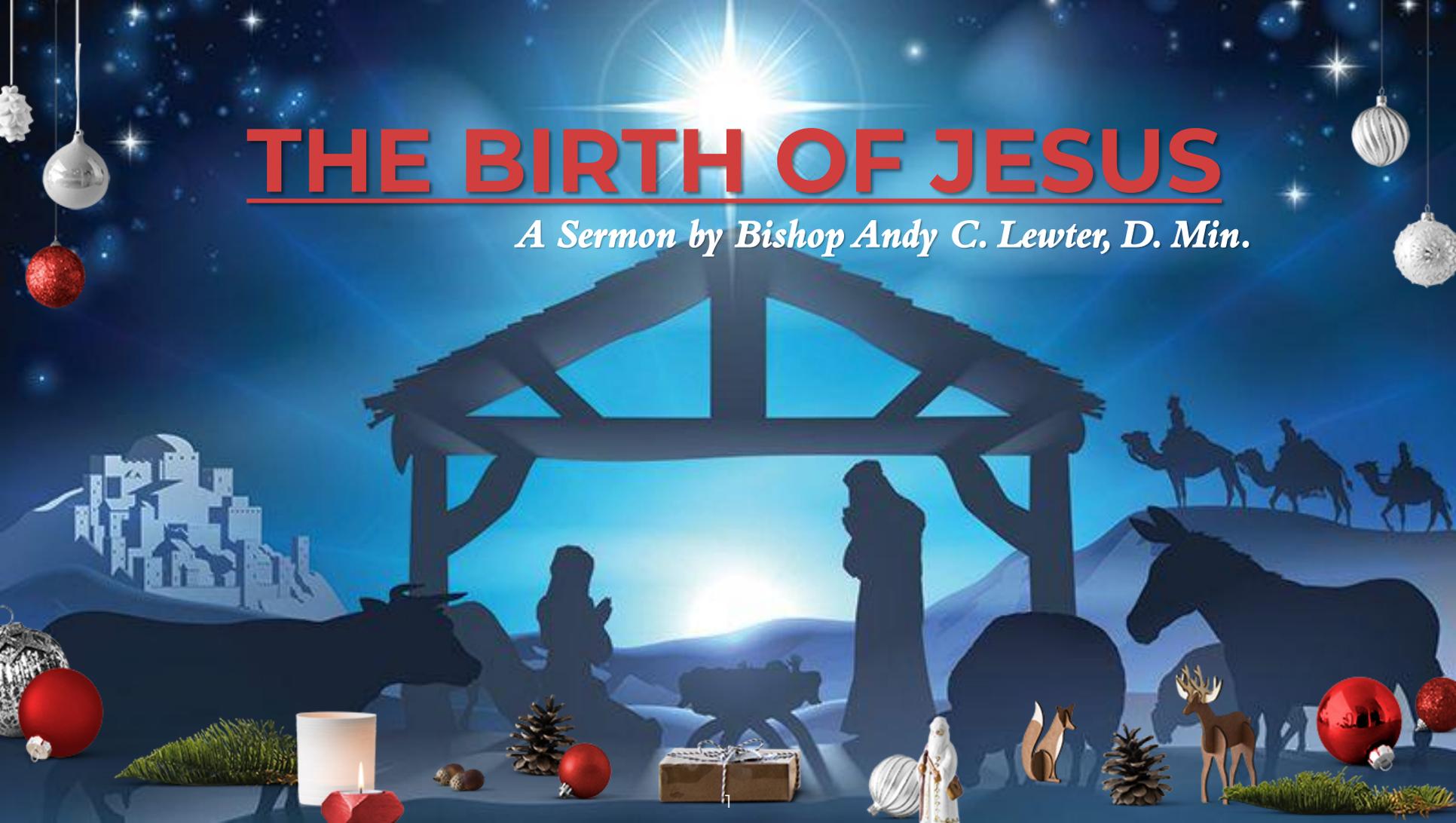


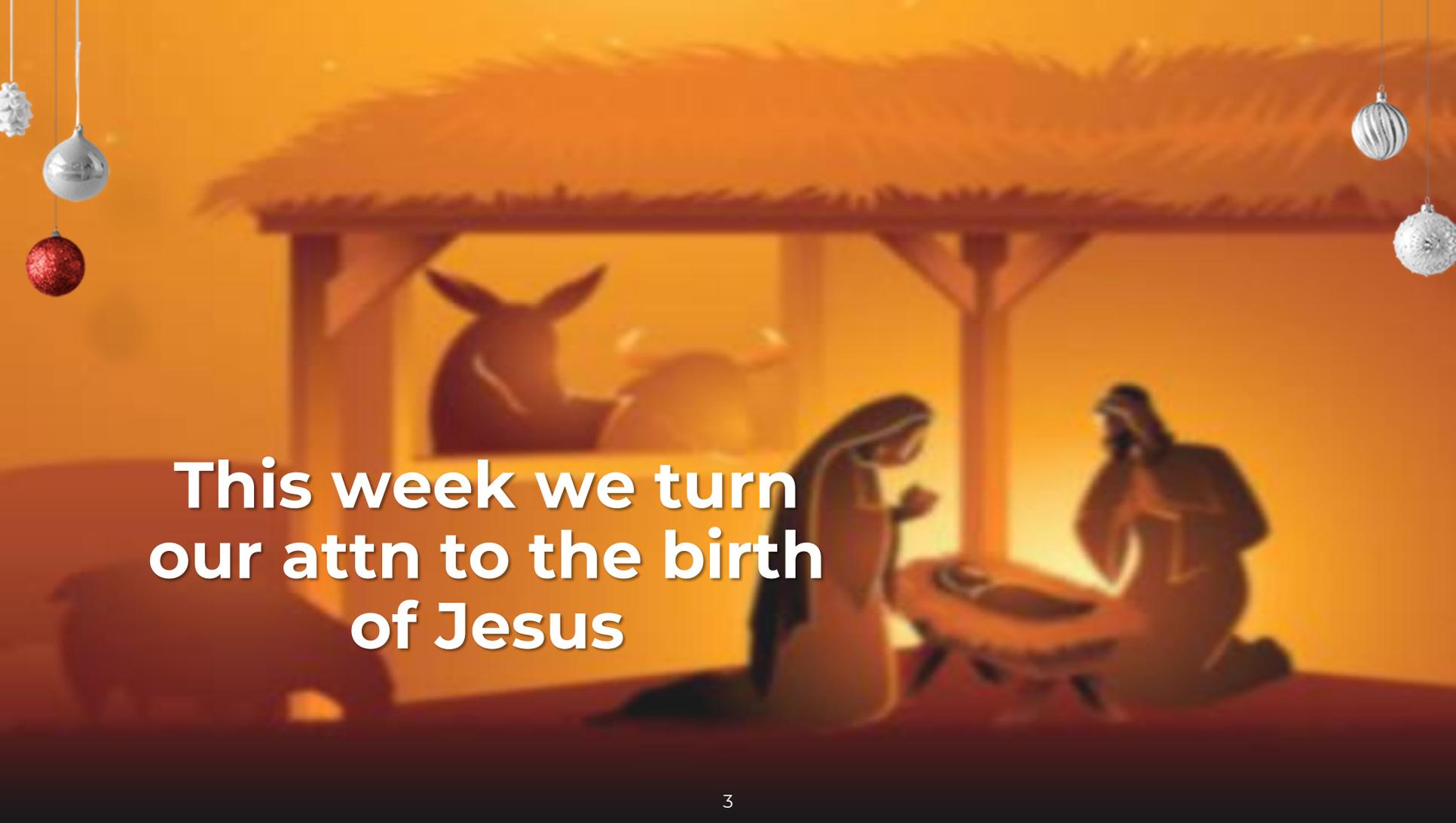
THE BIRTH OF JESUS

A Sermon by Bishop Andy C. Lewter, D. Min.

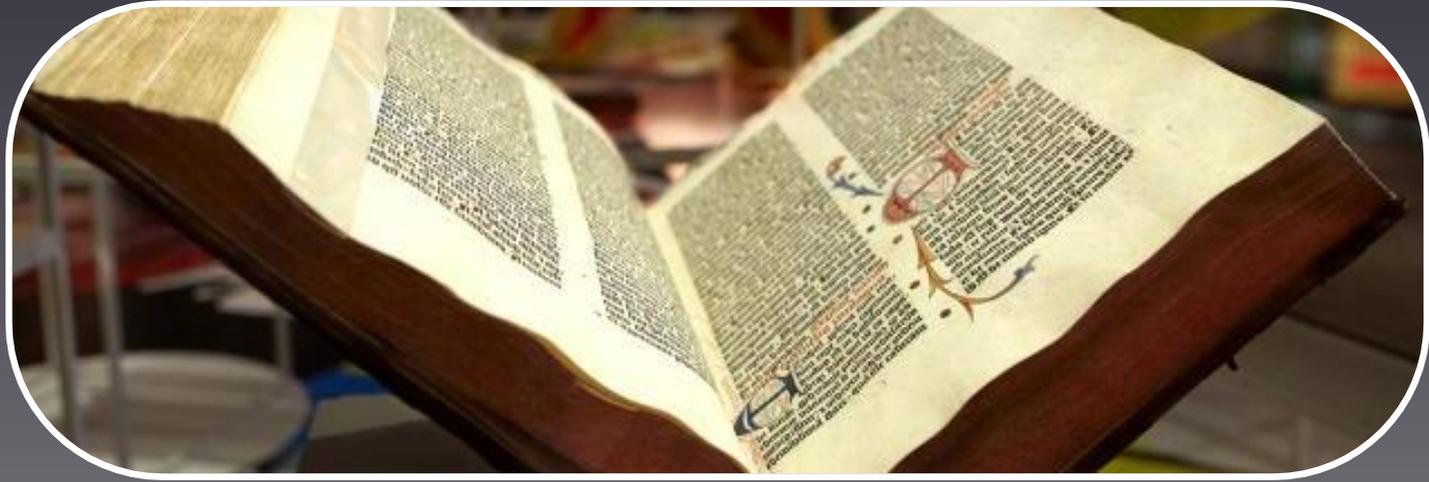


Last week
We examined the story
of the birth of
John “The Baptist”



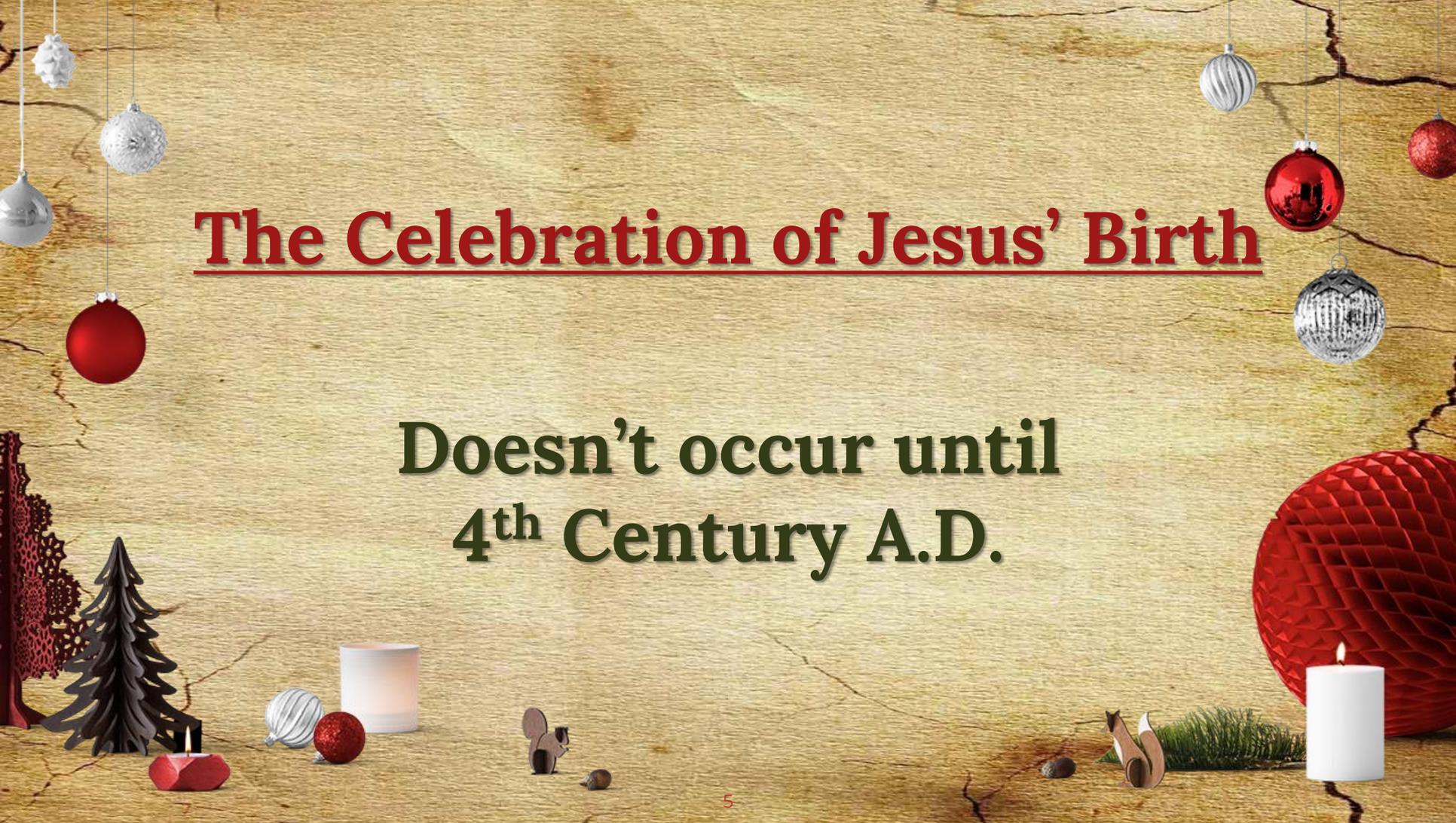
A warm, golden-toned illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, Mary is kneeling on the left, and Joseph is kneeling on the right, both looking towards a manger where the infant Jesus lies. In the background, a donkey and an ox are visible under a thatched roof. The scene is decorated with hanging Christmas ornaments: a white snowflake, a silver sphere, and a red textured sphere on the left; and a silver sphere and a white textured sphere on the right.

**This week we turn
our attn to the birth
of Jesus**



**Of the 4 Gospels only Matthew and Luke
tell the actual story of Jesus' birth.**

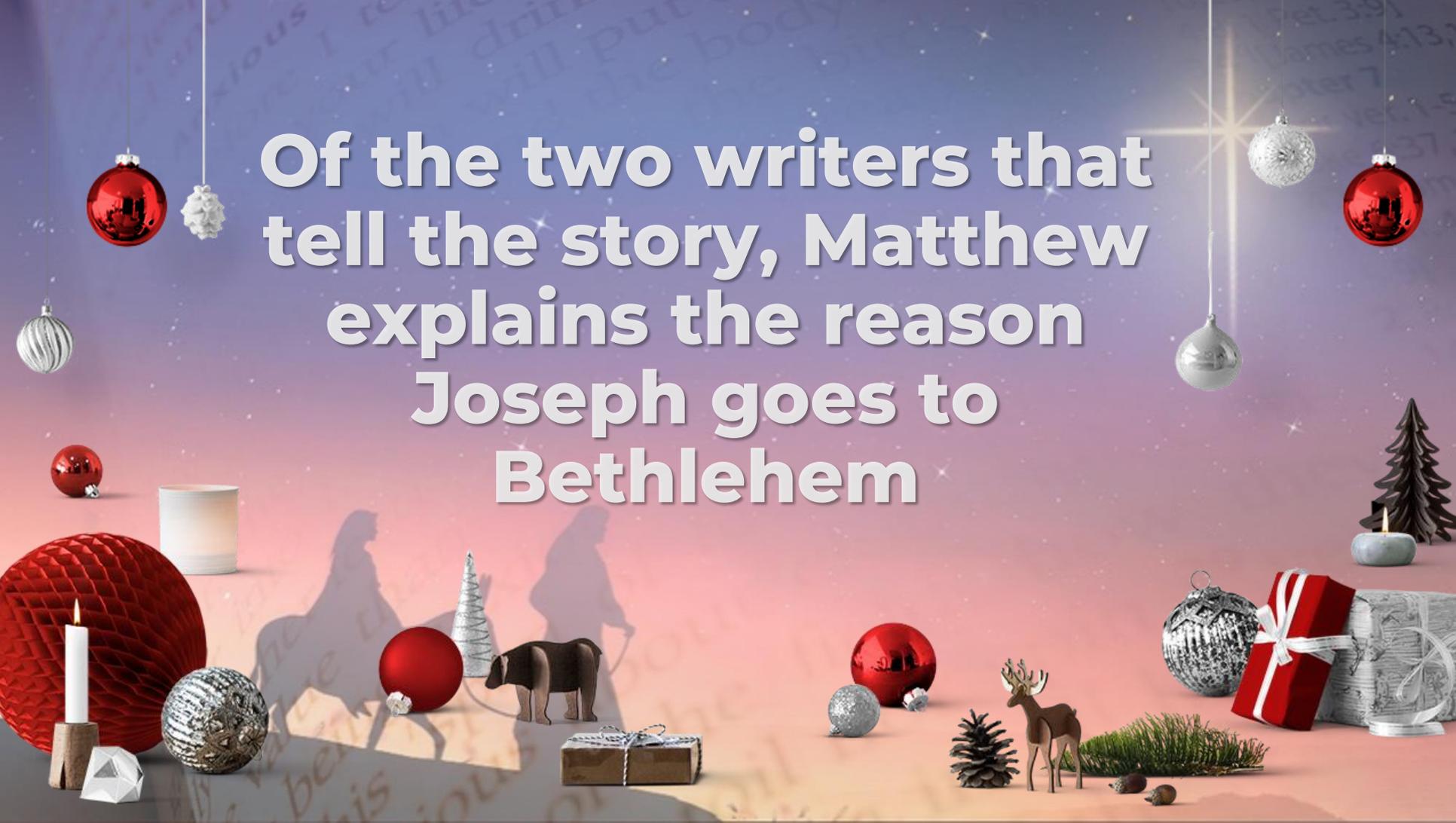




The Celebration of Jesus' Birth

Doesn't occur until
4th Century A.D.

**Of the two writers that
tell the story, Matthew
explains the reason
Joseph goes to
Bethlehem**



**Herod's
Hesitation is
because his
credentials as
king was
suspect.**



Maccabean
dynasty:

Mathias
Simon
Johnathon
Judas





Hasmonian Dynasty:
John Hyrcanus
Aristobulus
Mariam

**The Herodian
Dynasty:**

Herod the Edomite

Herod Antipater

Herod Agrippa



The most powerful
feature of the story is
the reaction of the wise
men



Once they see Jesus they go home another way.





Thank You
For watching!