**No Room For Jesus**

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Text: Lk. 2:7

### Intro

1. Lk. 2:7
   1. The Son of God, the Messiah, the “Suffering Servant” *(Is. 52-53)* promised by God, the child who would grow up and deliver His people & the world from their sins *(Mt. 1:21; Jn. 1:29)* was born & laid “in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn”!
2. Many uses from this text in the world & religious world alike:
   1. Many denominations during the Christmas season use this as a “sympathy getter” to persuade people to give donations and to attend at least ***One*** service per year.
   2. Many denominations put on plays, pageants, front yard scenes, street scenes, church-yard scenes, window decorations, to emphasize this text: no room in the inn!
      1. Many of them recognize and admit the “Nativity Scene” is in error when it depicts the wise men visiting the baby Jesus in the manger, but because it so wide-known they stick with it as “interpretive license.”
      2. Mt. 2:11: The wise men visited Jesus in a “house” so it was some time afterwards when they arrived.
      3. The shepherds visited Him in the manger (Lk. 2:8, 12).
      4. Herod slew males under 2 yrs. old (Mt. 2:16).
   3. Businesses use this scene to stimulate the flow of cash, to stir up the “holiday season” feelings and capitalize on the seasonal traditions of many.
3. Christ and the gospel are not seasonal – II Tim. 4:2
4. In His days on earth there was no room for Jesus, the Savior, who came to save people from their sins! (*Mt. 1:21; Jn. 1:29; Lk. 2:7)*

#### No Room in the Roman Empire

* 1. Micah 5:2 (Mt. 2:6); Hosea 11:1 (Mt. 2:15): Jesus was prophesied about: His birth, and His coming from Egypt.
  2. Herod was a man trying to defy God and Divine inspiration! *(Mt. 2:1-15)*
     1. He was searching for Jesus, but not to worship Him!
     2. Mt. 2:16-18: Herod ordered the execution of the male children 2 years old and under, hoping to have Jesus killed!
  3. Many today have the same idea as Herod…
     1. II Pet. 3:3: There were mockers then and now, those who “follow after (NKJ: “walk according to”) their own lusts” and have no room for Jesus in their lives.
     2. Ps. 14:1: There are fools still today who say, “There is no God.”
     3. Mt. 6:24, 33: We either serve Christ or the world; He is either our priority or He is not. It can’t be both.
  4. As Herod had no room for Jesus in Rome, many strive to remove God from our nation!

#### No Room Among His Own People

* 1. Jn. 1:11: Speaking about the Jews, “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.” (Mk. 7:9)
  2. Jn. 1:12: Only a few accepted Him; despite the fact many believed in Him, they were not willing to confess Him (Jn. 12:42-43).
  3. Those who knew Jesus best (His hometown) had no room for Him – Mt. 13:53-58
     1. Those in His hometown (Nazareth) rejected Him, and even tried to kill Him (Lk. 4:16-30).
  4. Nathaniel expressed the common attitude toward those from Nazareth – Jn. 1:46
  5. II Cor. 6:16-18; I Pet. 2:9-10: Saints are His people, His temple and priesthood!
  6. The Jews had no room for Jesus – Do we have room for Him in our lives?

#### No Room With Judas

* 1. Mt. 26:14-16, 47-50
     1. Judas was a friend of Jesus, but no longer had room for Him in his life.
     2. He chose instead to make room for the world’s riches!
  2. Judas’ betrayal served a purpose: He fulfilled prophecy
     1. Ps. 41:9 (Jn. 13:18): A “trusted” friend would betray Christ (Jn. 13:18-30).
  3. Jesus said those who obey Him are His friends – Jn. 15:14
     1. Saints have obeyed Him to become God’s children! (Mt. 12:50; Rom. 8:16-17)
  4. Jesus said those that obey can be deceived by riches and have the word choked out
     1. Mt. 13:22: The “deceitfulness of wealth choked the word.”
  5. The saint who no longer has room for Jesus in their life is like Judas.
     1. Heb. 10:26-31: Trample Christ underfoot, regard His blood as unclean, insult the Spirit of grace (10:29)
  6. Judas no longer had room for Jesus – Do we have room? Are we really His friend?

#### No Room in the World

* 1. Jn. 1:9-10: Jesus came into the world, but like the Jews the world “did not know Him.”
     1. Jn. 3:19: They didn’t know Him not from lack of teaching, but because they love “the darkness,” they love “evil.”
     2. Jn. 15:18: The world hated Christ and will hate His followers.
  2. The One without sin, Who came to save the world, was put to death because the world had no room for Him! (Heb. 4:15; Acts 3:13-15; Jn. 3:16)
  3. The world then and now has no room for Jesus, but seeks to remove Him from all aspects of life!

#### No Room in the Religious World

* 1. Jn. 14:23: Jesus said the one that loves Him will keep His word.
  2. Rom. 14:17: “The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
  3. Take the teachings of Christ and the apostles and then compare it with the teachings of the denominations (Mt. 7:21-23; Mk. 7:9; Eph. 4:14):
     1. They teach a “different” gospel – Gal. 1:6-9
     2. They teach a different “way” of salvation – Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
     3. The social gospel and their traditions and commandments of men have crowded Jesus out to where there is no more room for Him! (Mk. 7:9)
  4. We must always be careful that the Lord’s church does not crowd Jesus out of our service with our traditions and opinions!
  5. The religious world seems to have no room for Jesus, the One they claim to serve, because of their man-made doctrines and traditions!

## Conclusion

1. Is there room for Christ in our hearts? (Rev. 3:20: To church at Laodicea: Jesus stands at the door of our hearts & knocks!)
   1. What do we crowd out to make room for? (Do we let Christ in?)
2. Rom. 8:29: Saints are to be “conformed to the image of His Son.”
   1. Do we submit and conform to Christ, or like the world, try to conform Him to our image?
3. May we ever not just make room for Him seasonally, but make room for Jesus every day!
4. While men in the past and present may have no room for Jesus, let us make sure that we give Jesus Christ plenty of room in our lives! *(Rev. 3:20)*
5. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Open wide your heart! Repent and be baptized!
6. If a Christian, have you room for Christ? If not, repent & be renewed!
7. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!