

In a small town called Nazareth lived a young girl called Mary. She was a good and faithful girl who loved God, and was engaged to a carpenter called Joseph

One day Mary was shocked by a visit from an angel. The angel told her not to be afraid as there was good news from God.



She was going to have a baby that was God's son and the long promised saviour of the world. Mary was frightened but willing to be part of God's plan

While she was pregnant Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting a miraculous baby. She worshipped God thanking him that he was keeping his promise of sending a saviour





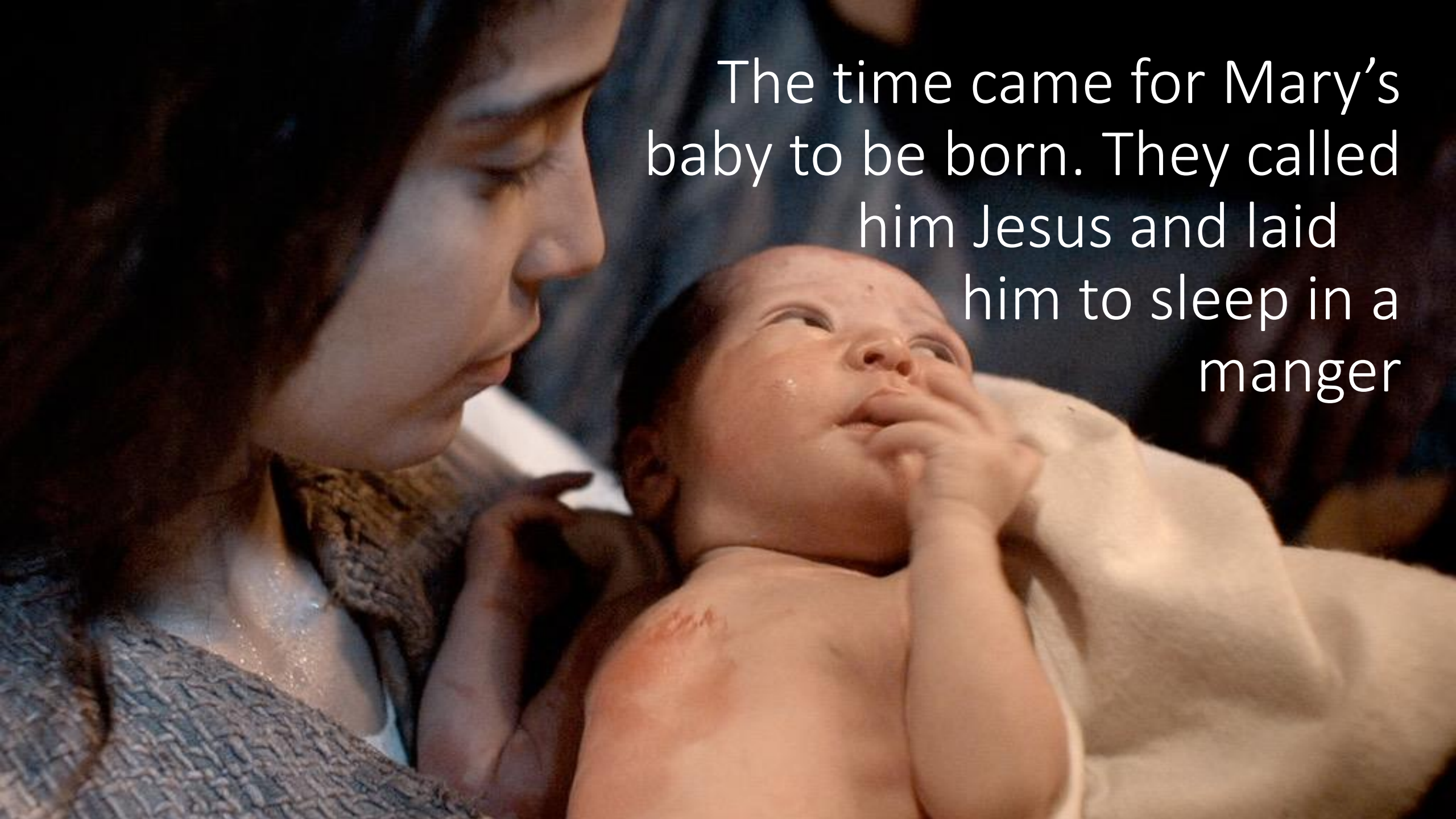
Elizabeth was
overjoyed to
see Mary and
the baby in
her womb
leapt for joy
because he
knew that
Mary's baby
was special



Very near to the time the baby was due, the Roman leader of the country wanted to count how many people lived there, so Mary and Joseph had to travel to Joseph's family city of Bethlehem

Hundreds of years before God had said that his saviour would be born in Bethlehem, but when Joseph and Mary got there, they could not find anywhere to stay





The time came for Mary's
baby to be born. They called
him Jesus and laid
him to sleep in a
manger



Outside the city there were shepherds looking after their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared to tell them the good news about Jesus and the whole sky was full of angels praising God



The shepherds rushed into the city and found the baby Jesus and his family in an animal shelter just as the angel had told them




The shepherds were so excited that they told everyone they met the good news of Jesus' birth

Wise men in the East saw a star appear in the night sky and knew that it meant that a special king had been born

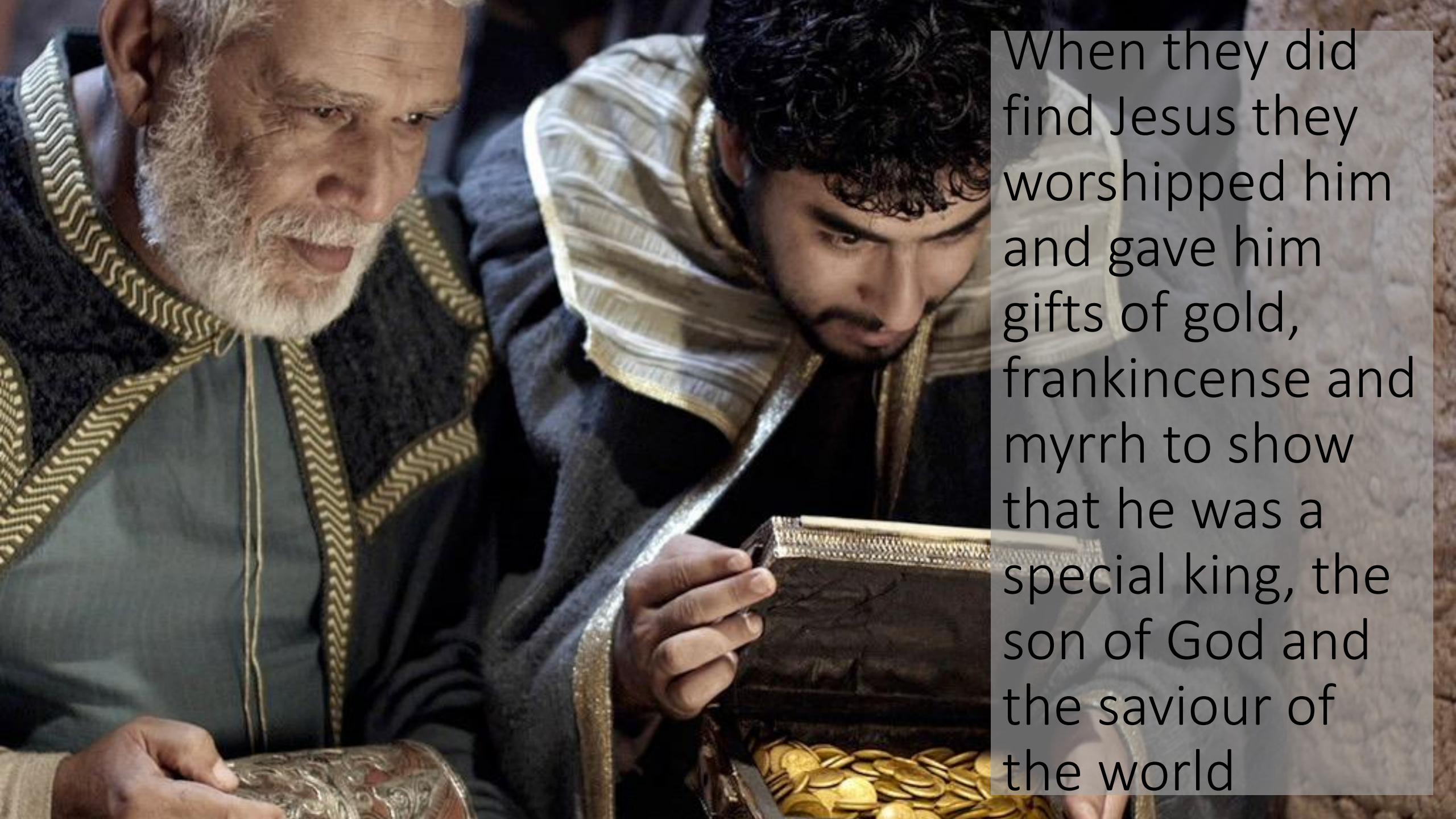




They followed the star
until it came to rest over
the city of Bethlehem

A close-up, profile view of a man with a long, dark, curly beard and mustache. He is wearing a gold crown with small red and blue gemstones. He is dressed in a red robe with gold trim and a gold armlet on his right arm. He is holding a silver scepter with a gold finial. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with vertical lines, suggesting a palace interior.

They went straight to the palace, but the ruler Herod knew nothing about the new king.



When they did find Jesus they worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to show that he was a special king, the son of God and the saviour of the world

God warned Joseph in a dream that Herod was jealous of Jesus. So they escaped to Egypt before returning to Nazareth where Jesus grew into the most amazing man who healed the sick and told stories about God's love



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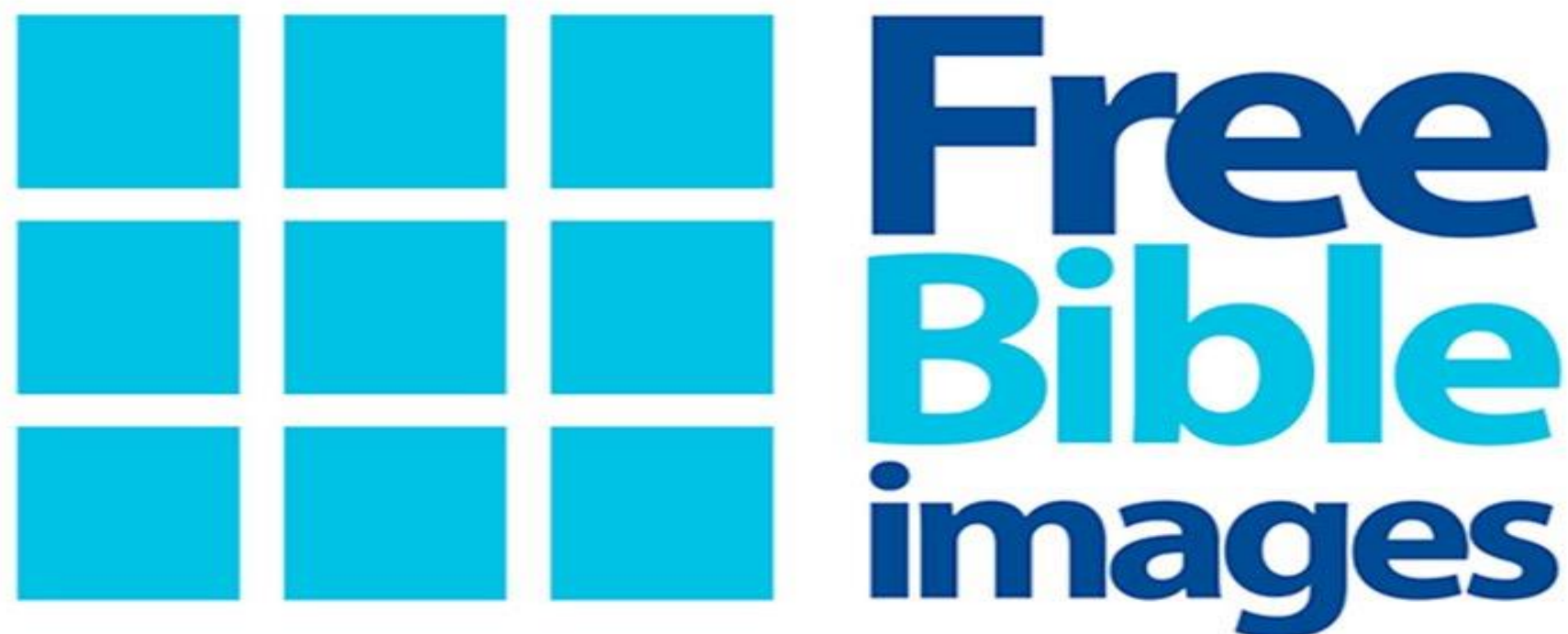
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