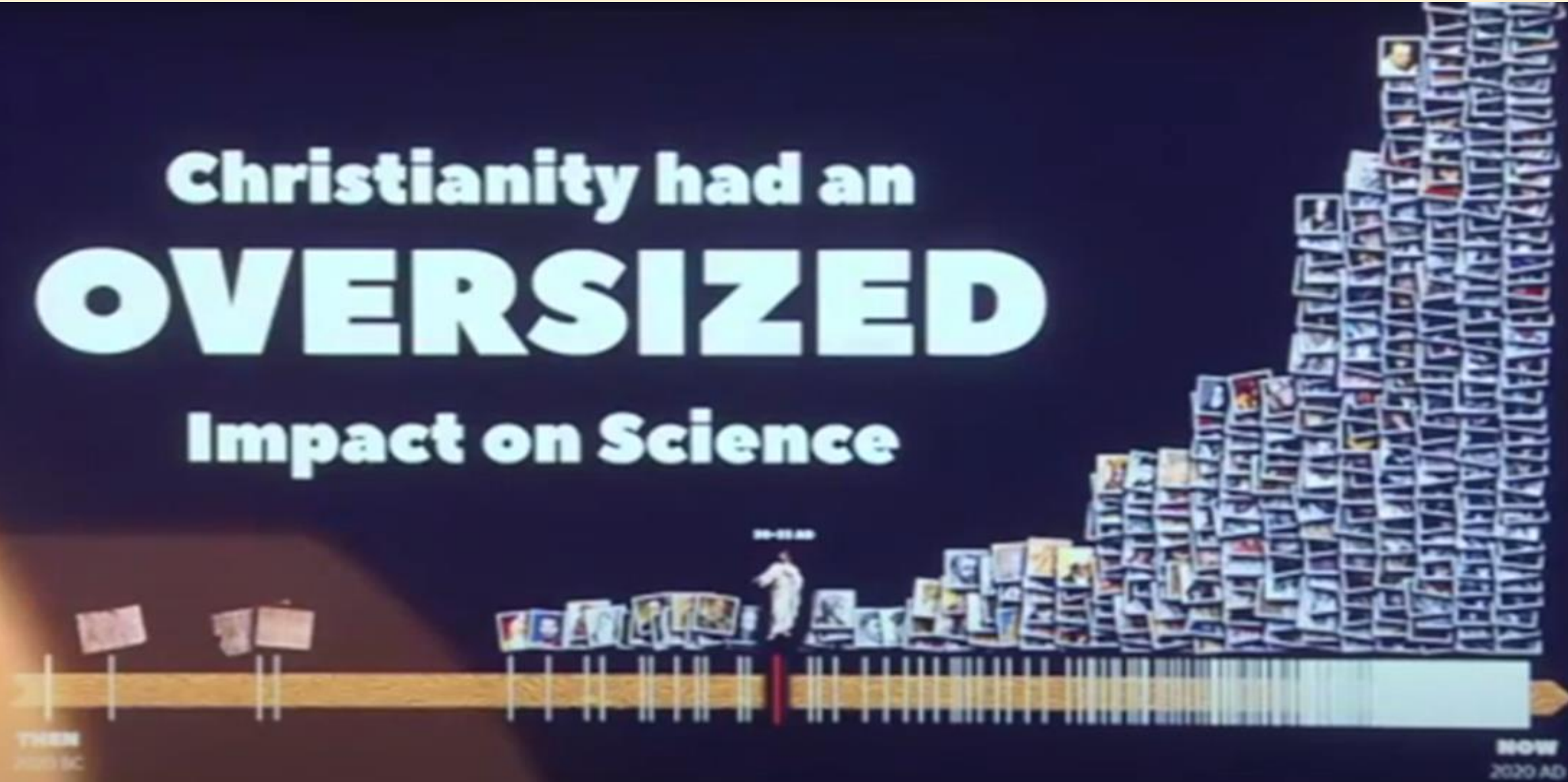


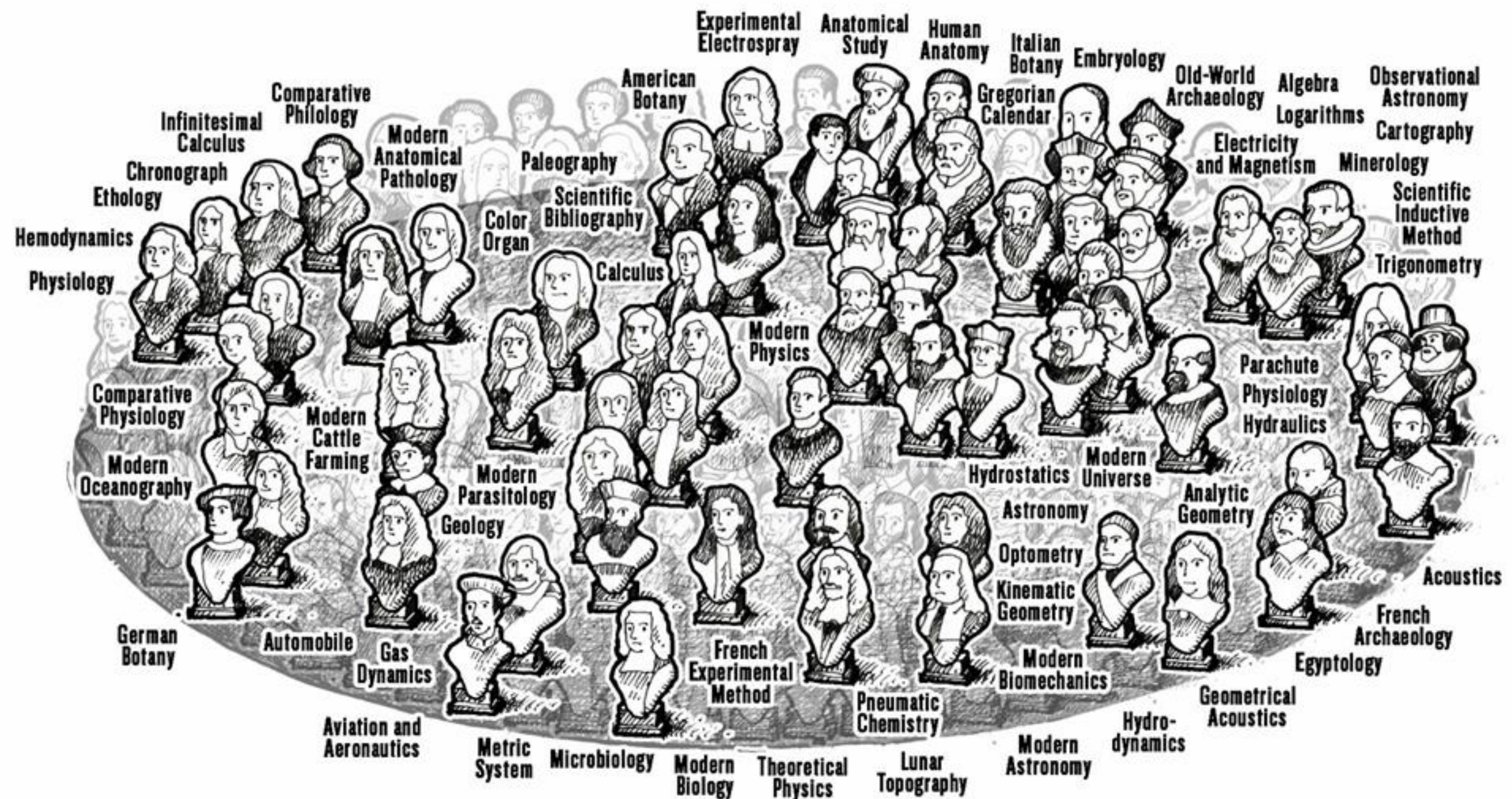
**Light Came Into The World And
Changed Everything**
Luke 2: 1-7 (and assorted verses)

December 22, 2024

No one in the history of the world has affected humanity more than Jesus Christ!

Christianity had an
OVERSIZED
Impact on Science





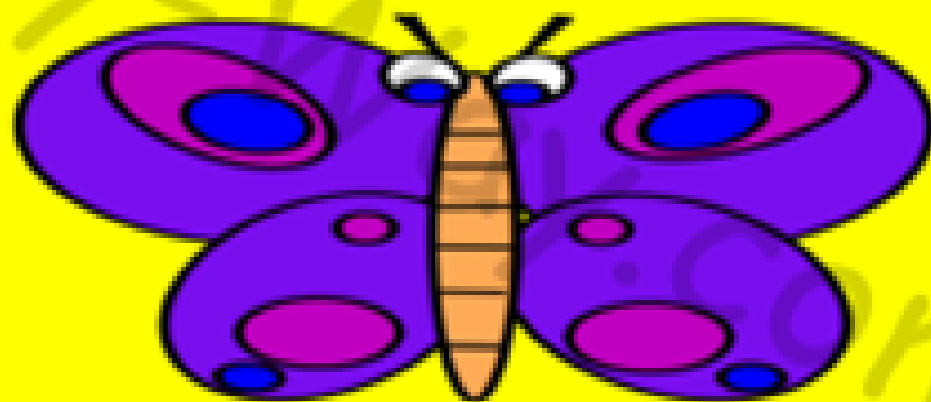
English Idiom

Wing It

Wing It - to do something without preparing

- I did not have time to prepare for my exam. I am going to have to **wing it**.
- Tammy did not prepare for the audition. She is going to have to **wing it**.

**English
The Easy Way**



Who was Caesar Augustus?

His name was Gaius Octavius, the adopted heir of Julius Caesar

Octavius, bringer of Pax Romana, the so-called peace of Rome through *FEAR!*

Octavius decided he needed a new title, greater than a king, a name that implied divinity - a name like **Caesar Augustus** (= *the august one = majesty, a god*)

Emperor worship became part of the Roman empire

The reign of Augustus marked the end of the Roman Republic and the start of the **Roman Empire**

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of The Latter Days



BABYLON
606-538 BC

"His image's head was of fine gold...
Thou art this head of gold."
(Daniel 2: 32, 38).

PERSIA
538-331 BC

"...His breast and his arms of silver...
after thee shall arise another Kingdom
Interior to thee..." (Daniel 2:32, 39).

GREECE
331-63 BC

"...His belly and his thighs of brass...
another third Kingdom of brass,
which shall bear rule over all the
earth." (Daniel 2: 32, 39).

ROME
27 BC-
1453 AD

"His legs of Iron...And the
fourth Kingdom shall be strong
as Iron: for as much as Iron
breaketh in pieces and
subdueth all things.:
" (Daniel 2:33, 40).

**DIVIDED
ROMAN EMPIRE**
WRE 27 BC-476 AD
ERE 67 AD-1453 AD

" His feet part of Iron and part of
clay... partly strong and partly broken...
they shall not cleave one to another."
(Daniel 2:33, 41-43).

**CHRIST'S
KINGDOM**

"...A stone...smote the Image upon
his feet...(and) became a mountain,
and filled the whole earth... the God of heaven (shall) set up a Kingdom,
which shall never be destroyed.... " (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44).



**It is into this dark world
that Jesus is born; in the
fullness of time God sent
His Son - Galatians 4: 4**

**Isaiah spoke about a light
that would come into the
darkness**

**The people who walked in
darkness Have seen a great
light; Those who dwelt in
the land of the shadow of
death, Upon them a light
has shined.**

Isaiah 9:2 NKJV

Jesus Christ
came into the
darkness with
Good News!
John 1: 4-9

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,

“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

The Light...

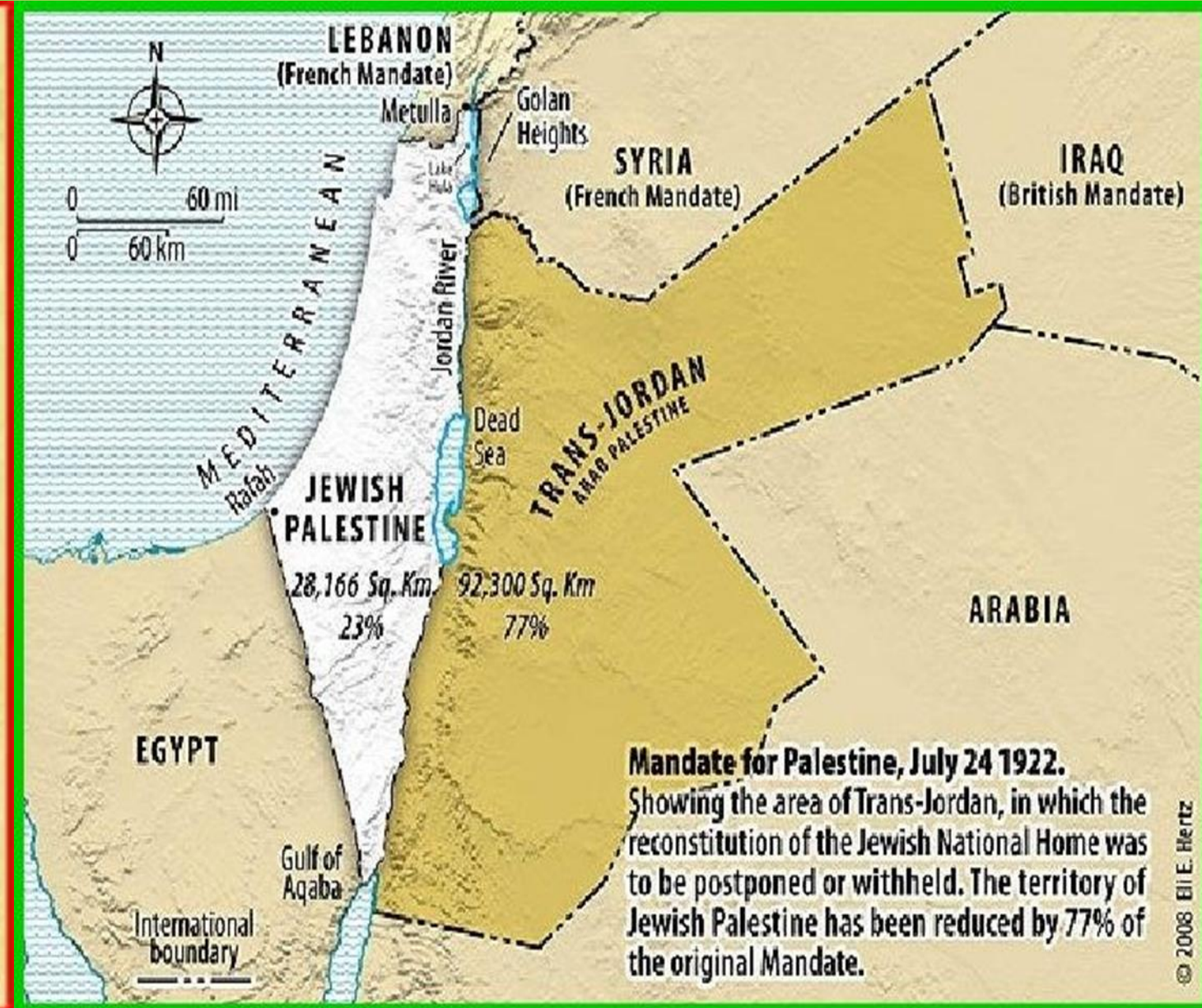
- **exposes sin and darkness**
- **Reveals the truth**
- **Witnesses**

I AM
THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

Verse 1 - 5

**The Light burst onto the scene
Christmas morning in Bethlehem**

There was a prophecy that Messiah would be born in Bethlehem – Micah 5: 2



The august one makes a decree; he thinks he is in charge – *silly humanity!*

All the world will be registered and taxed; it cost much for the Pax Romana to be a success

Bethlehem means “*House of Bread*” – Jesus is the Bread of Life – John 6: 35

Jesus came into the darkness, a Light, the Bread of Life, to offer us life *if we simply believe*

That is Good News!

The Best News this Christmas Season!

**Jesus broke into the darkness and
gave His perfect life for our rotten lives!**

WHAT A DEAL!

ETERNAL LIFE!

*A free gift from God to you,
if you simply believe and
receive the gift!*

Verse 6 - 7

**The True Light is born and the
darkness is displaced**

Jesus was born as a humble human, a servant's birth
Philippians 2: 6-7

Jesus, ***KING OF THE UNIVERSE***, had a common birth because He came as a common man, to identify with the common man

Jesus is the God/Man

Theologians term this the "*hypostatic union*", two natures – fully God and fully man

CLOSING THOUGHTS: A PROMISE KEPT

Messiah was promised and God delivered!

Genesis 3: 15 – Messiah would crush the head of the serpent
(*Satan*); **He did that at the cross!**

God is a promise keeper – Messiah would come into the
world to save the world

A promise kept – John 3: 16

A promise kept – John 3: 17

A promise kept – John 1: 9

A promise kept – John 8: 12

A promise kept – John 14: 1-3

This One Solitary Life impacted the world like none other!

This Christmas season remember the *REASON FOR THE SEASON!*

All eyes on Jesus this Christmas Season

Remember:

***JESUS IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL,
from God's heart to you!***

To all our Calvary Chapel family:



may

our hearts

prepare Him room,

our lives

reflect His presence,

our homes

radiate His peace.

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