



The Light of Christmas

Isaiah 9:2

Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.



Humankind lived in a state of darkness.

Isaiah 8:19–22

Isaiah 8:19–20 (ESV)

19 And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.



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Isaiah 8:19–22

Control

Isaiah 8:21–22 (ESV)

21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward.

22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.



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Isaiah 8:19–22

Control
Emptiness



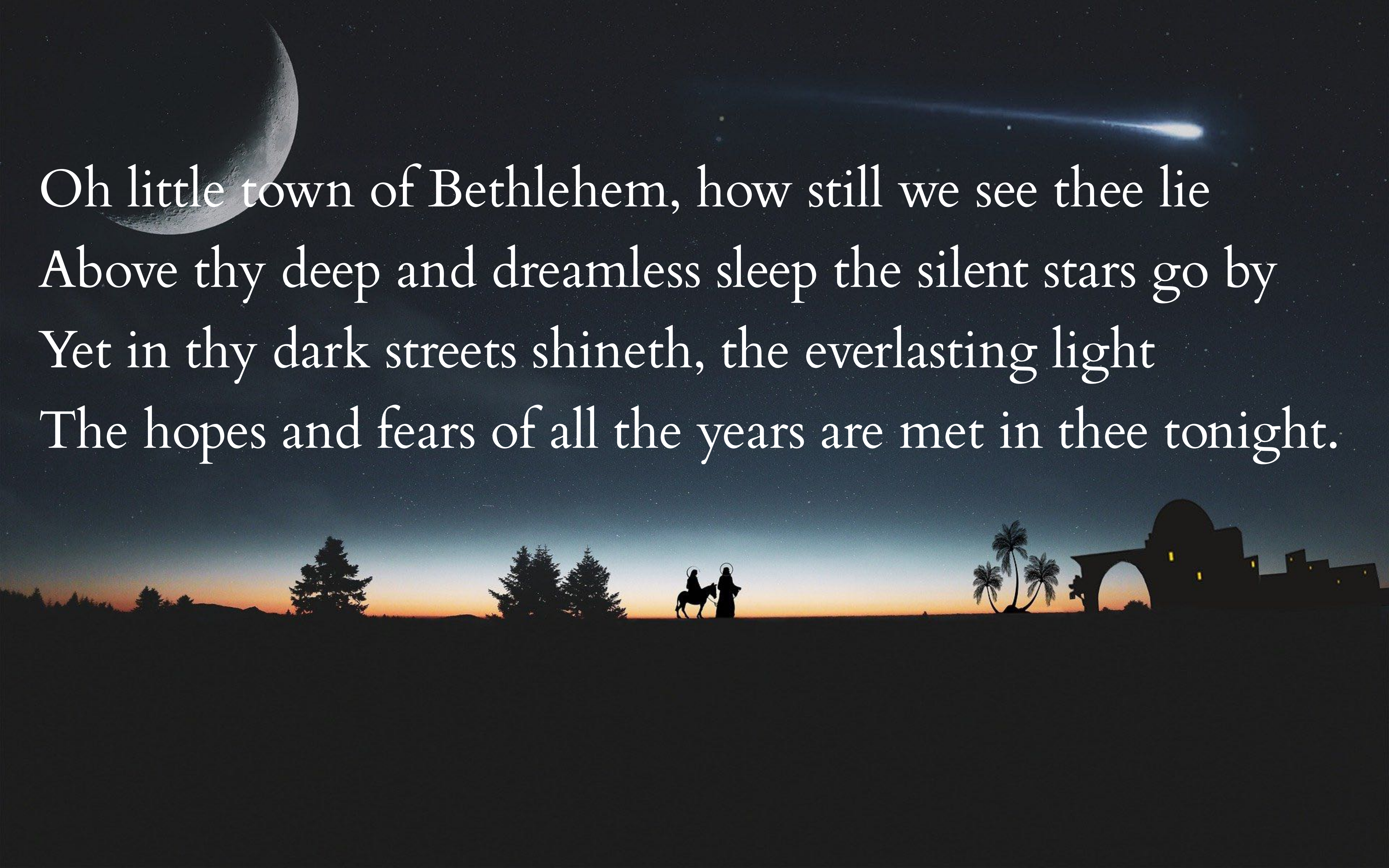
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Isaiah 8:19–22

Control

Emptiness

Anger



Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

God sent his light into our darkness.

Isaiah 9:2, 6



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Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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Isaiah 9:2, 6

“A child is born”



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“The government shall
be upon his shoulder”



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“Wonderful Counselor...
Prince of Peace”

Why is he called a “counselor”? When you are going through something very difficult, it’s good to talk to someone who has walked the same path, who knows personally what you have been going through. If God has really been born in a manger, then we have something that no other religion even claims to have. It’s a God who truly understands you, from the inside of your experience. There’s no other religion that says God has suffered, that God had to be courageous, that he knows what it is like to be abandoned by friends, to be crushed by injustice, to be tortured and die. Christmas shows he knows what you’re going through. When you talk to him, he understands. – Hidden Christmas by Timothy Keller

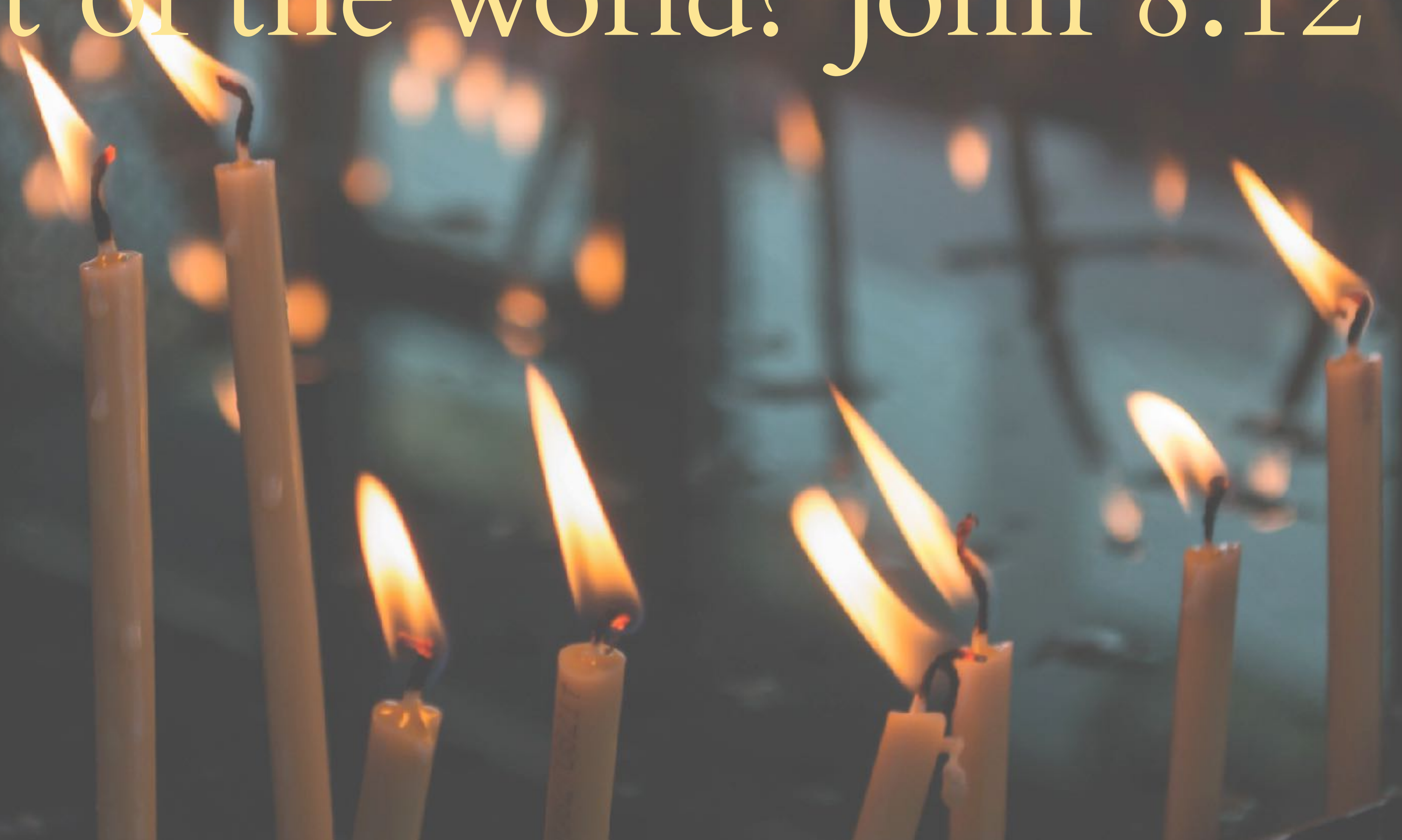
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“Mighty God,
Everlasting Father”



What will you do with Jesus, the
light of the world? John 8:12



John 1:5 (ESV)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12 (ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

What will you do with Jesus, the
light of the world?

