

① Luke 2:1-7 No Room in the Inn

It's so easy to read this and be blasé
~~ho-hum~~ about the Christmas story
It's not a ho-hum event - I'd like
us to focus tonight on this significant
statement

~~This statement - No Room in the Inn~~
This statement "No Room in the Inn"
is almost a summary of the way Christ
is received even today by so many people.

Joseph + Mary come up to the door
of the Inn + knock + they are told
"There is no room here for your baby!"

Why was there no room for Jesus the Messiah?

① Because they were there

Why didn't the people in the rooms
find room for their Messiah of all things?

① IT'S because they were in there
"There's no room for you Jesus in my
room... because Jim is here

Also there... were all kinds of people involved
in various pursuits in those rooms -

① they didn't know Christ was outside
waiting to be born -

② they didn't care - most of them were
completely unaware that they had the opportunity

③ Most of them were completely oblivious

④ completely preoccupied with their own activities
→ What am I saying? That the things they were
doing were immoral + evil. Probably some were

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Subsidiary - N. Room in the house

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and from which the door is kept

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② In the case of others, ^{there was} nothing wrong with what they were doing - They were just simply busy focused on themselves

① World is - and the ② problem of mankind is self-centered - busy with their own little world - too busy - too preoccupied to realize that God is here and trying to get their attention

God is knocking ^{on their door} but they say "I'm busy so very busy & besides there's no room in my life"

Here in Bethlehem without intending to be rude or bad they turned him away. Just think these people could all have said in later years

"I was in that crowded inn the night Christ was born - we made room for him - not knowing who the Baby was - but here was this mother in labor & just thinks - I was in the very same Inn the night the Messiah was born - we let him come in."

But they didn't let him in - nor did they ^{even} try to find a room for Joseph & Mary down in the poorer section of town - Not even that

They said - "why don't you go off in the barn - with the stinking straw - manure - & the smelly animals" - and over in the mid-east they really do smell!

you know our that little manger scenes
"The cattle are lowing - the holy awakes - the little Lord Jesus - no crying he makes"

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3) Everyone standing around - the moo cow saying "Wow - It's Christ - my creator." We've made it so cute & sweet & honey.

But actually this is an ugly affair

"away in a manger" -> is a field through

not a cradle

(b) The bacteria in that stable would be enough to kill most newborns - NOT to mention

(c) the pain of delivery in a cold cave - in those highlands of Bethlehem it was cold

(d) in Dec. -> 30° - no heat - no hot water to sterilize the equipment - or wash the baby.

This is a picture of REJECTION and complete ALONENESS and HARDSHIP

Bring God He could have come any way He wanted

-> This birth signaled the kind of life Jesus the Messiah would live on this rebellious - selfish - uncaring Planet Earth

This ~~birth~~ event signals for us the I Nature of God and the II Nature of Man

I I see the Nature of God here

(1) The HUMILITY of God - (Phil. 2) says

that Christ emptied Himself - He humbled Himself - to come on earth not only to be born in a stable - but even more, He came to die the most excruciating death for me - He came humbly - He came to serve - because He LOVES us -

GOD IS LOVE + the essence of real LOVE is sacrifice - Love is not self-serving - self-taking - it is GIVING

LOVE IS SACRIFICE

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cold cave - cold

all most members - hot water

But bacteria - hot water

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