

The Joy of Christmas

A night scene with a bright light source in the sky, possibly a star or a light source, casting a beam of light down towards a tent or structure in the foreground. The background is dark with some faint lights, suggesting a night sky or a distant city.

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- There was political oppression!
- There was oppressive taxation!
- There was much strife...and little peace!

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 - ✓ Scribes & Pharisees
 - ✓ Sadducees
 - ✓ Zealots

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- The joy of knowing that God cares!
- The joy of knowing God's concern for the humble!
- The joy of knowing that God keeps His Word!

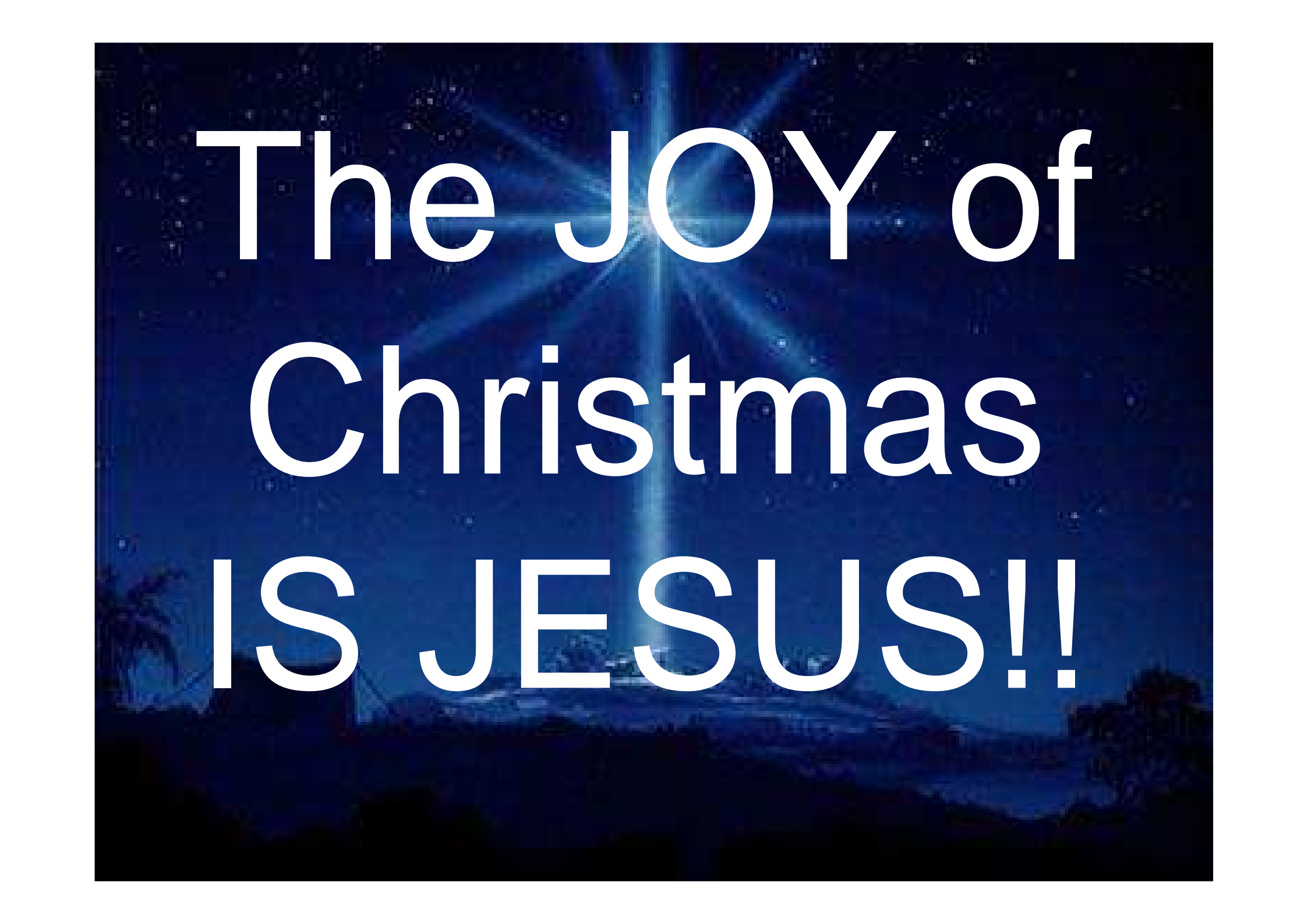
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- The joy of a baby born!
- The joy of fulfilled anticipation!
- The joy of having a Savior!



Jesus Came To Save Us From Our Sins...

- ✓ From the Penalty of Sin!,
Romans 6:23
- ✓ From the Power of Sin, Romans
6:6-7
- ✓ Godless Life of Sin, Eph. 2:1-5,
12
- ✓ Meaningless Life of Sin, John
10:10.



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IS JESUS!!



