





“We all have a love-hate relationship with  
Christmas.

It can inspire great highs, joy, love,  
togetherness.

It can heighten feelings of loneliness,  
emptiness, wistfulness, alienation, cynicism.  
Sometimes, we can go through variations of  
these emotions on a daily basis when it gets  
closer to Christmas.”



WORRIES



WEARINESS

Body and Soul







A red rounded rectangle with a white border. Inside, there is a stack of Bibles. The top Bible has the words 'HOLY BIBLE' and 'NEW TESTAMENT' visible. The text 'GOD'S SOLUTION' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters over the Bibles. There are small white plus signs in the top right and bottom left corners of the rectangle.

**GOD'S  
SOLUTION**

A white rounded rectangle with a black border. The text 'OURPART' is written in large, black, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The 'OUR' is solid black, and 'PART' is outlined in black.

**OURPART**





## Psalm 73

16 When I tried to understand all this, it  
troubled me deeply  
17a till I entered the sanctuary of God

## Job 1

21 “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken  
away; may the name of the Lord be  
praised.”

# A CALL TO WORSHIP



We should **worship instead of worry** during Christmas because Jesus is the...

- (1) **Divine King**
- (2) **Dividing King**
- (3) **Deserving King**



Jesus is the... (1) **Divine King**

King of... the Jews, all people, creation

**King of the Jews**

Matthew 2

2 "Where is the one who has been born  
king of the Jews?"

- 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the **Messiah** was to be born.
- 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
- 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a **ruler** who will **shepherd** my people Israel."

King of the Jews ► Messiah, ruler, shepherd  
= long-awaited, God-given King

Micah 5

2 His goings forth are from long ago, from  
the days of **eternity**...

How can we know Jesus was the Divine Messiah?

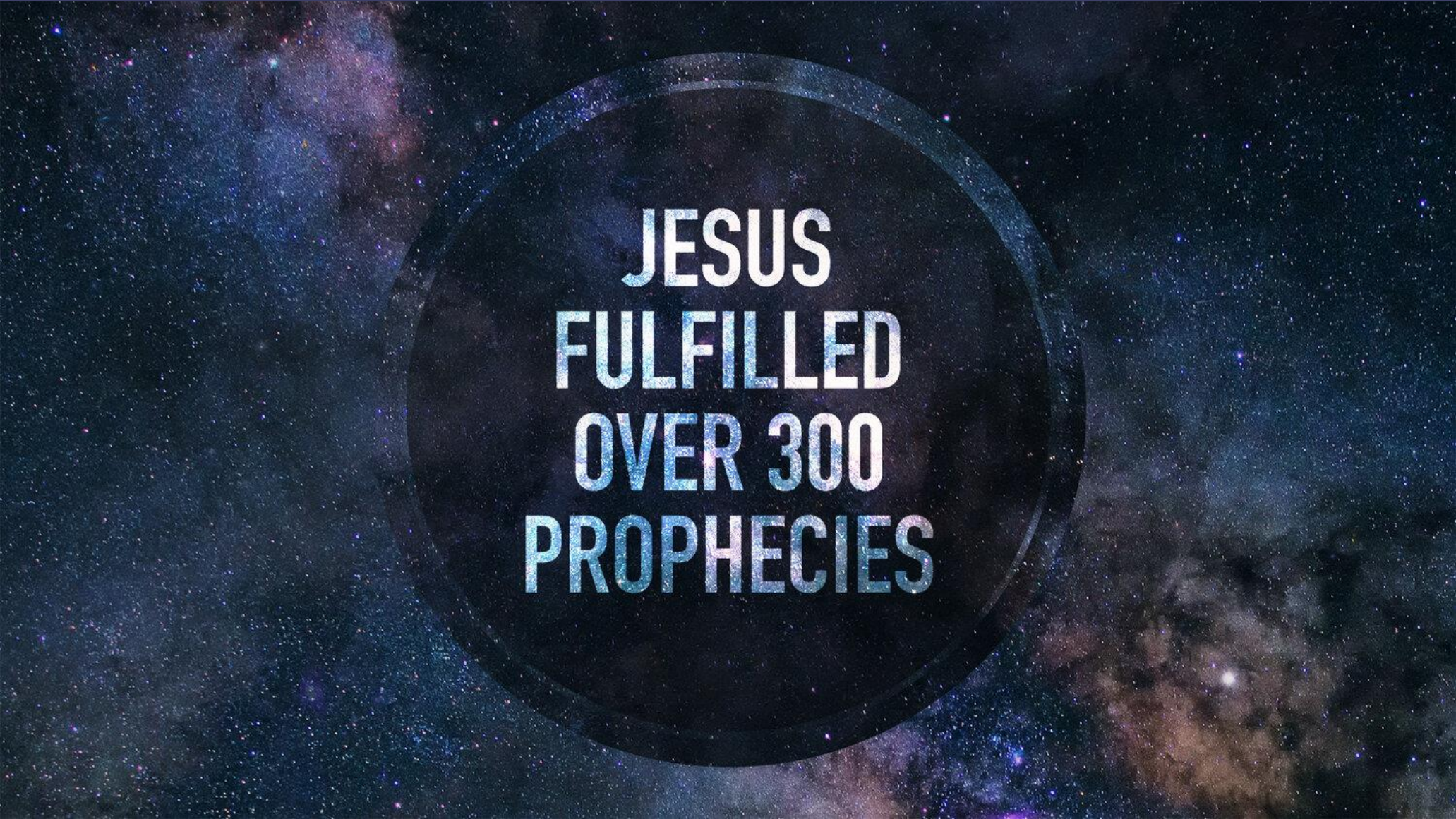
He lived a life...

Without Sin

Full of Wisdom

Performing Miracles

Resurrected from the Dead



**JESUS  
FULFILLED  
OVER 300  
PROPHECIES**

*not just  
coincidence*

Probability 1 man fulfilled 8 prophecies  
= 1 in  $10^{17}$   
= 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000

The size  
of the  
number  
 $10^{17}$

**“... we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas.**

**They will cover all of the state two feet deep.”**



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- King of the Jews

## King of all People

Matthew 2

- 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi from the east** came to Jerusalem

Balthasar: king of Arabia or Ethiopia

Melchior: king of Persia

Gaspar: king of India



Foreigners  
Outsiders  
Non-Jews

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they **bowed down and worshiped him.**



Matthew 28

19a Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**

Isaiah 60

3 "**Nations** will come to your light, and **kings** to the brightness of your rising."

Micah 5

4b ... He will be great to the **ends of the earth.**"

# This Gospel of the Kingdom

shall be preached

in the whole world

as a testimony to

all the nations

and then the

end will come

Matthew 24:14



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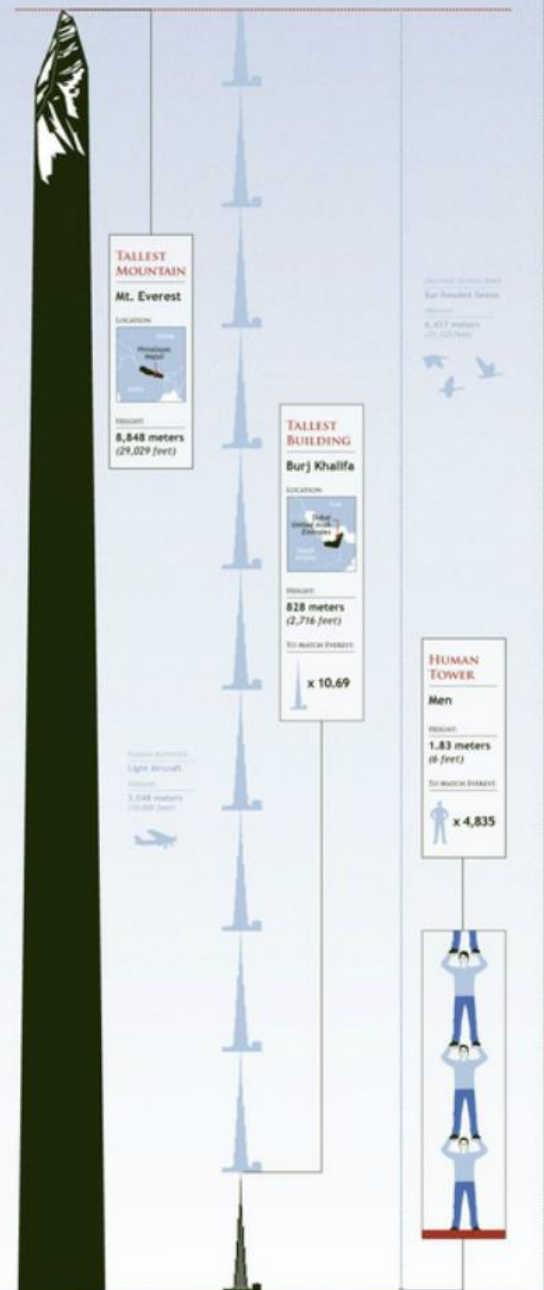
## King of Creation

2b We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

9b ... the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

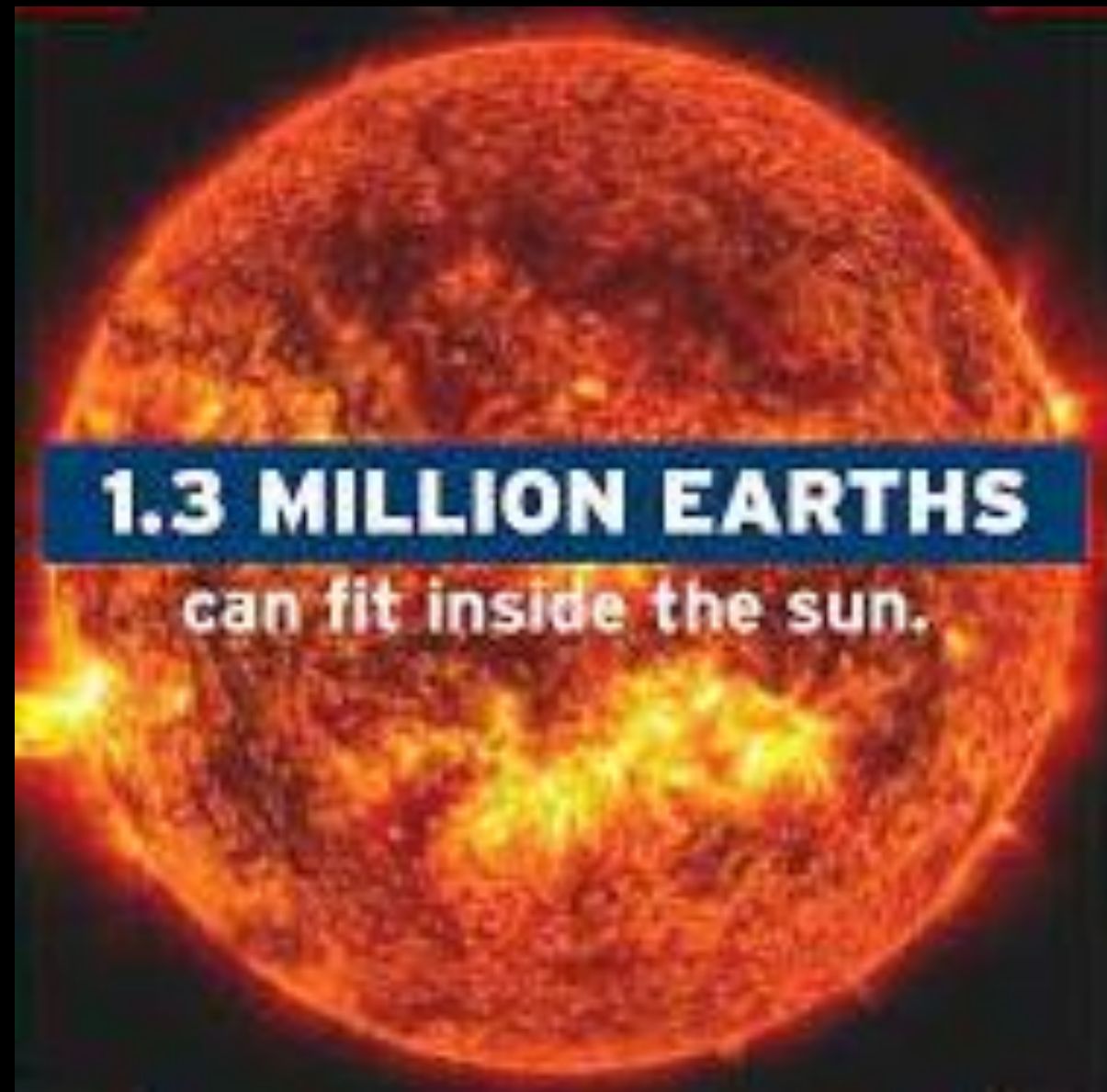
## Sky-High: Tallest Mountain vs. Tallest Building

A comparison of the tallest natural feature and human-made structure.



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Jesus is the King of...

The Jews

All people

Creation



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Jesus  
determines  
your  
destiny

**John 14:6 NIV**

Jesus answered,  
I am the way, and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me.

*“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”  
Matthew 2:12*



# Indifference



- 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 When he had called together all the people's **chief priests and teachers of the law**, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.
- 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

# Hostility



- 16 When **Herod** realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was **furious**, and he gave orders to **kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under**, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.



# *WHERE ARE YOU NOW?*

**Worship** (Magi)

**Indifferent** (religious leaders)

**Hostile** (Herod)

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(3) **Deserving King**

## **Joyful Worship**

10 When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed**.

RSV: **rejoiced exceedingly with great joy**



Joyful wonder, praise & gratitude

### (3) Deserving King

#### Sacrificial Gifts

11b Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.





Dear Santa:

This year I hope I made the nice list.

I tried hard to do my best.

I would like:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

Love: Your friend, \_\_\_\_\_

Merry Christmas!

Energy  
Attention  
Time

**Worship**  
*in*  
**Giving**





Care packages  
Bribes

Deuteronomy 10

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.



Giving gifts to God  
are **INTENSIFIERS**

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(He deserves joyful, sacrificial worship)

**CHOOSE  
WORSHIP**

INSTEAD OF  
WORRY