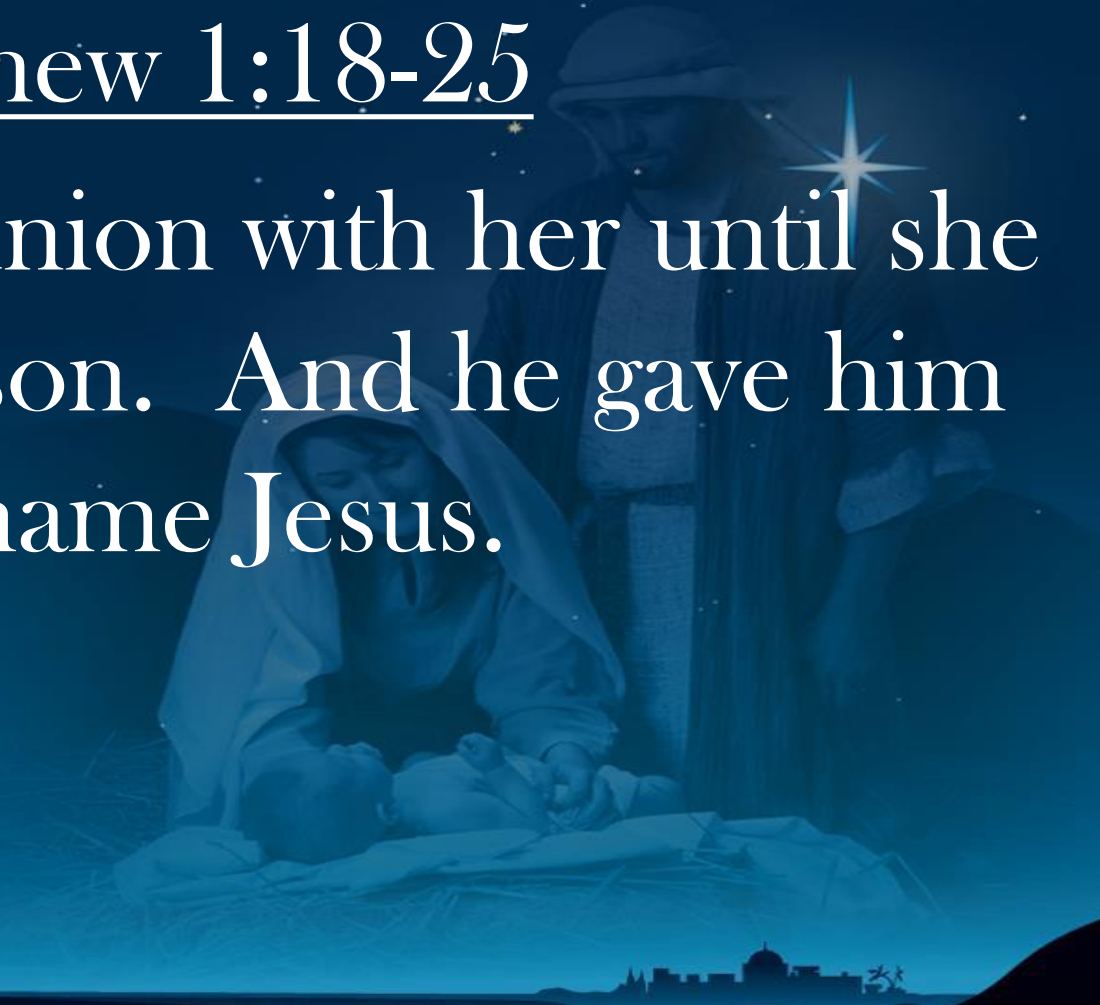
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“The virgin will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

A faint, artistic background illustration of a nativity scene. It shows Mary seated and holding the infant Jesus, with Joseph standing behind her. A bright star is visible in the upper right sky. In the lower left, silhouettes of three camels and riders are shown against a dark horizon. In the lower right, a silhouette of a city with a domed building is visible.

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But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



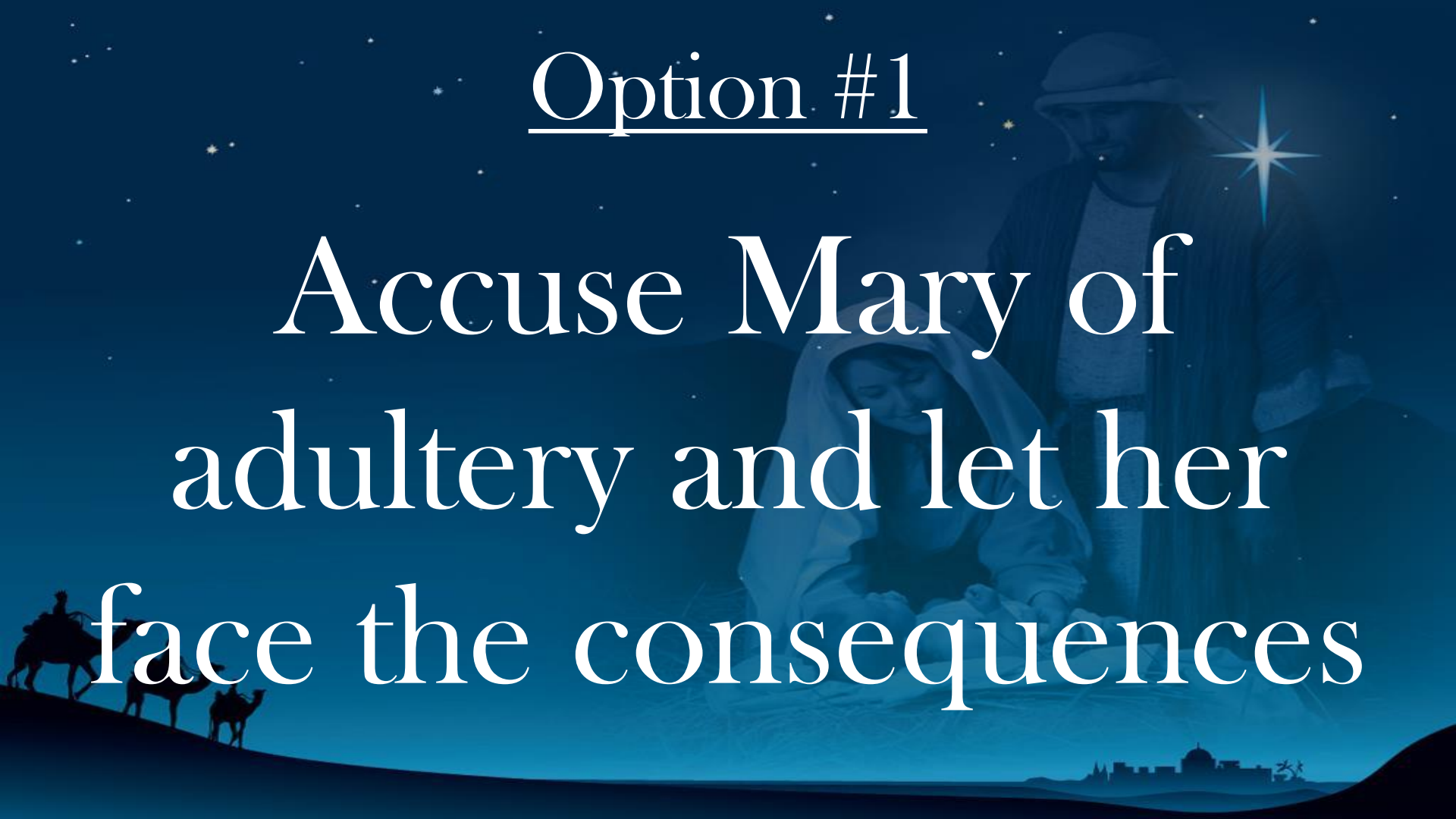
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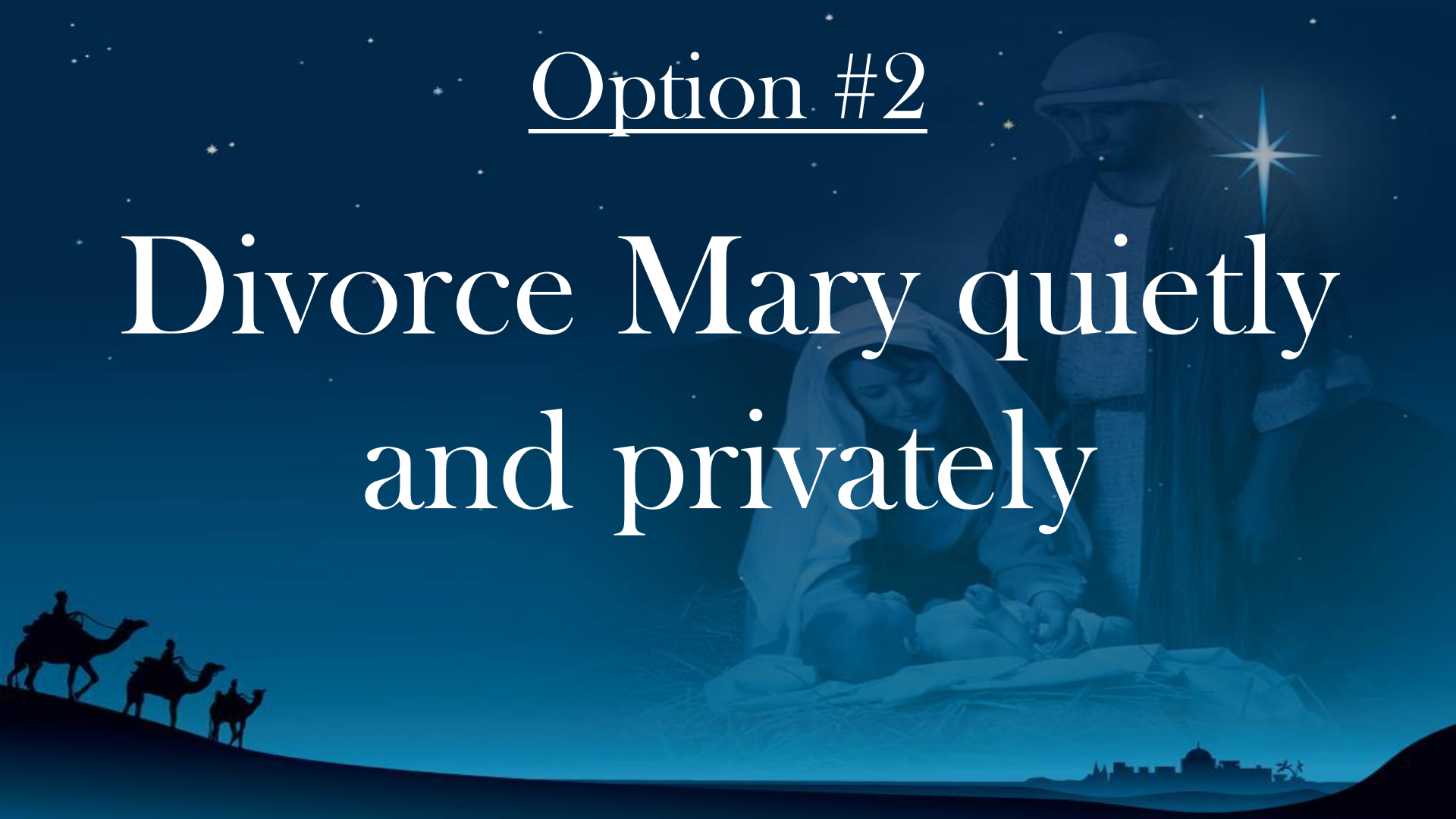
Option #1

Accuse Mary of
adultery and let her
face the consequences



Option #2

Divorce Mary quietly
and privately



Option #3 – God's Plan

Take Mary as his wife
and raise the child as
his own.



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