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And in His name, all oppression shall cease...

THE SHEPHERD

a story of the first Christmas

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The Gospel of **Luke**

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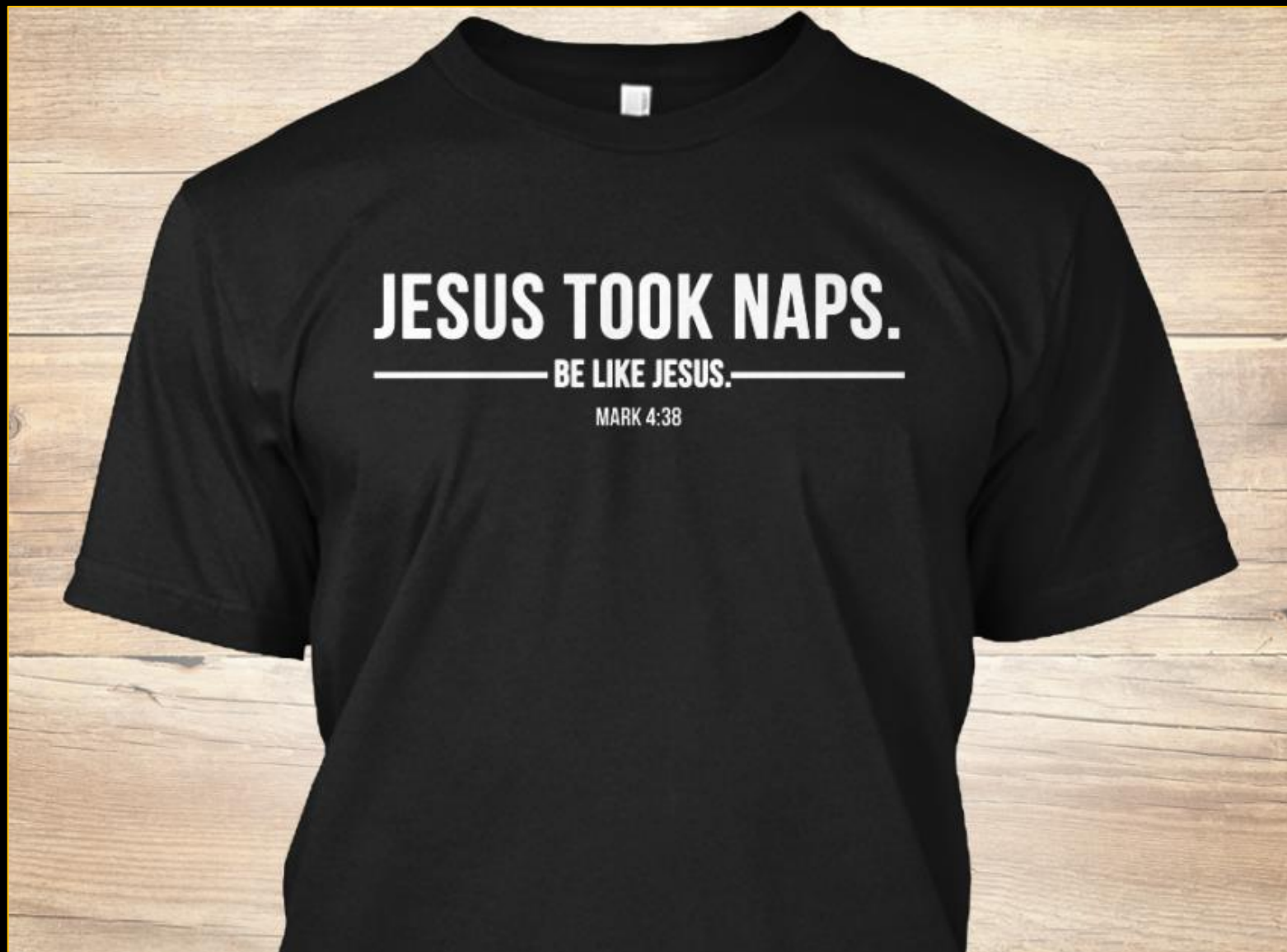
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EXPLORING EXODUS AN ADVENTURE OF HOPE











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Galatians 4:4-5 (English Standard Version)



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**“There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought to more earnestly contend to than the doctrine of their Master over all creation--the Kingship of God over all the works of His own hands--the Throne of God and His right to sit upon that throne...for it is God upon the Throne whom we trust.”
(Charles Spurgeon)**



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1) We celebrate sovereignty

2) We celebrate redemption



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2) We celebrate redemption (God's plan)



Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."



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- The work of God accomplished**



“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, and our death; so he sent us a Savior.” (D.A. Carson)



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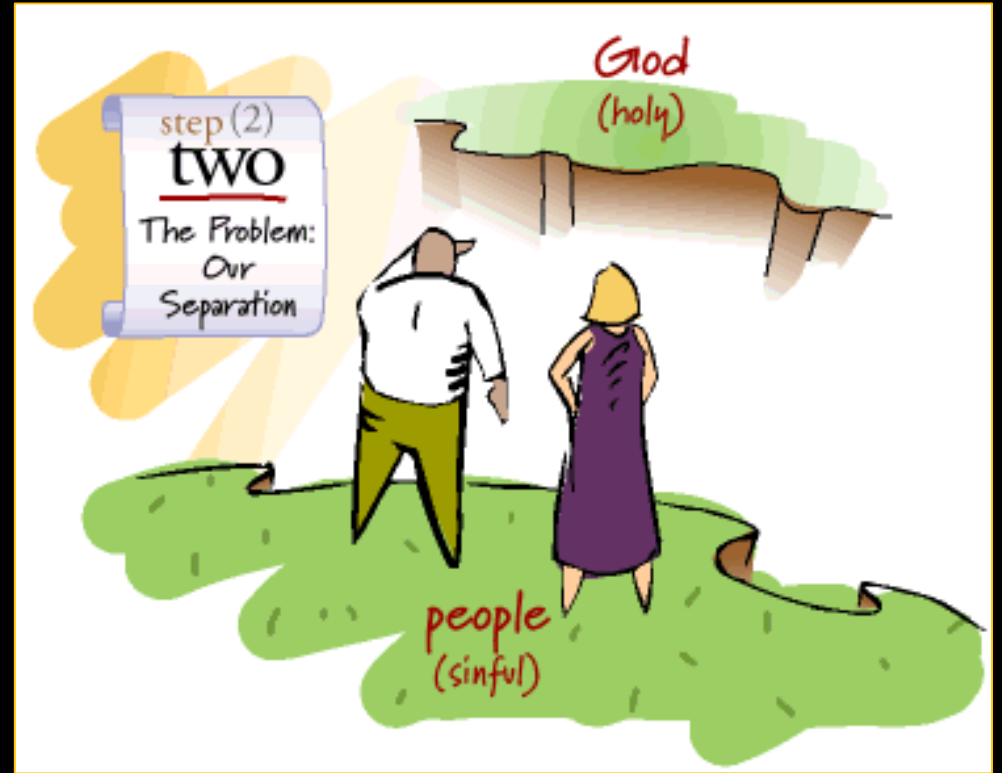
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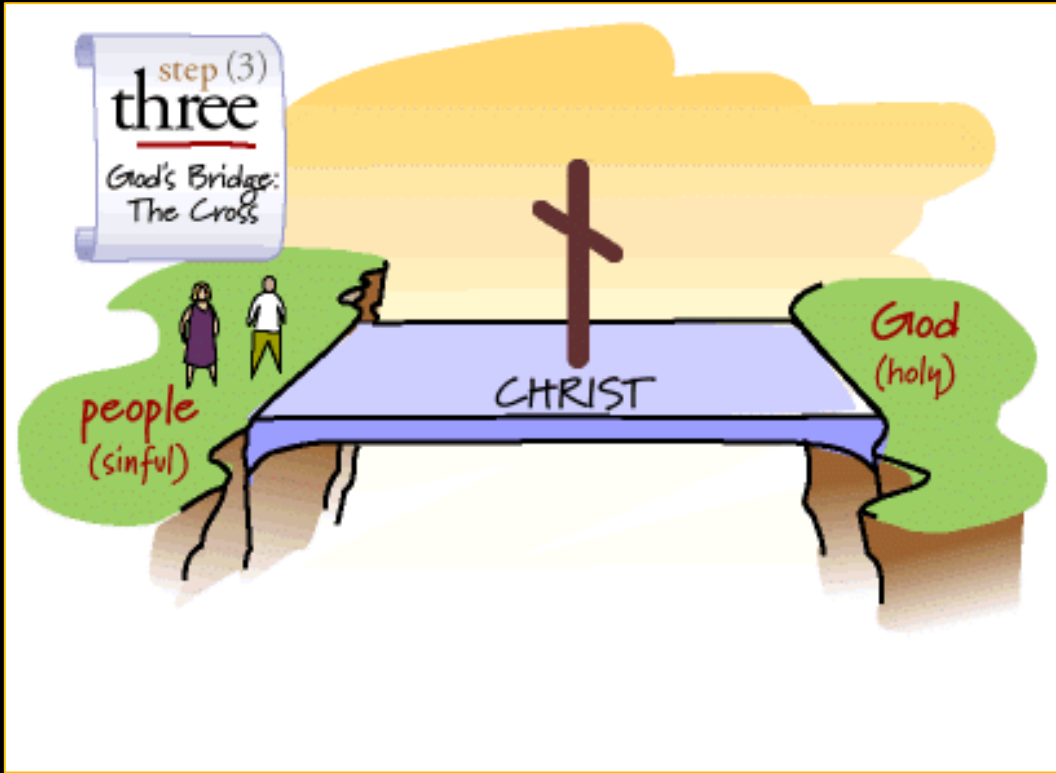
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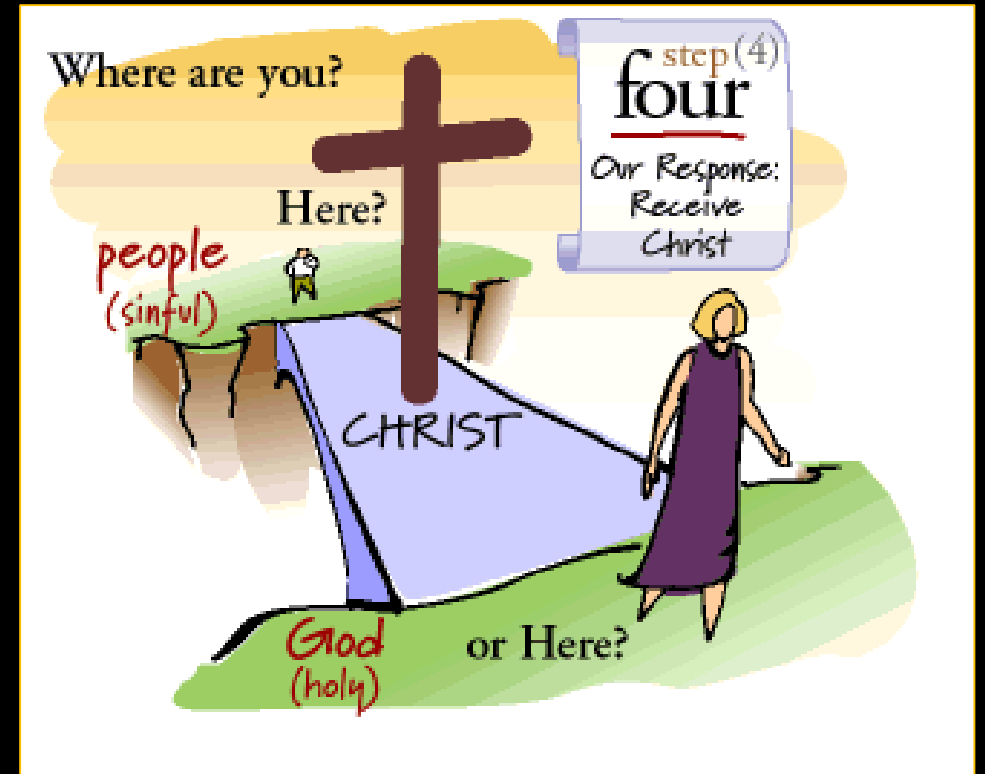
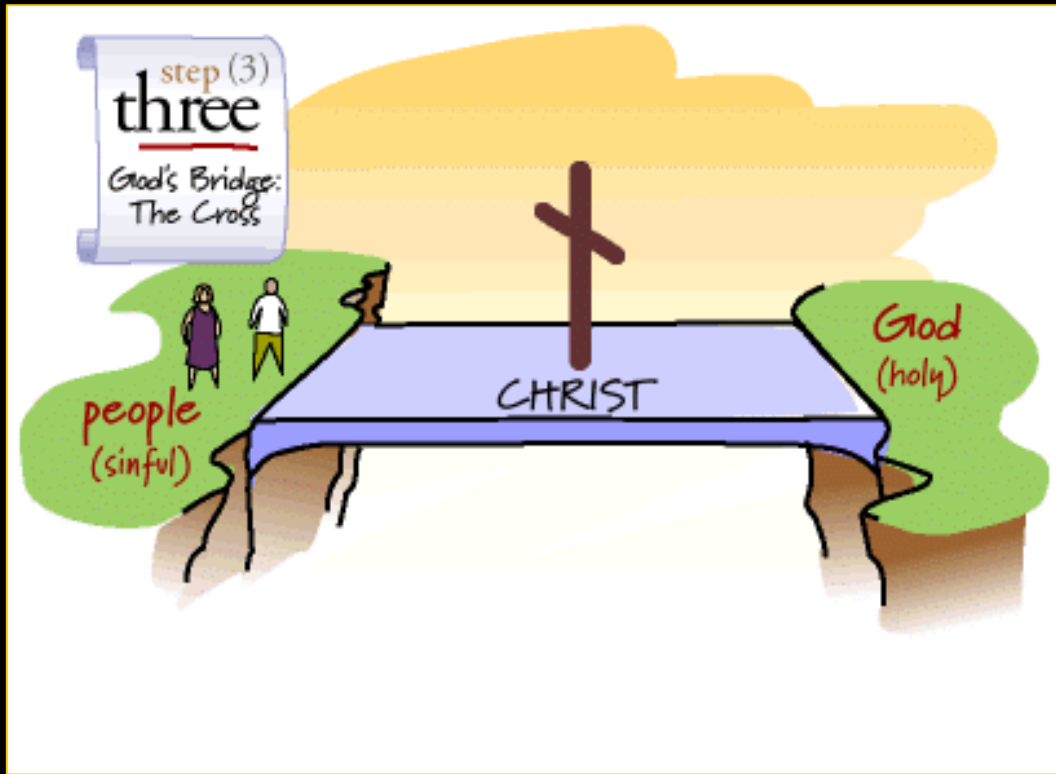
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