

# No Room— the Sign Read!

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The sign on the inn may have read “No Room!” But the sign of our heart must always read “O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee!” When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the sign on the inn read “No Vacancy!” Luke 2:7 “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.”

It is unimaginable that the King of all kings would be born in a stable—because kings in those days had the most elegant of mansions with the wealthiest of that day. A child born to be king would have royal parents who would boast of their family line; have the finest clothes; and be educated at prestigious schools—but the true King of the universe was born in a cave near an inn with No Room.

It is difficult to comprehend that the God who created the universe would appear on earth as a child and be dependent on others for the needs of life—food, clothing, and shelter. Jesus began life on earth as an infant. He grew and developed like any child—but He was *not* born with a sin nature since Mary was a *virgin* and Joseph was *not* his father.

The wisest man said Proverbs 16:19 “Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” When a child is born in a family today, the parents want the safest

environment; with much preparation; soft blankets; a crib; warm milk and fine clothes to make the baby comfortable and contented.

He who sustains the *universe* with His Word, came to earth as the *poorest* of men. Hebrews 1:2 [God] “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image [exact representation] of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Everyone needs to learn and grow spiritually—so humility, the only attitude that *learns* anything, is basic in a life of faith. Jesus gave us the example of true *humility* while He was on earth. He went from a *throne* in Heaven to a *cave* on earth; He went from the presence of *angels* to an *inn* with “No Room!”

The gospels describe the life of Jesus—one says John 7:53 “And every man went unto his own house;” but 8:1 “Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.” All of His followers had a home, but Jesus slept outdoors. To the man who wanted to follow Him, Luke 9:58 “Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”

The message He sends of lowliness and humility is in stark contrast to the pride and arrogance of this day. Jesus was poor in *material* things but rich in *divine* things. 2 Corinthians 8:9 “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” The prophet predicted that Jesus would be Isaiah 53:3 “Despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.”

Little is recorded about the early years of Jesus, but we know He went through a learning

process—even though knowing far *more* than many realized. Luke 2:46 “And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”

Scripture just says Luke 2:51 “He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

Jesus left the glory of heaven to be born in a cave on the side of a hill. *Deity* took on *humanity* and *humility*—God became *man*. He Who is co-equal with God and the Holy Spirit, visited our world to show us His Truth in person, and then give His life on a cross to pay for the sins of the world.

Names had meanings in the Bible—a child would often be named in honor of an event that happened at their birth. Adam means *earth*—he was taken from the dust of the ground. Eve stands for *life-giving*—Genesis 3:20 “Because she was the mother of all living.” The name of Jesus was above all other names, so the angel says Matthew 1:21 “She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

Isaiah emphasizes the importance of Jesus’ name—Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

During Christmas, the Christian world celebrates the birth of Jesus, but what happened later is of even greater significance. Thirty-three years *after* His birth, He went to the cross, and then *rose* from the tomb to give *life* to all who would *believe*

Him; *accept* His teaching; and *live* His Truth until He returns. Christmas celebrates the entrance of Jesus into our world to save us from the wrath of God that is coming.

“*Unto us a child is born*” means Hebrews 2:14 “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*” *Wonderful Counselor* would advise us of the scriptural *course* and the Christ-like *attitude* to have at all times and toward all things.

The *Mighty God* of the universe takes the *time* to visit planet earth to *counsel* us; to *teach* us; to *show* us; to *warn* us; and to *give* His life on the Cross for us. He told us *how* to live our life on earth, so that it would lead to an *eternal* one in Heaven. Psalm 73:24 “*Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.*”

We must not allow anything or anyone to come between us and God; nothing that would take the *place* of God, and *no idols* in our life. An *idol* is something that is more *important* than God. Psalm 73:25 “*Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*”

It all points back to Commandments 1 and 2; Exodus 20:3 “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.*”

God wants to teach us, but He cannot do that *against* our will; He wants to save us but cannot do that if we are not willing to trust Him. The world seeks counsel in various ways—by a search engine online; from books; or other source of information—but God wants to advise us personally. He wants us to *trust* on His Atonement sacrifice for the cleansing of our heart; He needs to see

a willing *heart* in us—a heart that is ready to *listen*, *learn*, and *trust* in Him.

God wants us to make *right* choices—so we need to read His Word to know what *is right*. We have to take the time to meditate on the Scriptures and to understand the principle of trust in Him by the enlightenment of His Spirit—that is what the Christian life is all about. The Scriptures are God speaking directly to us about any situation we may be facing.

Thousands of years before it took place, Scripture said Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2 “*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*” The Eternal One would come from the town of Bethlehem.

As *Mighty God*, Jesus has unlimited power that can do *more* than we need. We should *not limit* God nor limit any answer to prayer. Ephesians 3:20 “*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above [infinitely beyond] all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*” Any answered prayer is to bring glory to God—never any attention to ourselves.

As the *Everlasting Father*, Jesus is right by our side—and His power is *everlasting*. God will *never* forsake us—and He says to *us*, what He said to *Joshua* Deuteronomy 31:6 “*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*” God will always *guide* us through—*whatever* we are *going* through.

We live in troubled times and a dangerous world, today—Satan being more active than ever. The spiritual condition of the world worsens with

each day. The angels announced: Luke 2:14 “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*” The *Prince of Peace* gives us an inner peace that is beyond our understanding. There is not much peace in the world, but *God* gives *true peace* to those who *trust Him* in faith.

The problems and troubles in the world today are caused by humans turning away from God and living in rebellion to His commands. Jesus, as the Messiah and Prince of Peace, wants to *bring* peace into our life, but our attitudes, our speech, and our conduct in general must be *aligned* with the Word of God.

Names may not *seem* important to most people—the world does not understand the importance of Bible names—but we *can*, and we *should* care much about the *one Name* that is above all *other* names.

Philippians 2:10 “*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*” Everyone needs to have *room* for the *Savior*—may the sign over our heart read: *There is room in my heart for Thee!*



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