A photograph of a manger in a stable. The manger is a simple wooden structure with a thick layer of straw on top. The floor is covered in straw. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the interior of a stable with wooden walls and a doorway.

The Manger...
...a Picture of Things to
Come

Christmas 2020

Edward Church





JOJO

2020 Has Been A Very _____ Year

Life As We Know It Has Been Turned...

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**Now Let's Look Back 2020 Years
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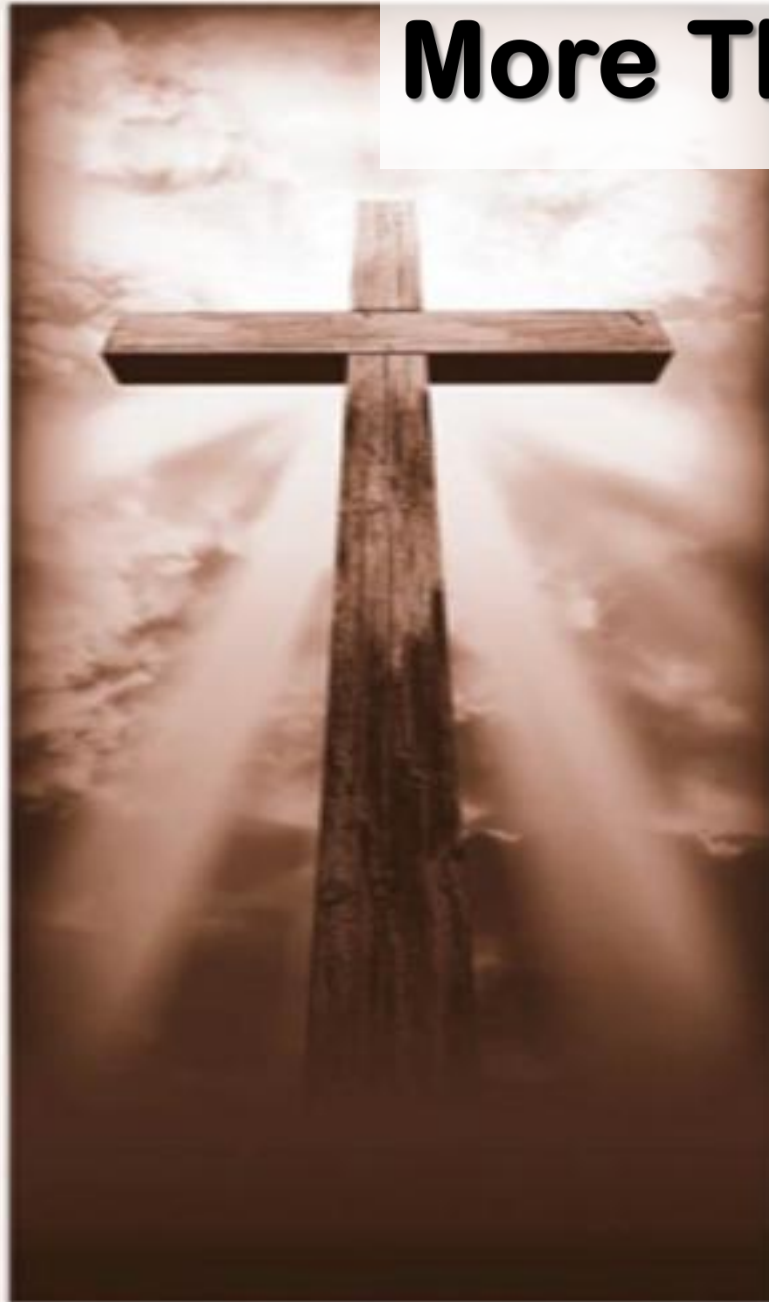
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More Than the Manger



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When You Think of Christmas...

...How Often Do You

...Connect It with Easter?

It's a 6 mile journey between the manger and the cross. This journey, is the story of Jesus' Incarnation. From His birth, His life always pointed to His death.

The Manger Was the Set-Up for More to Come

Luke 2



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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2 (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Manger

Cross



Manger

Cross

No Room (3-4)

- **Crowd There (Taxed)**
- **Dreaded**
- **Still God was in Control**





Manger

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No Room (Luke 22)

- Crowd There (Passover)
- Celebration
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Manger

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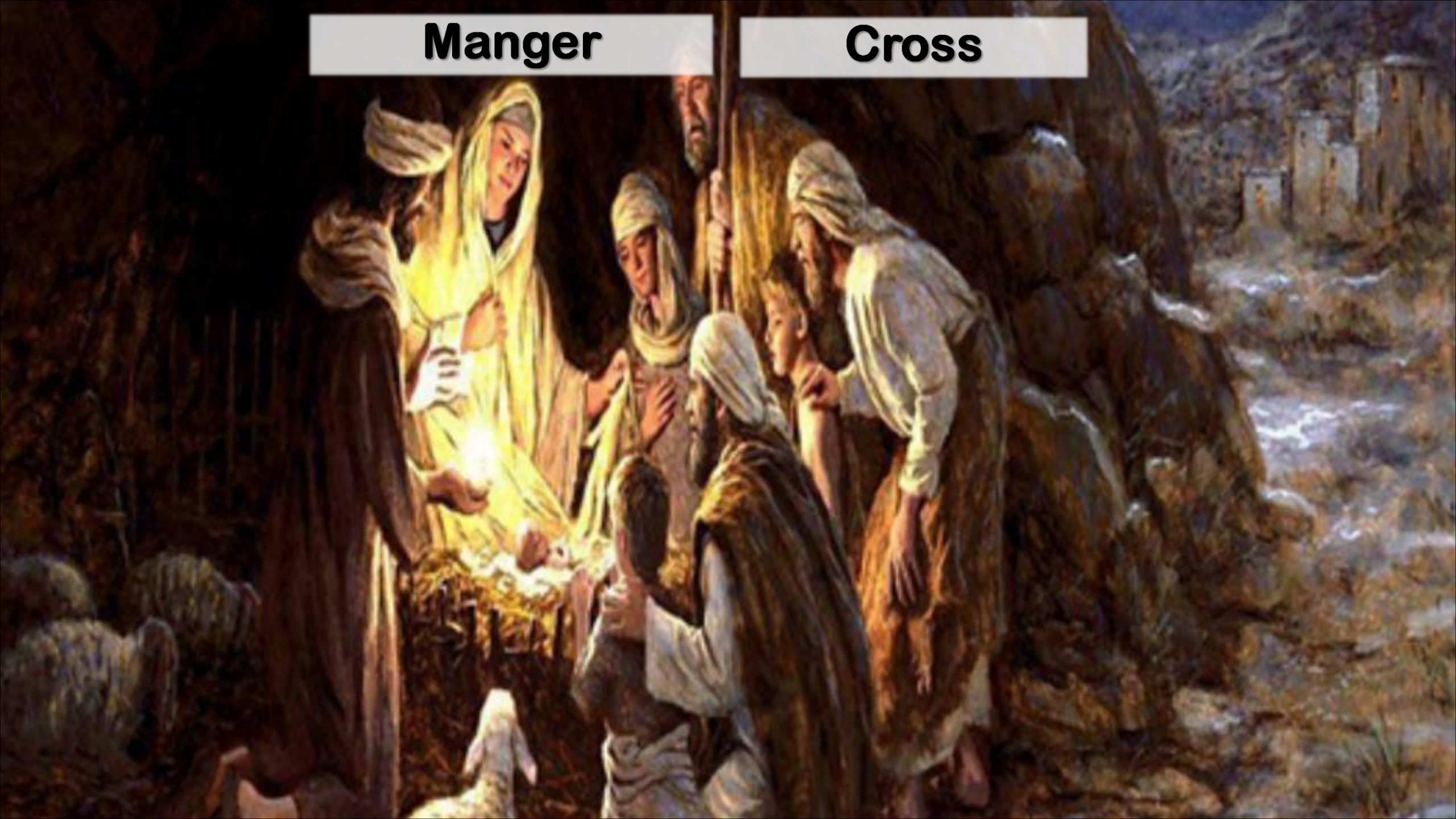
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- 5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

28 *After this, knowing that everything had now been accomplished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."* **29** *A jar of sour wine was sitting there. So they soaked a sponge in the wine, put it on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted it to His mouth.* **30** *When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished." And bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit.*

Manger

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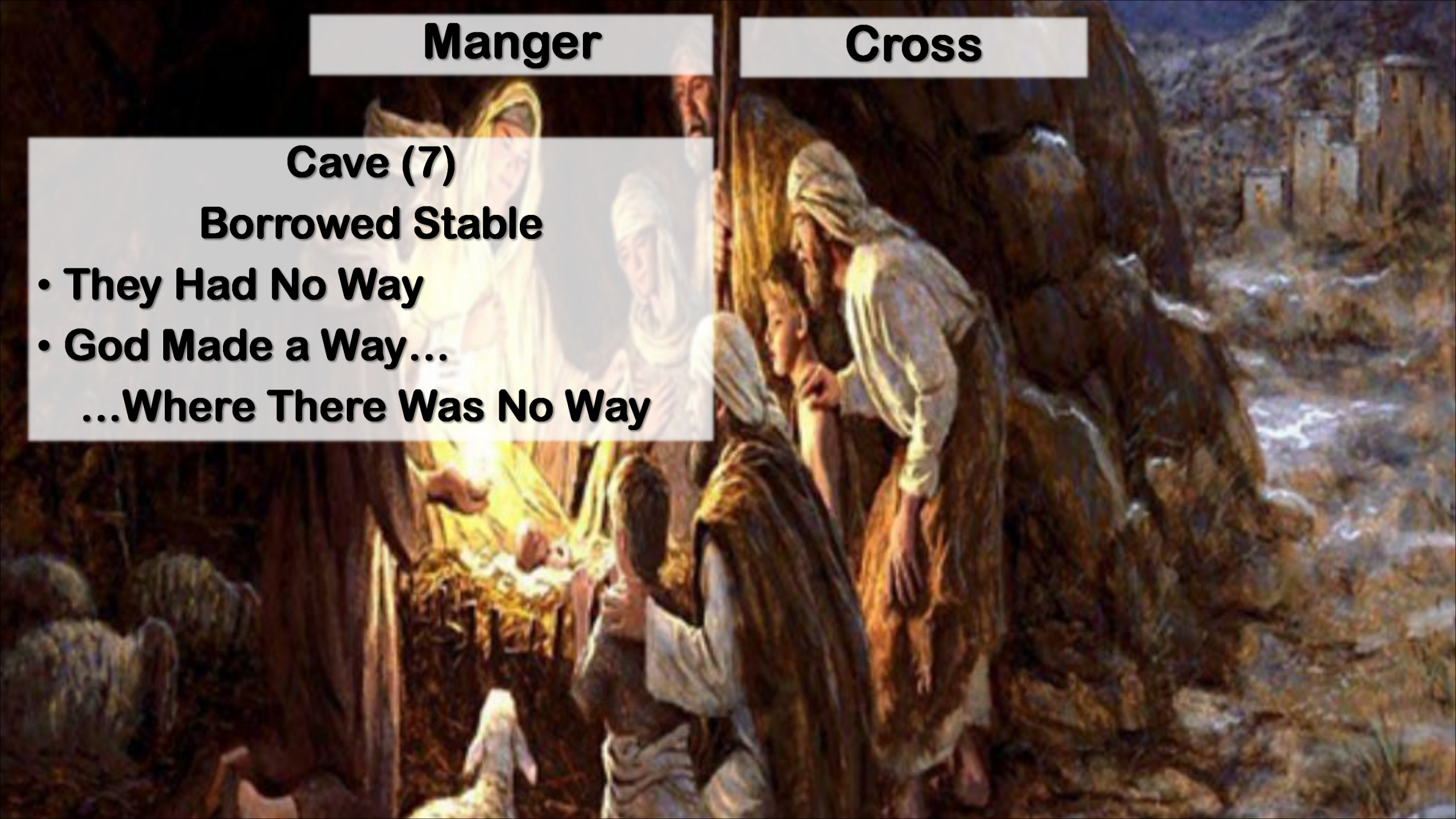
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Cave (7)

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A detailed painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated on the left, holding the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph is on the right, looking on. Several other figures, including shepherds and a donkey, are visible in the background. The scene is set in a dark, rustic stable.

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Cave (Matt 27:57-60)

Borrowed Tomb

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Manger

Cross

MANGER TO THE CROSS



Manger

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Manger (7)

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- **Carry Out Common Task**
- **Dispense Broken Food**
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- **Precious Gift**

MANGER
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MANGER

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Grave Clothes ()

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Manger

Cross



Manger

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- **Pointed to God**
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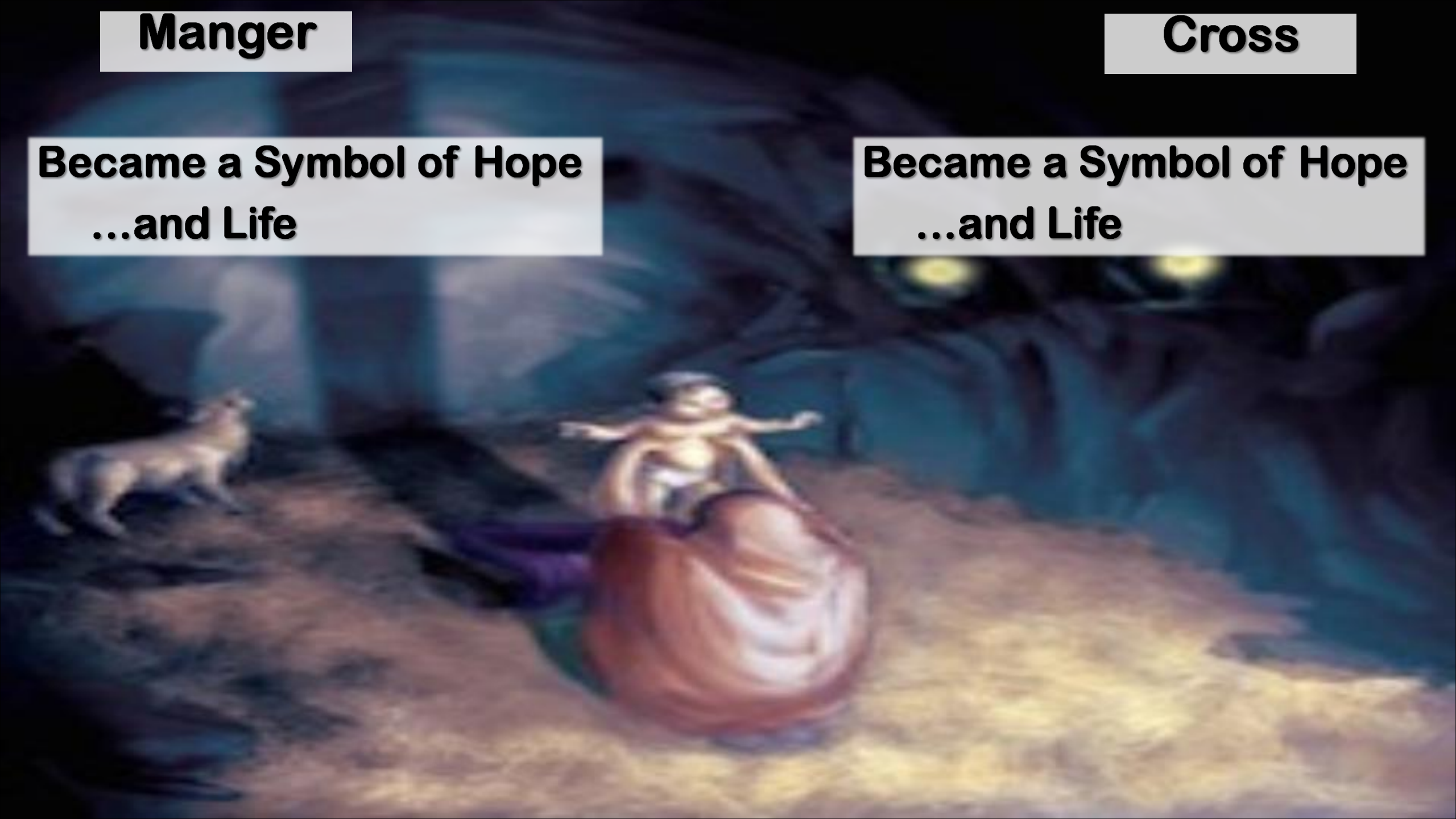
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**Became a Symbol of Hope
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From Your Beginning ...

...To Your End

God's Got This!!!



Christmas
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...2020 was Likewise a Picture of Things that Are Coming!