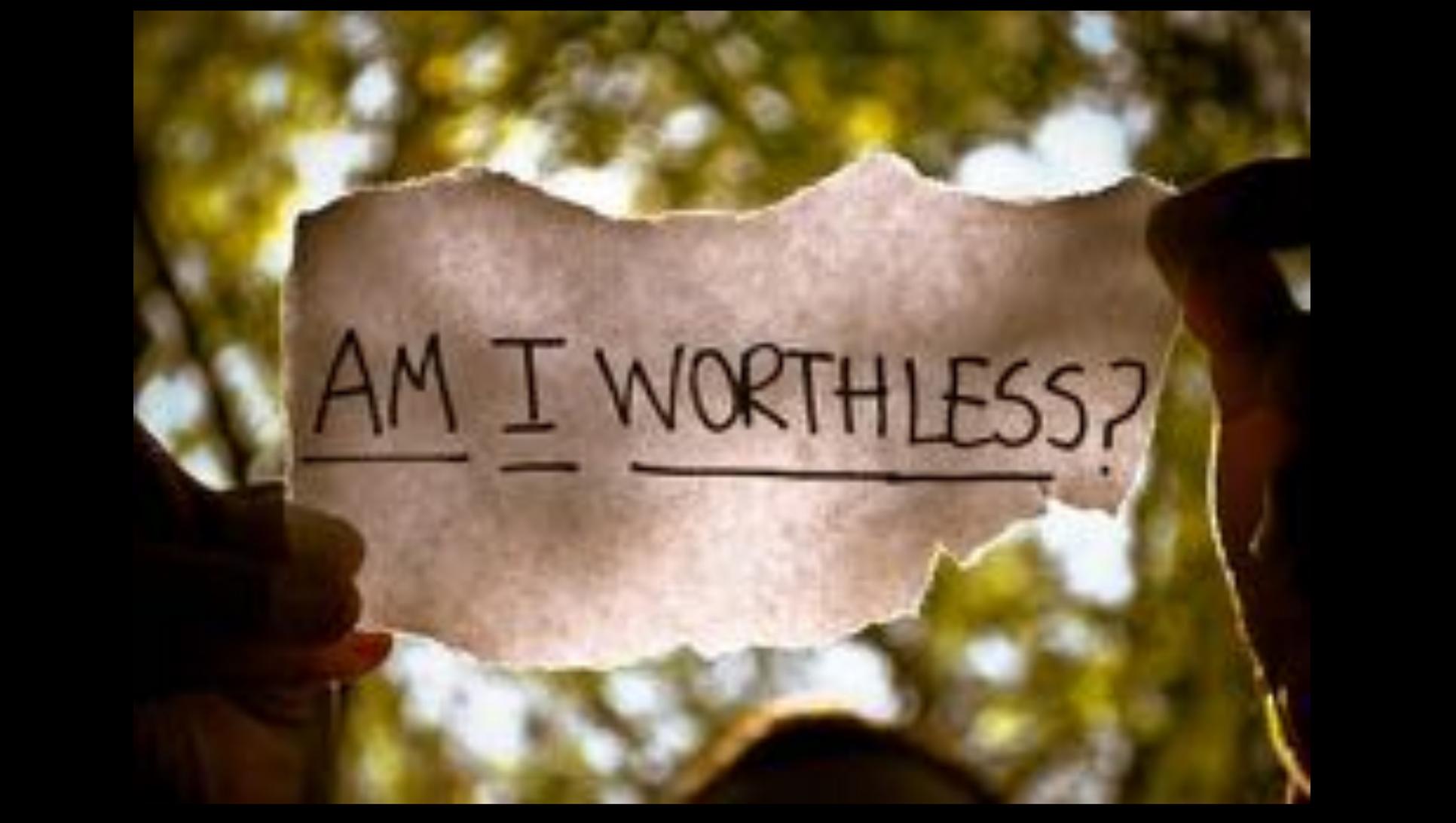




What Am I Worth?

Self Esteem



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a piece of torn, light-colored paper. The paper has the question "AM I WORTHLESS?" written on it in black, hand-drawn capital letters. The letters "A", "I", and "L" are underlined. The background is a soft-focus view of green trees and foliage, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is natural, and the overall mood is contemplative or distressed.

AM I WORTHLESS?

A black and white photograph of a hand with fingers curled. Each finger has a word or phrase written on it in a cursive, handwritten style. The words are stacked vertically from the thumb to the pinky.

I'm

not

good

enough

What am we worth?

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

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²⁸“ And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

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³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

What are we worth?

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son,
born of a woman,
born under the law,
⁵to redeem those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship.

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HIDDEN
CHRISTMAS

THE SURPRISING TRUTH
BEHIND THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christmas is about receiving presents, but consider how challenging it is to receive certain kinds of gifts. Some gifts by their very nature make you swallow your pride. Imagine opening a present on Christmas morning from a friend – and it's a dieting book. Then you take off another ribbon and wrapper and you find it is another book from another friend, *Overcoming Selfishness*. If you say to them, "Thank you so much," you are in a sense admitting, "For indeed I am fat and obnoxious." In other words, some gifts are hard to receive, because to do so is to admit you have flaws and weaknesses and you need help. Perhaps on some occasion you had a friend who figured out you were in financial trouble and came to you and offered a large sum of money to get you out of your predicament. If that has ever happened to you, you probably found that to receive the gift meant swallowing your pride.

There has never been a gift offered that makes you swallow your pride to the depths that the gift of Jesus Christ requires us to do. Christmas means that we are so lost, so unable to save ourselves, that nothing less than the death of the Son of God himself could save us. That means you are not somebody who can pull yourself together and live a moral and good life.

To accept the true Christmas gift, you have to admit you're a sinner. You need to be saved by grace. You need to give up control of your life. That is descending lower than any of us really wants to go. Yet Jesus Christ's greatness is seen in how far down he came to love us. Your spiritual regeneration and eventual greatness will be achieved by going down the same path. He descended into greatness, and the Bible says it's only through repentance that you come into his light.

C. S. Lewis puts it perfectly. In the incarnation, he says,

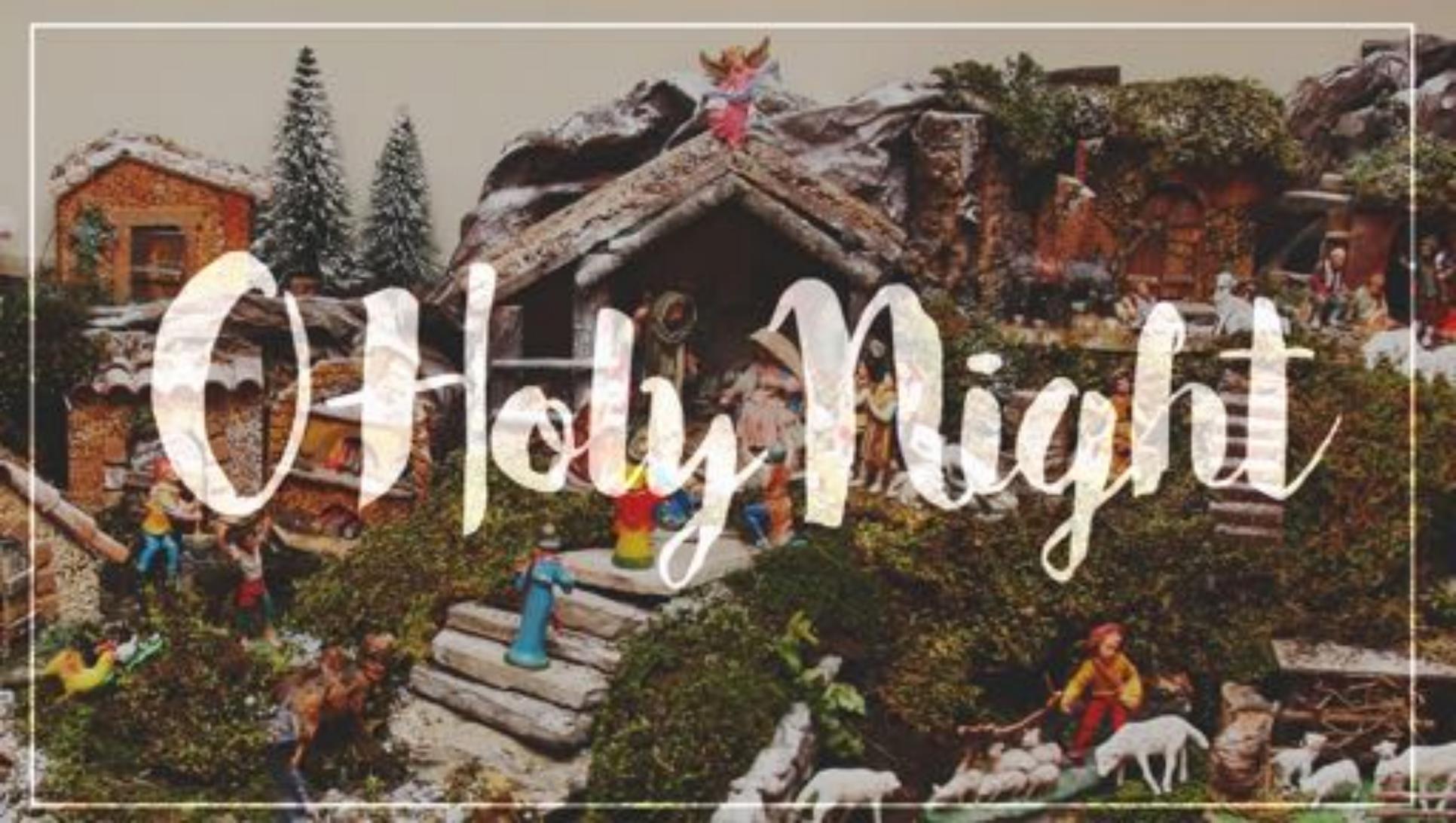
“we catch sight of a new key principle – the power of the Higher, just in so far as it is truly Higher, to come down, the power of the greater to include the less. . . . Everywhere the great enters the little – its power to do so is almost the test of its greatness. In the Christian story God . . . comes down; down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity; But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him. . . . [O]ne may think of a diver, first reducing himself to nakedness, then glancing in mid-air, then gone with a splash, vanished, rushing down through green and warm water into black and cold water, down through increasing pressure into the death-like region of ooze and slime and old decay; then up again, back to color and light, his lungs almost bursting, till suddenly he breaks surface again, holding in his hand the dripping, precious thing that he went down to recover. [from C. S. Lewis, *Miracles* (New York: Macmillan, 1947), pp. 115–16.]

~ Timothy Keller *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind The Birth of Christ*

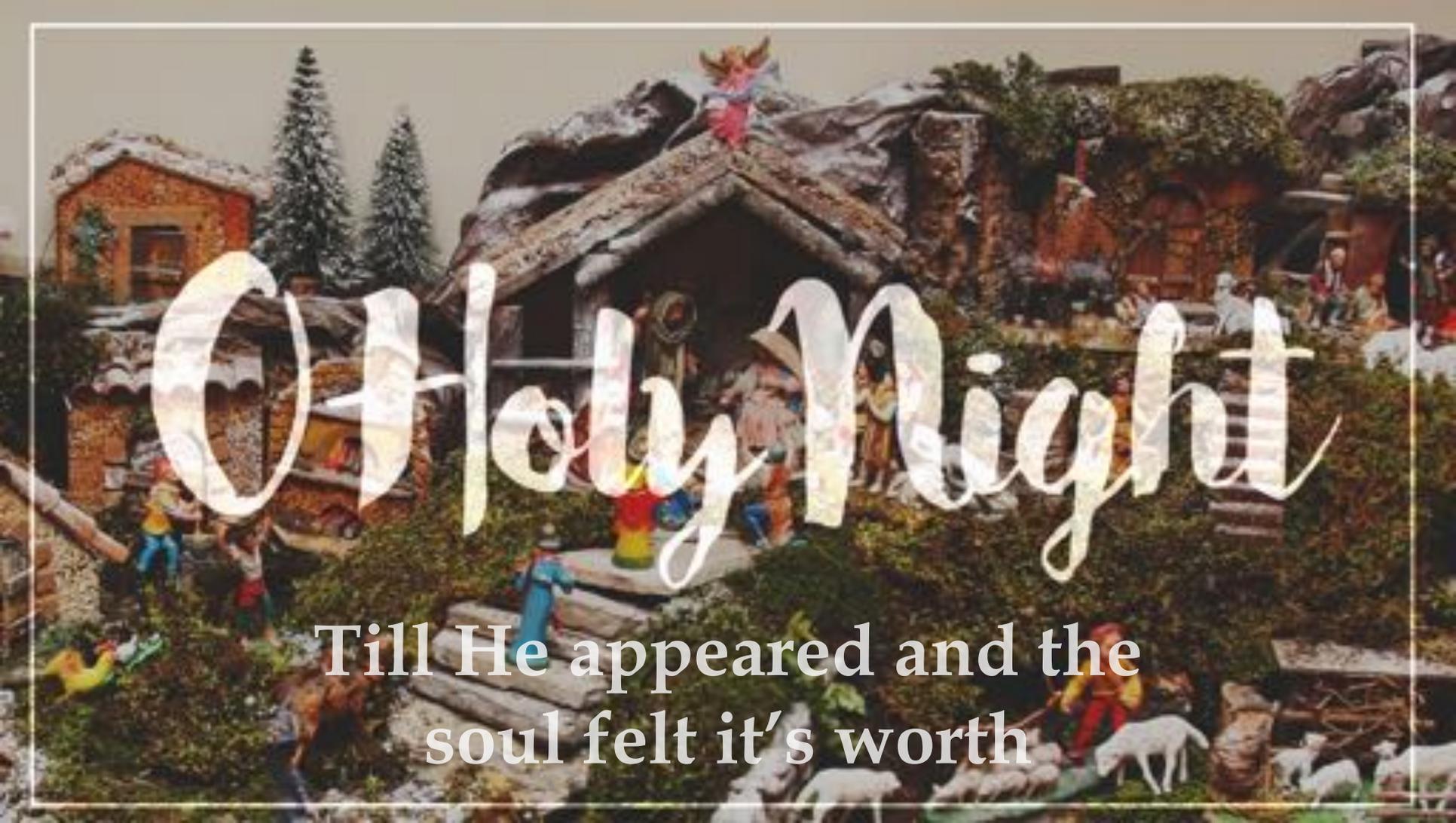
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**A LOT!! Not due to our Worthiness,
But due to what Jesus Christ
was willing to
PAY for us**



O Holy Night

A detailed nativity scene featuring a stable with a manger, a baby Jesus in a manger, Mary, Joseph, and various figures including shepherds, angels, and animals like sheep and a donkey. The scene is set in a rustic, mountainous landscape with a small brick house and evergreen trees in the background.

O Holy Night

Till He appeared and the
soul felt it's worth

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

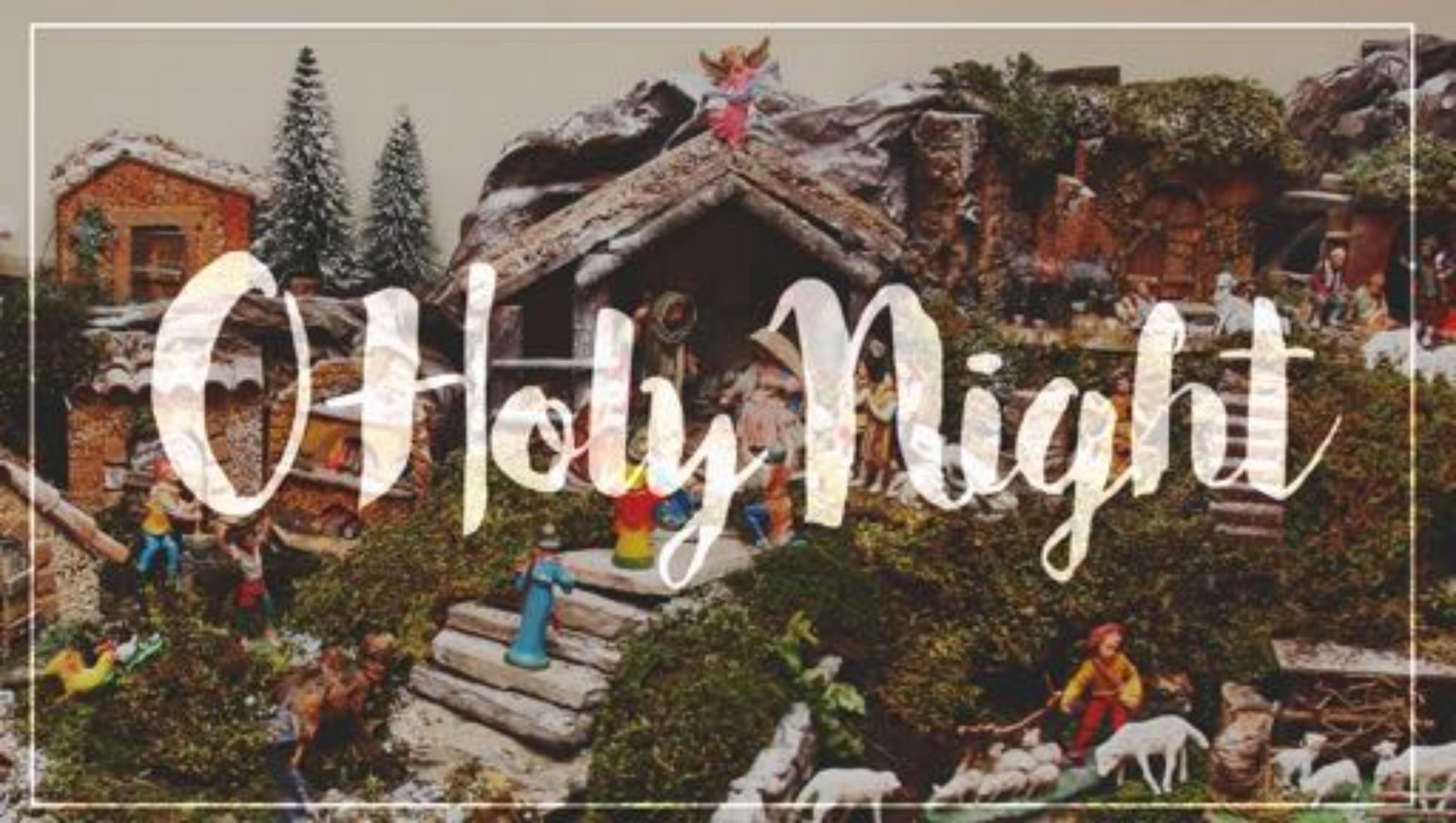
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Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining,

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.



O Holy Night