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# Merry Christmas

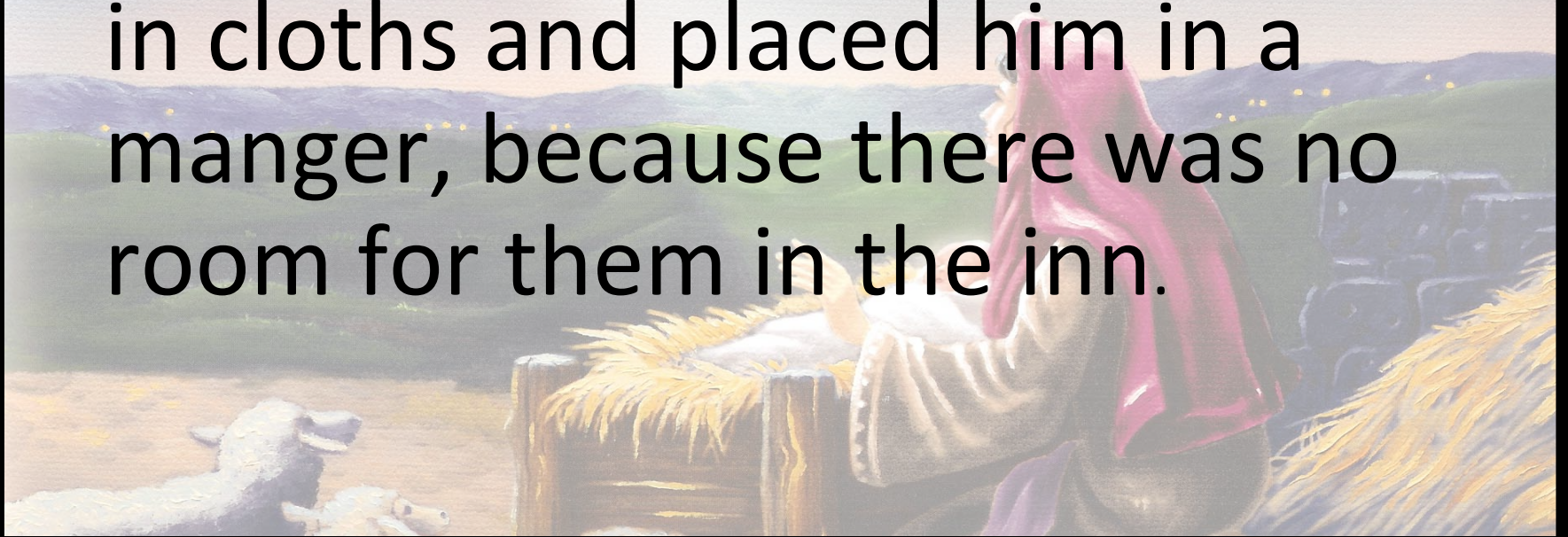
## The God Who Gives


# Luke 2:4-7

4) So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5) He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

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6) While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
7) and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

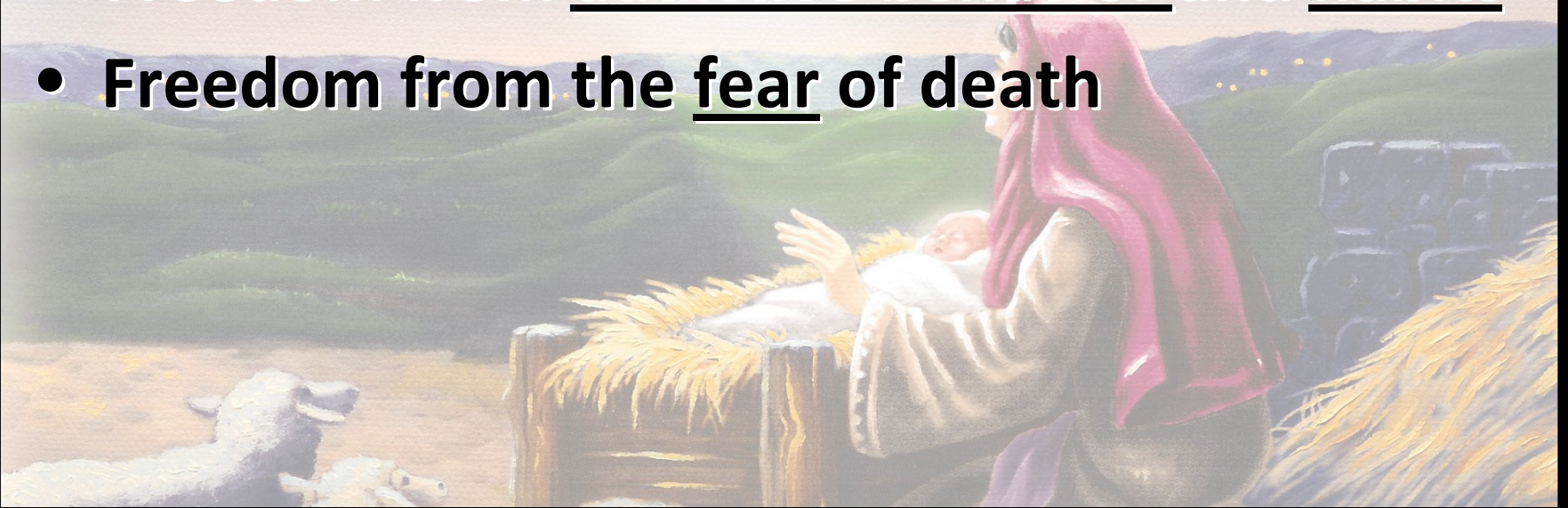


A colorful illustration of the Nativity scene. In the foreground, Mary, wearing a red headscarf and a brown robe, is kneeling and looking at the infant Jesus who is lying in a wooden manger filled with straw. The background shows rolling green hills under a night sky with a bright star and several smaller stars. A white sheep is visible in the lower left corner.

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**she (Mary) “gave” birth**  
**to her firstborn**  
**Luke 2:7**

# Jesus Gives

- Freedom from guilt from our past
- Freedom from the expectations of others
- Freedom from bitterness and resentment
- Freedom from addictive behavior and habits
- Freedom from the fear of death



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