

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

***Luke 1:26–37 (NIV)***



<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” <sup>34</sup> “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

***Luke 1:26–37 (NIV)***



<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail.”

***Luke 1:26–37 (NIV)***





THE  
INBREAKING  
KINGDOM

*LOVE*

# **I. God Breaks Into Our Lives...**

A. Christmas is all about one thing: God became a baby

B. When God breaks in, its nothing like we'd expect

## II. God's Inbreaking Leads To An Encounter...

### A. We encounter God's grace

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***Luke 1:28***

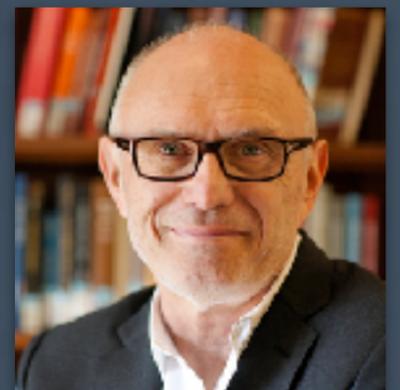
The love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it. The love of man comes into being through that which is pleasing to it.

***Martin Luther***



Divine love doesn't depend on the truth, beauty, or goodness of the beloved. Because God's love isn't caused by its object, [God] can love those who are not loveable, sinners, evil persons, fools, and weaklings in order to make them righteous, good, wise, and strong.

***Miroslav Volf, Free of Charge***



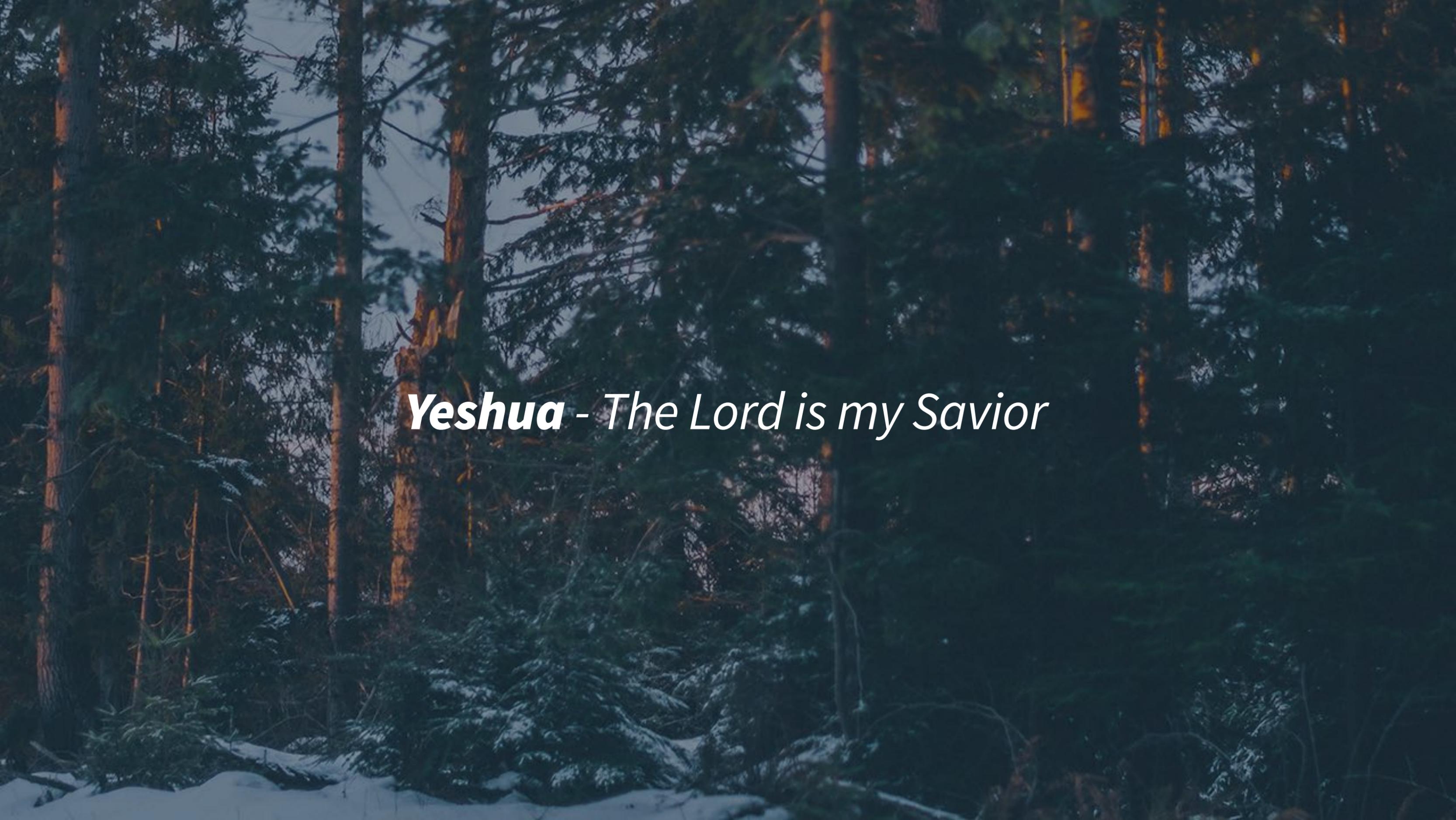
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B. We encounter Jesus

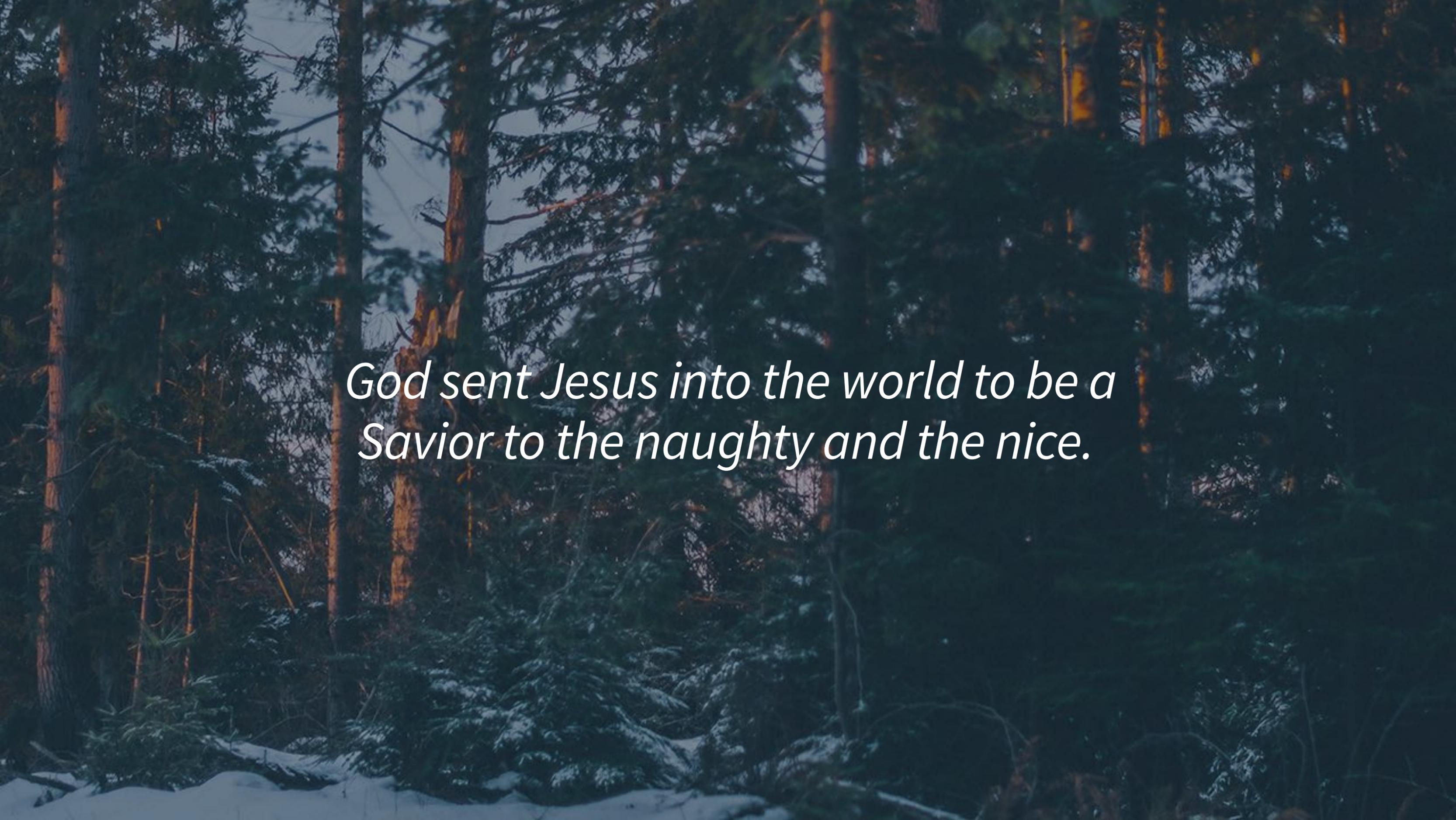
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*Luke 1:31*

A dense forest of evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, is shown in a winter setting. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the ground is also covered. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a serene and quiet atmosphere. The color palette is dominated by cool blues and whites, with some darker greens visible through the snow. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

***Yeshua*** - *The Lord is my Savior*



A dark, snowy forest scene with tall evergreen trees and a light blue tint. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

*God sent Jesus into the world to be a  
Savior to the naughty and the nice.*

A close-up photograph of a pine branch covered in snow. The pine needles are dark green and sharp, contrasting with the white snow. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of warm, golden lights, creating a festive and serene atmosphere. The text is centered over the image in a white, elegant serif font.

*The Gospel is the Good News that  
nothing is impossible with God.*

# III. God's Inbreaking Calls For A Response...

## A. We respond with investigation

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***Luke 1:29***

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A. We respond with investigation

- *Is your doubt a wall?*
- *Is your doubt a springboard?*

### III. God's Inbreaking Calls For A Response...

- A. We respond with investigation
- B. We respond with surrender

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your it be done to me according to your Word.”

*Luke 1:38*



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