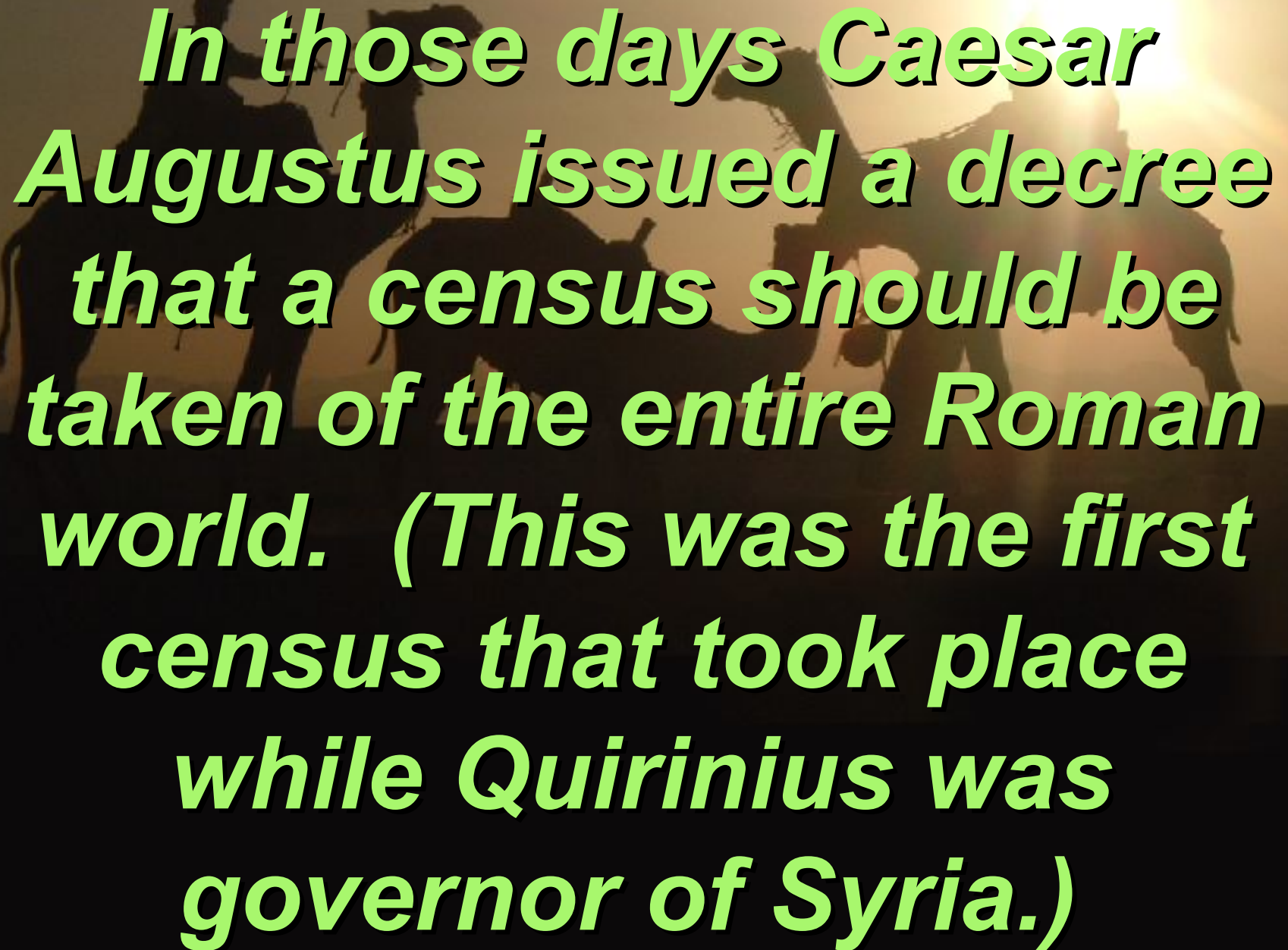
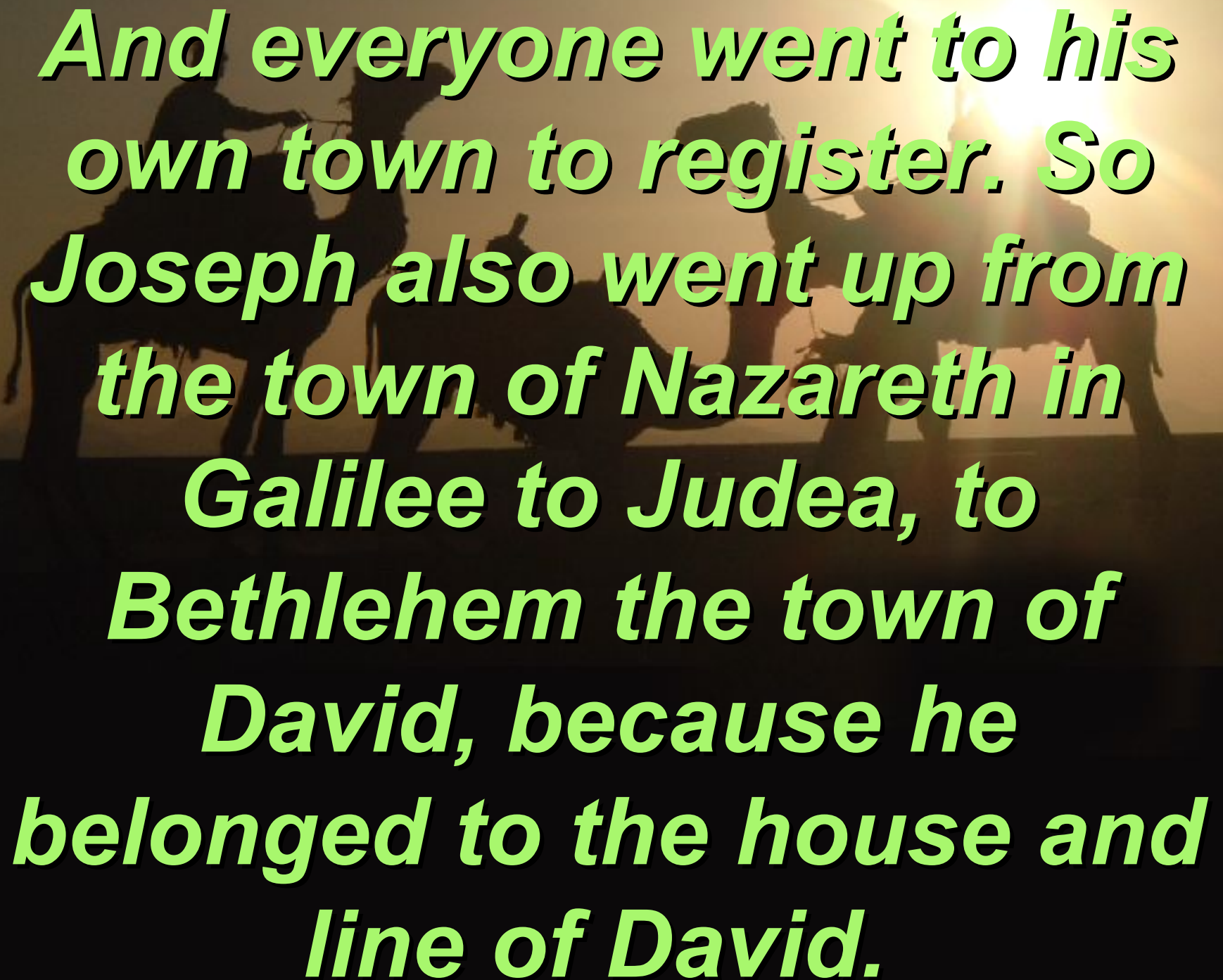




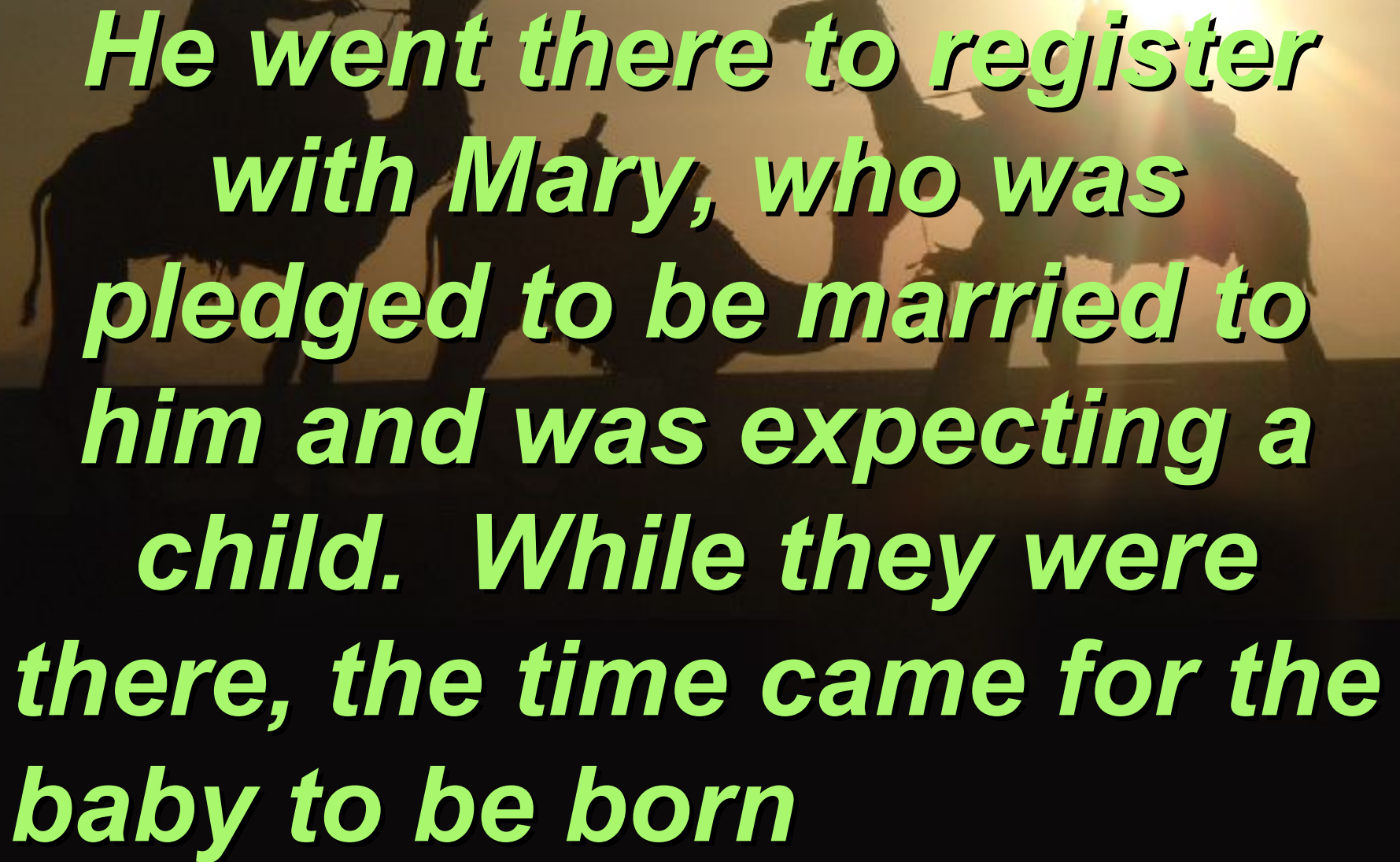
**Expecting God
This Christmas?
(Luke 2:1-7)**

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a dark horizon. In the foreground, several silhouettes of people riding camels are visible, moving from left to right. The overall scene is atmospheric and evokes a sense of ancient travel or trade.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of several people riding camels across a desert landscape. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter sky, and the overall atmosphere is one of a long, arduous journey.

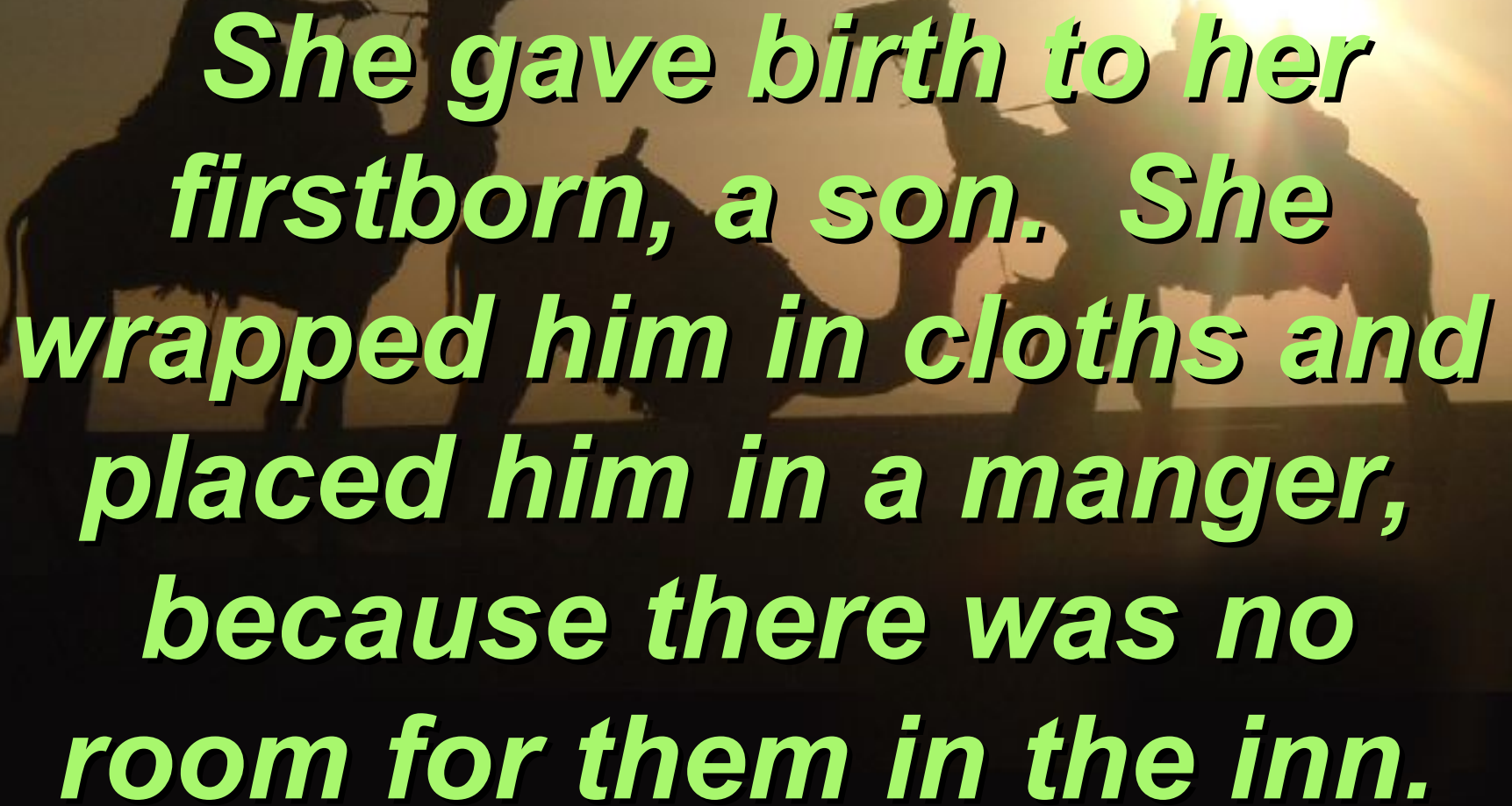
And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of several people riding camels across a flat, open landscape. The scene is set against a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise, with the sun positioned in the upper right corner, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the sky in shades of orange and yellow. The silhouettes are dark against the bright background, showing the outlines of the riders and the humps of the camels. The overall mood is serene and evocative of a traditional desert setting.

***He went there to register
with Mary, who was
pledged to be married to
him and was expecting a
child. While they were
there, the time came for the
baby to be born***



**It was a physically
demanding journey**

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of several people riding camels across a flat landscape. The scene is set against a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong backlighting effect. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter, hazy sky.

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

(Luke 2:7)



**It was a stress-filled
journey**



Three important questions:

1. What do I think about?




Three important questions:

2. What do I value most?



Three important questions:

3. Who can I touch for Christ?



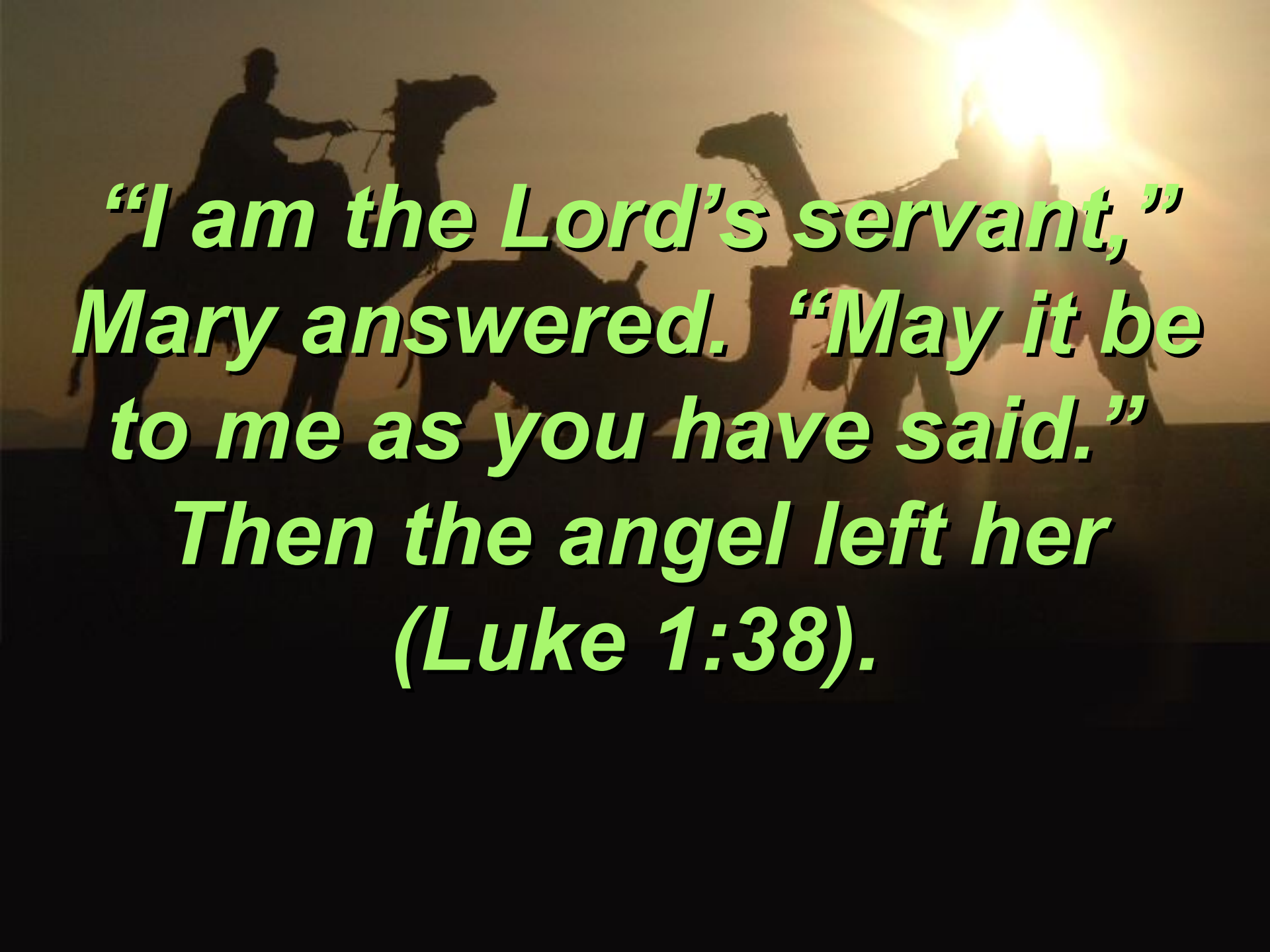
***My soul doth magnify
the Lord. And my spirit
hath rejoiced in God my
Savior.***

Luke 1:46-47, KJV

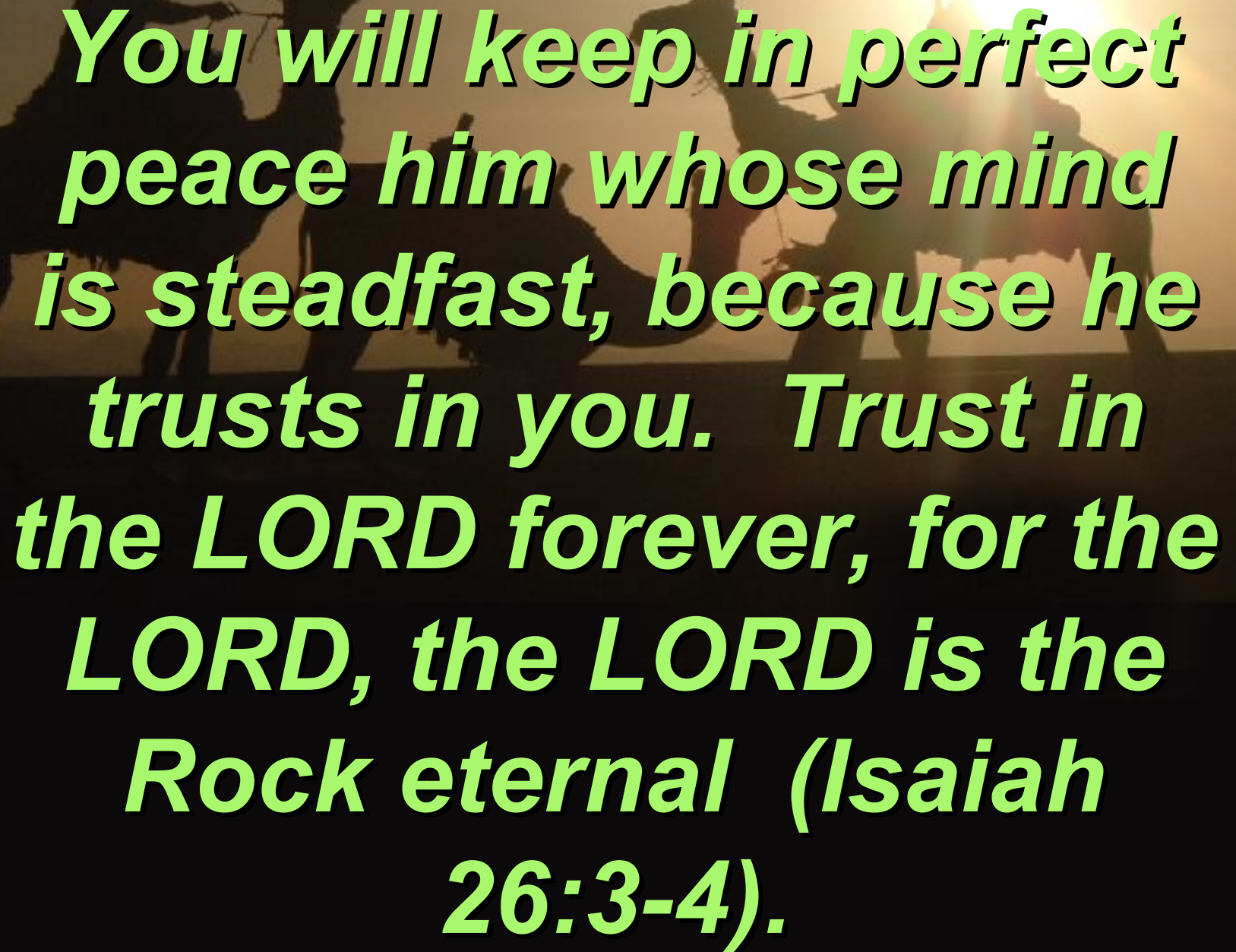
The background of the slide features a silhouette of a caravan of camels and riders against a bright, glowing sunset sky. The sun is positioned in the upper right corner, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene from behind. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter sky, and the overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**It was a spiritually
satisfying journey.**

**Why? Because Mary and
Joseph were expecting
God!**

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***“I am the Lord’s servant,”
Mary answered. “May it be
to me as you have said.”
Then the angel left her
(Luke 1:38).***

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***You will keep in perfect
peace him whose mind
is steadfast, because he
trusts in you. Trust in
the LORD forever, for the
LORD, the LORD is the
Rock eternal (Isaiah
26:3-4).***

A photograph showing the silhouettes of three people riding camels across a desert landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow. The riders and camels are dark against the lighter sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**1. Our God is an unfailing
God.**

**2. Our God is an _
unchanging God.**



Christmas began in the heart of
God. It is complete only when it
reaches the heart of man.

- Robert Strand