

Christmas: Making Room

Luke 2:1-7

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

REASONS WHY THERE WAS NO ROOM:

1. _____, trying to make _____ in.

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Romans 12:2a

Do not conform to the pattern of this world...

REASONS WHY THERE WAS NO ROOM:

2. They were _____.

Matthew 6:33 (Jesus said)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

REASONS WHY THERE WAS NO ROOM:

3. They _____ it was.

Ezekiel 20:39

As for you, O people of Israel, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Go right ahead and worship your idols, but sooner or later you will obey me and will stop bringing shame on My holy name by worshiping idols.

STRUGGLES WE HAVE IN MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS:

1. We want to avoid His room of _____.
2. We want to avoid His _____ room.
3. We are not sure _____ to get _____ to make room.

TO TRULY MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS, YOU BUILD:

1. A _____ room.

James 5:13

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

TO TRULY MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS, YOU BUILD:

2. A _____ room.

Mark 11:25 (Jesus said)

But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

Matthew 6:14 (Jesus said)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

TO TRULY MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS, YOU BUILD:

3. A _____ room.

Demolition = Colossians 3:5

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

New Design = Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Construction = Matthew 7:24-25

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

TO TRULY MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS, YOU BUILD:

4. A _____ room for _____ to God.

John 4:23 (Jesus said)

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

John 12:3

Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Psalm 22:3

You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Conclusion:

In this Christmas Season, may what stands out is the room you have given the Lord to work in your life! The level of your praise will confirm His presence at work in you!

Reflection:

1. What are you building spiritually in your life at this time?
2. Is that building making more room for Jesus?