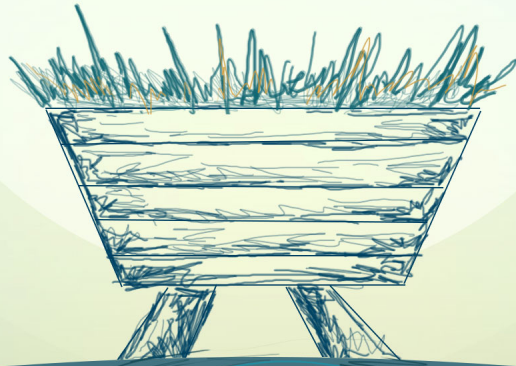


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or event



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For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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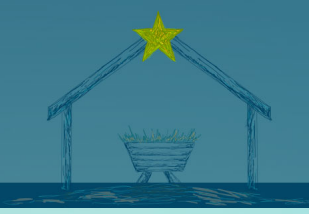
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Jesus (John 16:33)

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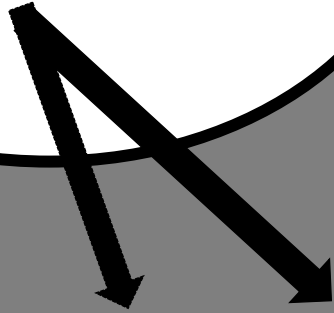
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The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True,

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-His eyes are like flame of fire,

-and on His head are many diadems,

-and He has a name written that no one knows but
Himself.

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