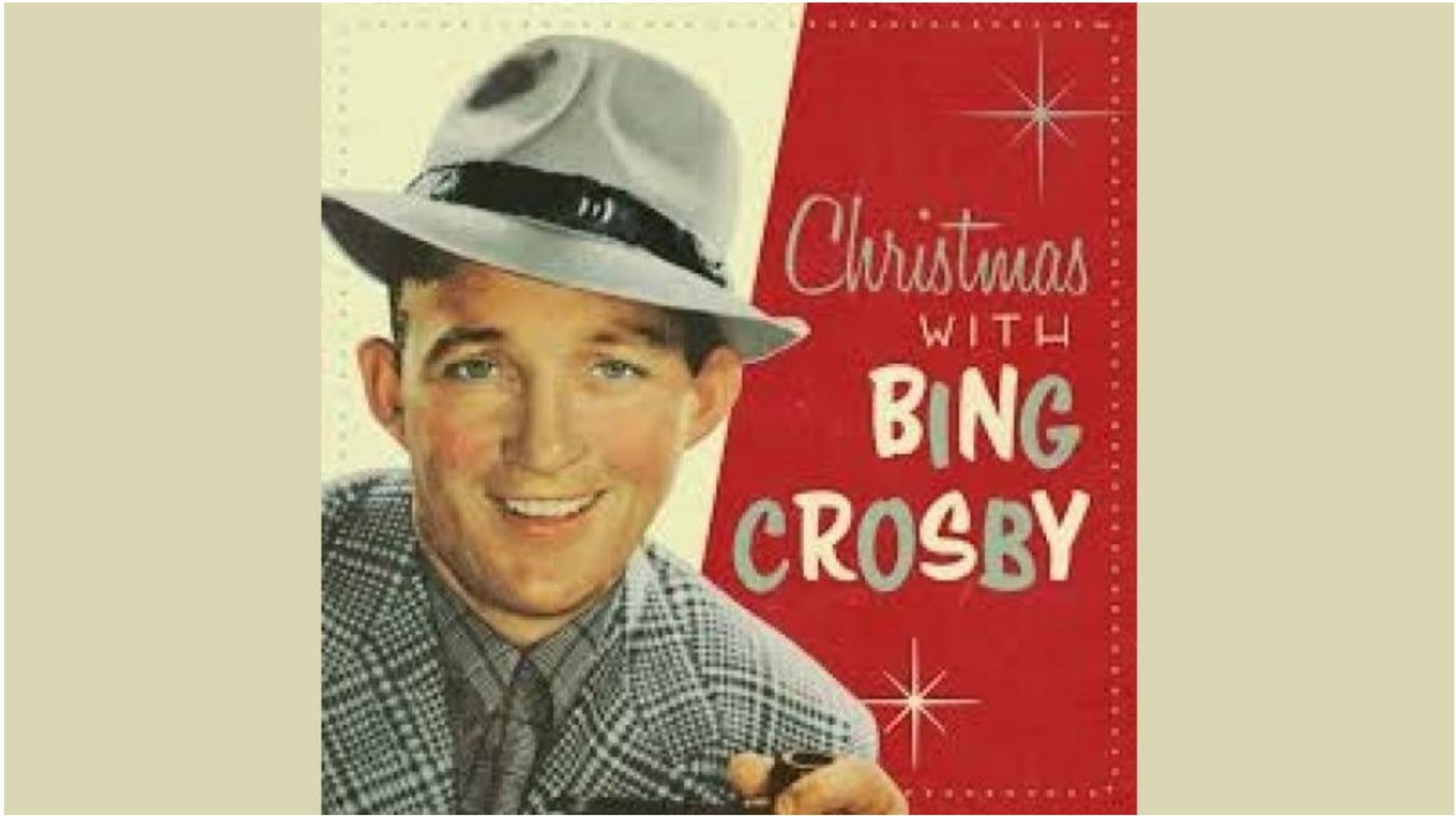




THE MARK

THE ULTIMATE BATTLE







Isaiah 11:1–4

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. (ESV)

Luke 1:51–53

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty. (ESV)

Mark 3:7–12

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. (ESV)

Psalm 2:7–12

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (ESV)

Mark 3:13–21

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” (ESV)

**THE TRUE STORY
OF CHRISTMAS**

**I HATE CHRISTMAS BECAUSE OF
POP, AND I ALWAYS WILL. IT
BRINGS BACK THE PAIN AND FEAR
I SUFFERED AS A CHILD. AND IF I
EVER DO MYSELF IN, IT WILL BE AT**

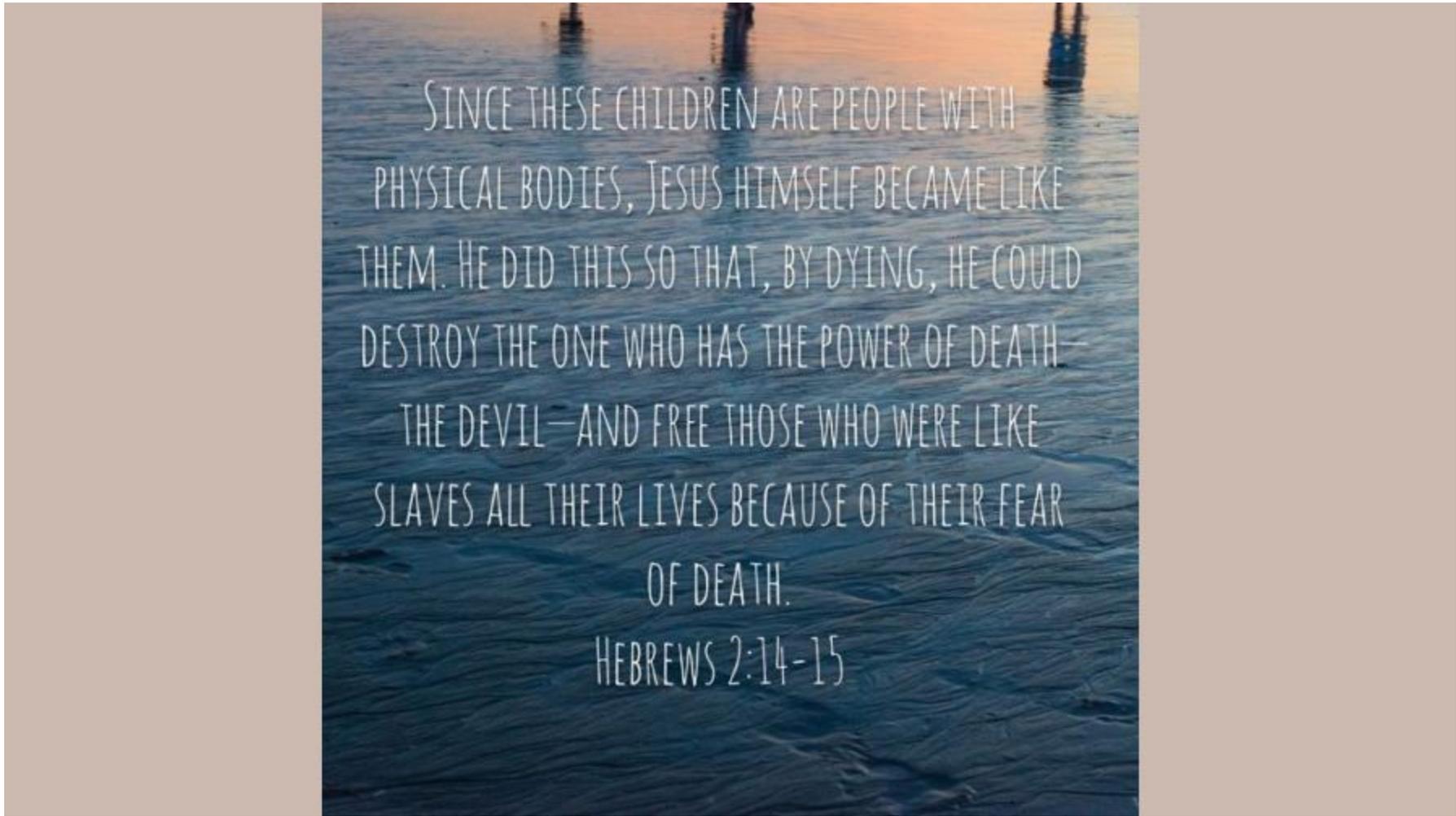
**CHRISTMAS TIME. THAT WILL
SHOW THE WORLD WHAT I THINK
OF BING CROSBY'S "WHITE
CHRISTMAS."**

- LINDSAY CROSBY

Revelation 12:4–5

His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, (ESV)

THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION



SINCE THESE CHILDREN ARE PEOPLE WITH
PHYSICAL BODIES, JESUS HIMSELF BECAME LIKE
THEM. HE DID THIS SO THAT, BY DYING, HE COULD
DESTROY THE ONE WHO HAS THE POWER OF DEATH—
THE DEVIL—AND FREE THOSE WHO WERE LIKE
SLAVES ALL THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR
OF DEATH.

HEBREWS 2:14-15

THE SON OF GOD
CAME TO
DESTROY
THE WORKS OF
THE DEVIL

1 John 3:8

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15^(ESV)

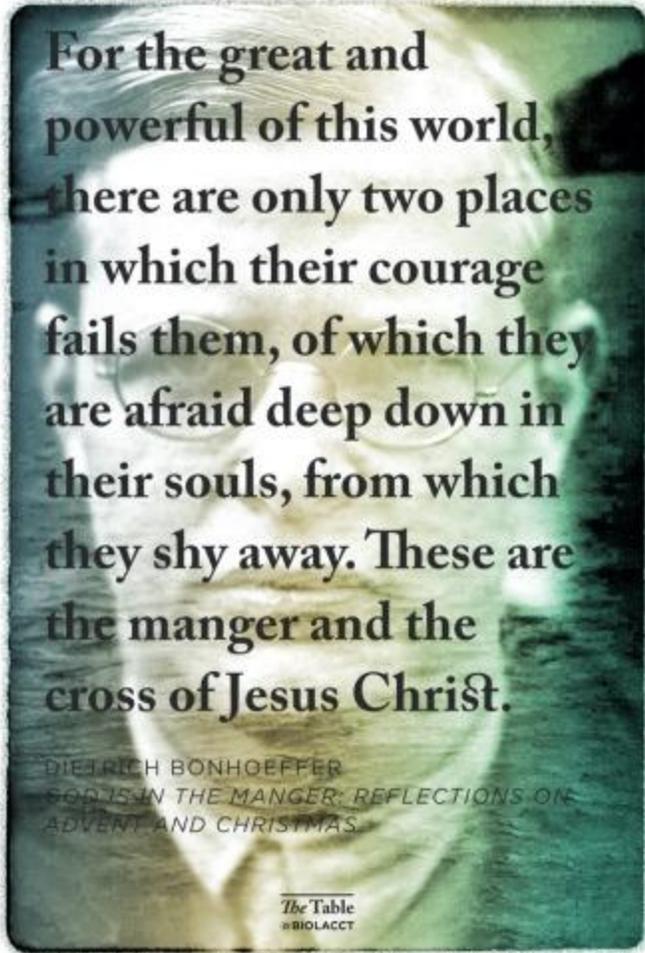
¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Rejoice that
the immortal
God is born
that mortal
men may live in
eternity.

Jan Hus



**ADVENT - THE
WAITING**



**For the great and
powerful of this world,
there are only two places
in which their courage
fails them, of which they
are afraid deep down in
their souls, from which
they shy away. These are
the manger and the
cross of Jesus Christ.**

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
GOD IS IN THE MANGER: REFLECTIONS ON
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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