

THEN ISAIAH SAID, "HEAR, NOW, YOU HOUSE OF DAVID! IS IT NOT ENOUGH THAT I HAVE CALLED YOU?
WILL YOU TRY THE PATIENCE OF MY GOD ALSO? 14 THEREFORE THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL REVEAL
HIS SIGN: THE VIRGIN WILL BE WITH CHILD AND WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND HE WILL
BE CALLED HIM IMMANUEL." 15 HE WILL EAT CURDS AND HONEY.

IMMANUEL GOD WITH US



23 THEY WENT INTO THE COURT OF THE TEMPLE AND THEY TAUGHT THEM
OF FROM THE TEMPLE COURTS THEY BUILT UP THEIR HEARTS, 17 PRAISE TO GOD
46 HE WENT TO THE TEMPLE AND HEARD THEIR NUMBER, 18 WITH
THE PEOPLE OF THE TEMPLE COURTS THEY BUILT UP THEIR HEARTS, 17 PRAISE TO GOD
TO THEIR NUMBER, 18 WITH

A desert landscape at night under a starry sky. A bright light source, possibly the moon or a star, is visible on the right side, casting a glow over the scene. The foreground shows a sandy, undulating desert floor. In the background, there are rugged, rocky hills or mountains. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

Advent

Pause ~ Ponder ~ Prepare

Into a world of Darkness He brought...

Light



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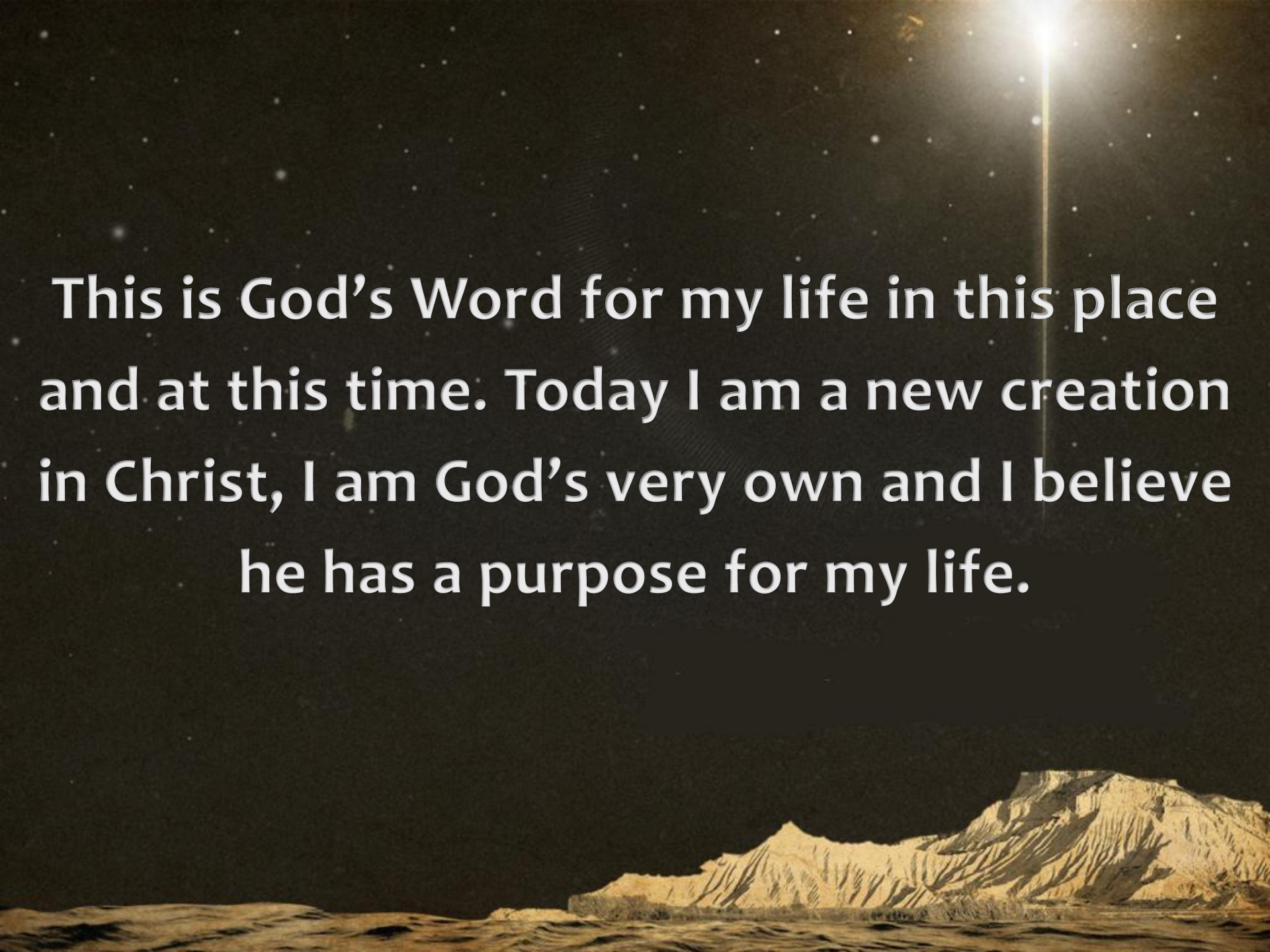
Hope



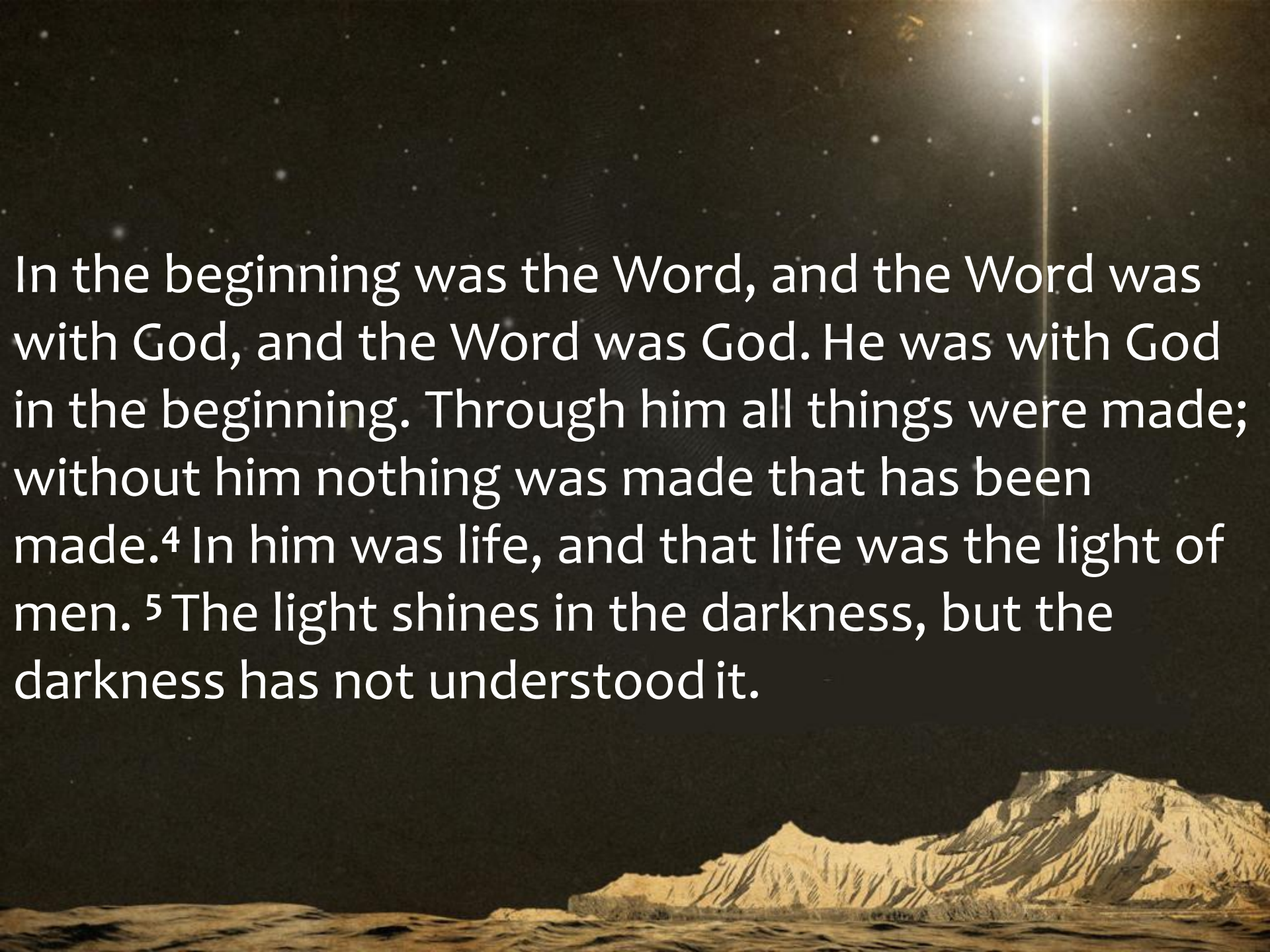
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Joy

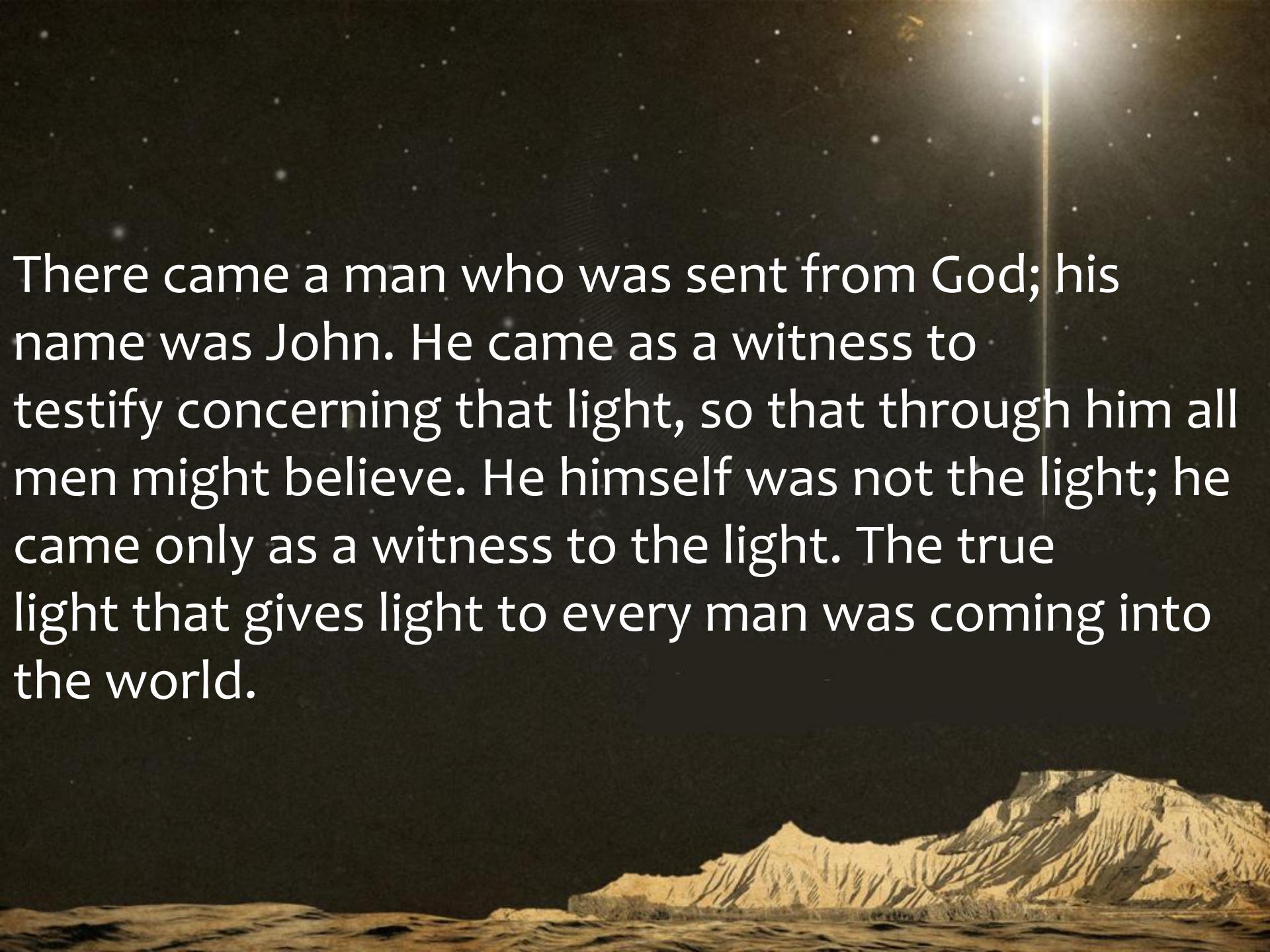


A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, casting a vertical beam of light. The background is dark with scattered stars. In the foreground, there is a desert landscape with sand dunes and a range of mountains under a dark sky.

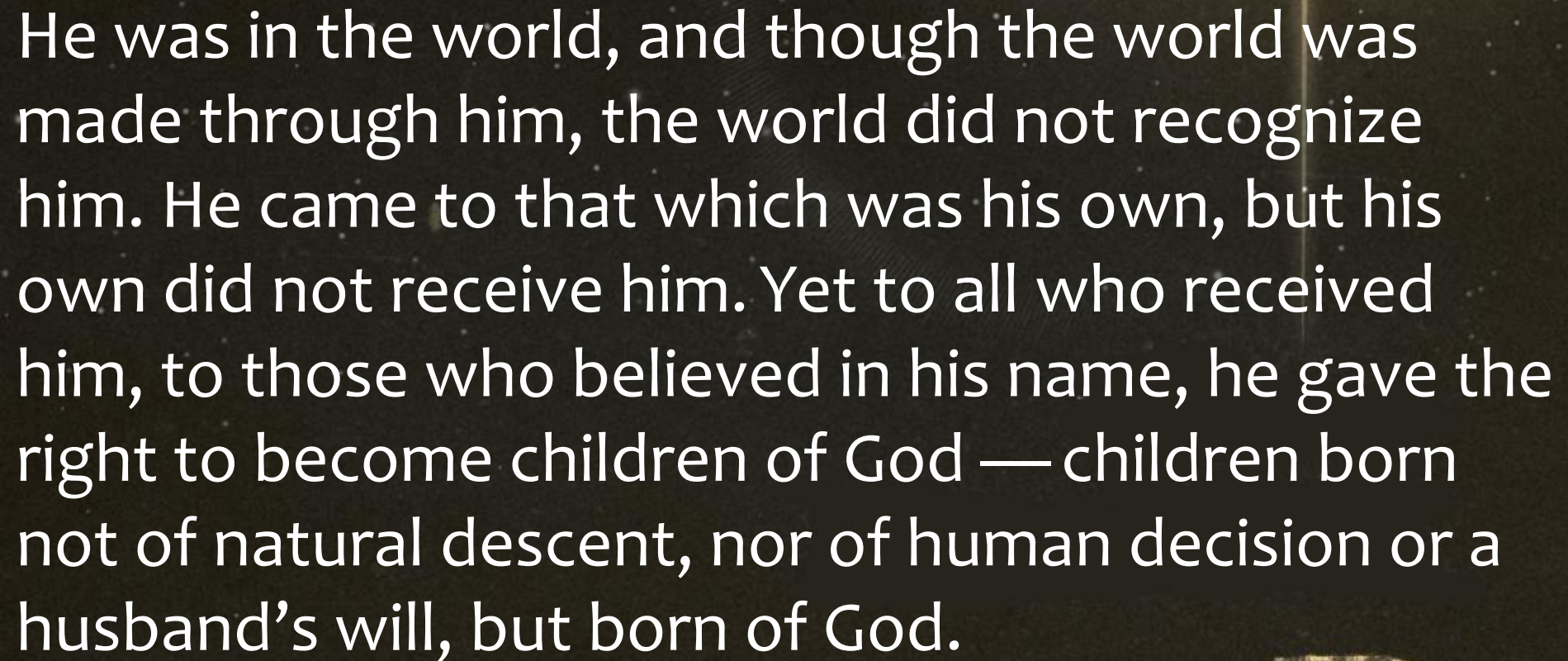
**This is God's Word for my life in this place
and at this time. Today I am a new creation
in Christ, I am God's very own and I believe
he has a purpose for my life.**

A night sky with a bright star or planet in the upper right corner, casting a vertical beam of light. Below the sky, a range of mountains is visible, illuminated from the right, creating a silhouette effect against the dark sky. The foreground shows a dark, textured surface, possibly a desert or a rocky landscape.

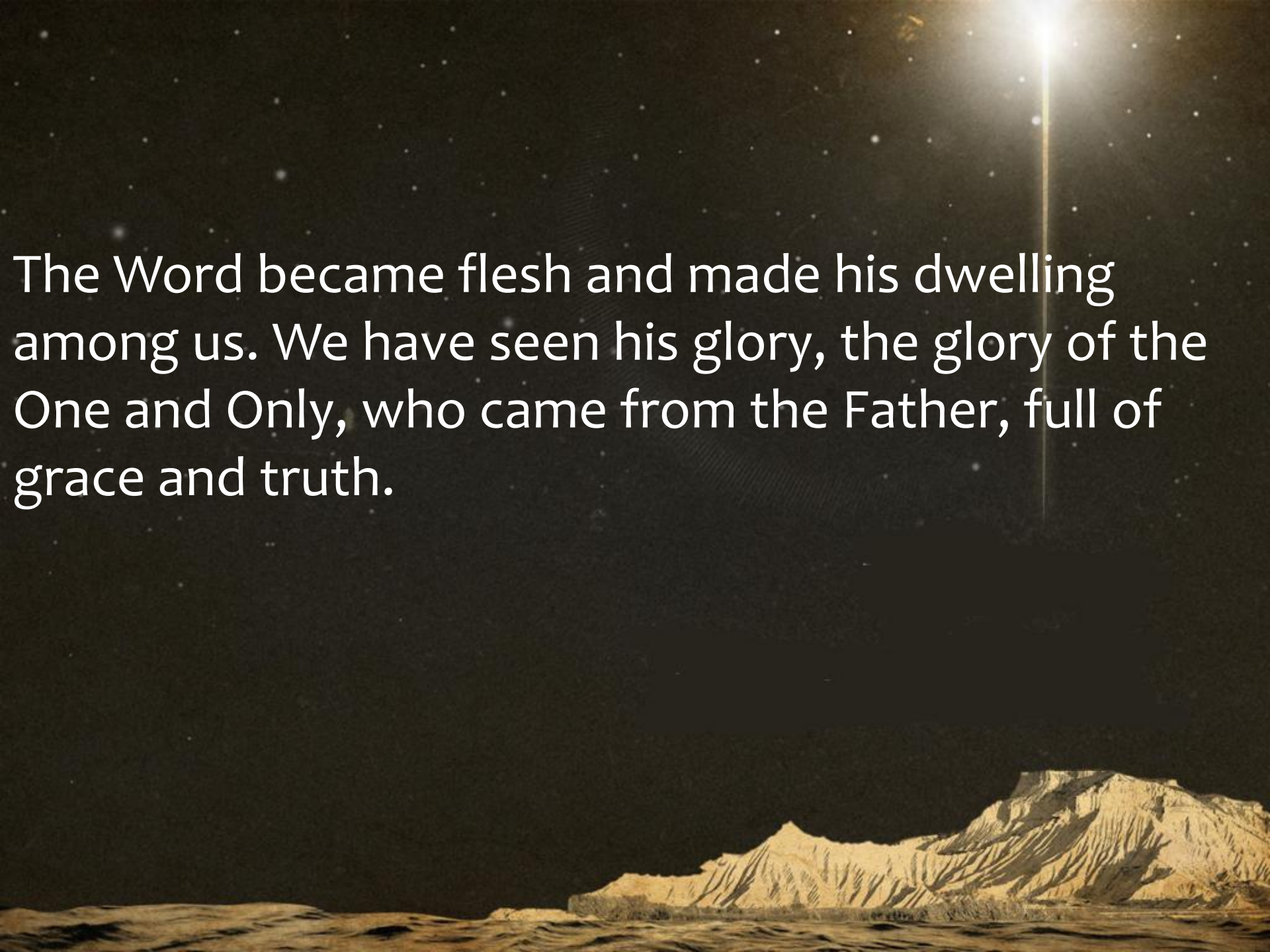
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

A desert landscape at night, illuminated by a bright light source in the sky, possibly the moon or a star, creating a lens flare effect. The foreground shows a sandy, undulating desert floor, and the background features a range of rugged, rocky mountains under a dark, starry sky.

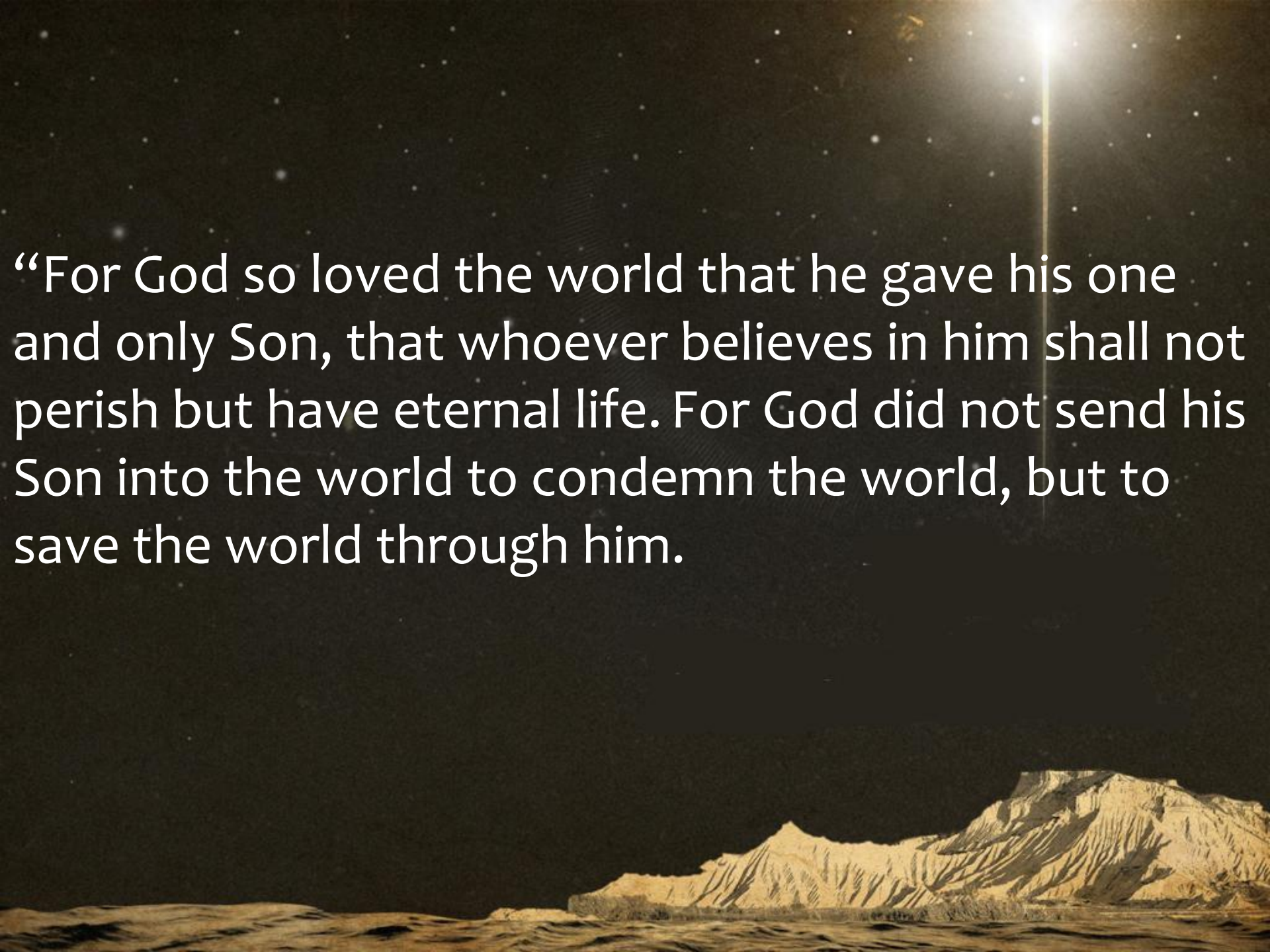
There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, casting a vertical light streak. Below the sky, a desert landscape with sand dunes and a mountain range is visible under a dark sky.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, casting a vertical beam of light. The sky is dark with many small stars. In the foreground, there is a desert landscape with a large, rocky mountain range under a dark sky.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, casting a vertical beam of light. The background is dark with scattered stars. In the foreground, a desert landscape is visible, featuring a range of mountains or hills with a textured, eroded surface, illuminated by a warm, golden light from the right.

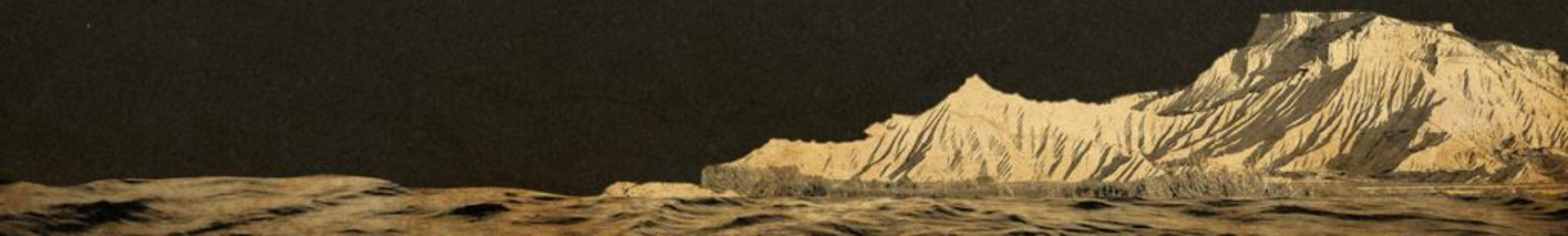
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



Into a world of Darkness He brought...

Love



A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, casting a vertical beam of light. The background is a dark, starry sky. In the foreground, there is a desert landscape with a large, rocky mountain range under a dark sky.

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

“Not as you define it, but as God defines it!”

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✧ Love AWAKENS a sleeping Heart

Love energizes, inspires and dreams.


“God’s kindness leads you toward repentance” Rms 2:24



✧ Love HEALS all wounds

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Psalm 147:3

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✧ Love makes us COMPLETE

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.” 1 John 4:9

A night sky filled with stars, with a prominent bright star in the upper right corner. Below the sky, a range of rugged, rocky mountains is visible, illuminated from the right. The foreground shows a dark, textured surface, possibly a desert or a rocky plain.

The Purpose of Christmas is ...