

No Room in the Inn

(Luke 2:7)

- Introduction:
1. Isn't it amazing how men treated Jesus?
 2. From the time of his birth to the day he died, he was treated in a way that was far beneath the respect and honor he was due.
 3. Let's consider if we've made room for Jesus.

I. There was No Room for Jesus While He Dwelt Among Us.

- A. From the beginning of Jesus' earthly pilgrimage, we see that many had no room for him.
1. His birth (Luke 2:7).
 2. Nazareth (Luke 4:16-29).
 3. Gadarenes (Mark 5:17).
 4. Judea (John 11:8).
- B. Time and time again, Jesus found that people had no room for him.

II. There is Still No Room for Jesus in Many Places Today

- A. There is no room for Jesus in some churches today.
1. While Jesus is head of the church, he is not recognized as the head in some churches? (Ephesians 1:22-23).
 2. How long would we have to search to find a church where the real-Jesus is not welcome?
 3. Ways that illustrate there is no room for him.
 - a. Creeds instead of his word (Matthew 15:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:1-4).
 - b. Names that honor men rather than Jesus (Matthew 16:18).
 - c. Baptism (Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3).
 - d. The Sinner's prayer (Acts 2:38; Acts 9:11; 22:16).
 - e. Human sexuality (Hebrews 13:4).
- B. There is no room in our nation today.
1. Jesus has been driven out of our schools.
 2. Jesus has been forced out of our government.
 3. Jesus has been thrown out of our courts.
 4. The laws that are enacted
- C. There is no room in our hearts today.
1. (Luke 6:46).
 2. Inward qualities that challenge us are often dismissed and excused rather than being embraced.
 - a. Forgiveness (Matthew 18:35).
 - b. Priorities (Matthew 6:33).
 - c. Holiness (Hebrews 12:14).
 - d. Love (Matthew 22:37-40).

- Conclusion:
1. It is very possible and very easy to crowd Jesus out today just as he was 2000 years ago.
 2. Please make room for Jesus.