



No Crib for a King

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Key Facts ...

1. Jesus is the Son of God – Existing from Eternity Past, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.
2. God is in Control – Able to direct and navigate circumstances of life to accomplish His Purposes.

Luke 2 – Birth Dilemma ... No Room in the Inn

- 1) What is Wrong with this _____? ... Cp. Micah 5:2
- 2) If _____ ... Why would He allow it?
- 3) What Can We Learn from this?
 - a. God uses adverse _____ that make no sense at the time in order to _____
 - b. The world had _____ for Christ then, and it has _____ for Christ now.
 - c. His _____ started early and continued to the very end.
 - d. Those who follow Him, shares in his _____.

Closing Thoughts ...

1. The question posed by the birth of Christ is same question we must confront ... Will you _____?
2. We tend to write God off when things don't go well ... The birth of Christ reminds us that the _____ in life may be His doing. He invites you to _____.

Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What does rejection look like? Feel like? Sound like? Describe an experience of rejection that you have encountered.
2. As we consider the birth of Christ, we need to be reminded of Old Testament prophecies that are clearly fulfilled in His birth. Consider the Scriptures below. An Old Testament passage is paired with its corresponding New Testament fulfillment. What promises are made in each?

Genesis 22:18 / Matthew 1:1	Micah 5:2 / Luke 3:3
Micah 5:2 / Luke 2:4-7	Isaiah 7:14 / Matthew 1:18
Psalms 72:10 / Matthew 2:11	Psalms 72:9 / Luke 2:9

What does the fulfillment of prophecy surrounding Christ birth teach us? How does it support our faith? How does it instruct us about How God works?

3. What affect did the seemingly blunder of ... “no room for them in the inn” have upon the birth of Jesus? Any negative affects? Positive affects? In the grand scheme of things, did it alter God’s plan? Or could it have been part of God’s plan? Anything about the story that may give us insight to the fact that being born in a stable may have been part of God’s design? What can we learn about this that may help us when things go wrong in our life?
4. Consider the Closing Thoughts from Sunday. Which of these catch your attention? Why? How is God desiring to use that in your life?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. Some say, “It doesn’t matter what you believe, just so you believe.” Why is the content of faith crucial?
 - b. How can we know that there is such a thing as absolute truth? How can we know what that truth is?
 - c. Is it necessary to feel lost in order to get saved? How can we share the gospel with people who don’t know they’re lost?



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 - a. God uses adverse **circumstances** that make no sense at the time in order to **accomplish his purposes**
 - b. The world had **no room** for Christ then, and it has **no room** for Christ now.
 - c. His **humiliation** started early and continued to the very end.
 - d. Those who follow Him, shares in his **fate**.

Closing Thoughts ...

1. The question posed by the birth of Christ is same question we must confront ... Will you **make room for Jesus**?
2. We tend to write God off when things don't go well ... The birth of Christ reminds us that the **greatest blunders** in life may be His doing. He invites you to **trust Him**.

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