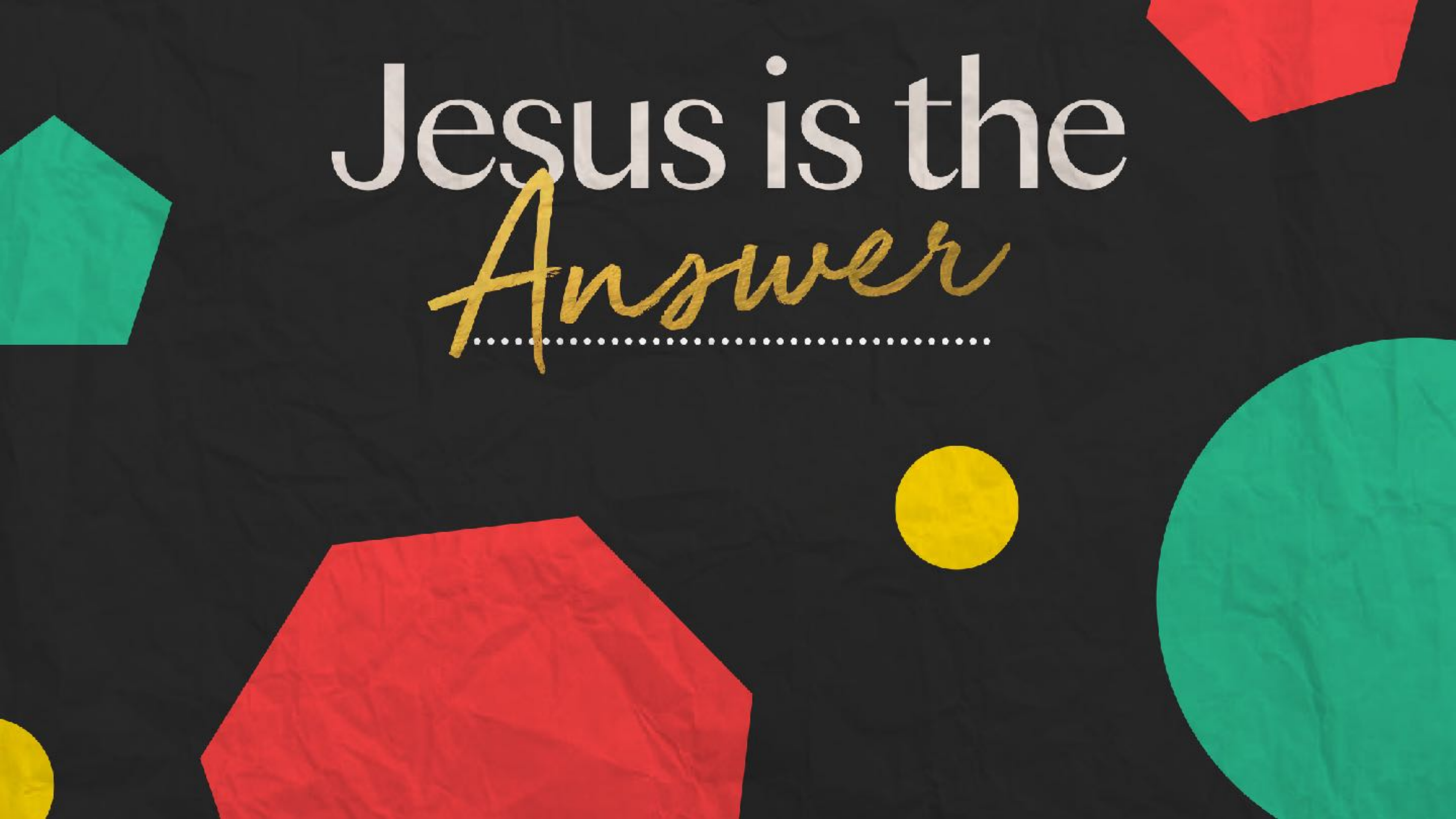


Jesus is the

Answer



During those days, the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, ordered that the first census be taken throughout his empire. Everyone had to travel to his or her hometown to complete the mandatory census.

So Joseph and his fiancé, Mary, left Nazareth, a village in Galilee, and journeyed to their hometown in Judea, to the village of Bethlehem, King David's ancient home. They were required to register there, since they were both direct descendants of David.

Mary was pregnant and nearly ready to give birth.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor, and there she gave birth to her firstborn son. After wrapping the newborn baby in strips of cloth, they laid him in a feeding trough since there was no available space in any upper room in the village.

LUKE 2:1-14

That night, in a field near Bethlehem, there were shepherds watching over their flocks. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared in radiant splendor before them, lighting up the field with the blazing glory of God, and the shepherds were terrified!

LUKE 2:1-14

But the angel reassured them, saying, “Don’t be afraid. For I have come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard! And it is for everyone everywhere!

For today in Bethlehem a rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord Yahweh, the Messiah. You will recognize him by this miracle sign: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding trough!”

LUKE 2:1-14

Then all at once, a vast number of glorious angels appeared, the very armies of heaven! And they all praised God, singing:

“Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven!
For there is peace and a good hope given to the sons of
men.”

LUKE 2:1-14

The Promised Peace



Peace with God.

But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace!

Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite, limitless riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

2

Peace in your soul.

Do not fret *or* have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance *and* in everything, by prayer and definite requests, with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

And God's peace which transcends all understanding shall garrison *and* mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

3

Peace on earth.

The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
a light will shine.

ISAIAH 9:2

For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne David
The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies
will make this happen!

ISAIAH 9:6-7

I was _____ .

But, because of Jesus I am

_____ .

