

## NO ROOM FOR JESUS

Text: Luke 2:7

INTRO: Jesus' first bed was a cattle trough because there was no room for Him in the inn. Thirty-three and a half years later, as He began His last journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, passing through Samaria, again, there was no room for Jesus in the inn, Luke 9:52-53. If Jesus were on the earth today, certainly He could find lodging in some motel or hotel – but today He seeks to come into the hearts & lives of Americans & all other nationalities throughout the world, and once again, He finds that in most cases there is no room for Him “in the inn.”

- I. THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR JESUS IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AMONG HIS OWN PEOPLE, John 1:11.
  - A. The people in His home town of Nazareth refused to make room in their hearts & lives for His teachings.  
  
READ LUKE 4:16-30
  - B. Even His own brothers did not believe in Him, John 7:5.
  - C. The Jewish leaders hated Him, sought His death, & eventually turned even the common people against Him.
- II. FOR THE MOST PART, THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR JESUS AMONG THE RICH & SOCIALLY ELITE.  
Luke, 18:18-27.
- III. THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR JESUS & HIS PRINCIPLES AMONG THOSE OF HIGH CIVIL AUTHORITY.
  - A. Herod the Great, Matt. 2:13.
  - B. Herod Archelaus, Matt. 2:22-23.
  - C. Herod Agrippa, I, --Luke 13:31.
  - D. Herod Agrippa, II –Acts 26:28.
  - E. Pilate, Matt. 27:24.

IV. BY THE TIME OF THE WRITING OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION, WE FIND JESUS CROWDED OUT OF HIS OWN CHURCH IN LAODICEA.

READ REVELATION 3:17-22

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Bethlehem's streets were crowded when Joseph and Mary arrived.

Mary was very great with child. The child would be born that night.

The inn-keep said, "I have no room. The inn is full of guests

But you're welcome to stay in the stable, and there you may take your rest."

No room for Jesus in the inn in Bethlehem that day,  
So in the humble manger, the Son of God did stay.

Israel's streets were crowded as Jesus walked along.  
He preached to all who'd listen and taught them right from wrong.

But many didn't want His truth. Their lives were full of sin.

Within their crowded, sinful hearts, they had no room for Him.

No room for Jesus in the hearts of even His closest kin,  
Yet all He ever wanted was to be their truest Friend.

Some let riches crowd Him out and pleasures took their toll.

Some were self-sufficient. His message left them cold.  
Some closed their eyes to Jesus' truth. They already had their views.

And some were power-hungry and afraid of what they'd lose.

But for all who'd let Him in, He came to seek and save.  
He blessed those who made room for Him – and He does the same today.

CONCLUSION: He's knocking on the door of your heart  
right now. Won't you let Him in.

Highway 29, Liberty Hill, TX, April 26, 1964

Cox Springs, TX, April 30, 1964

Jonestown, TX, December 22, 1968

Springhill, LA, December 22, 1974

La Porte, TX, October 29, 1978

La Porte, TX, November 21, 1982

Exton, PA, October 8, 1989

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, July 14, 2002