

“Is There Room For Jesus”

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Text: Luke 2:7

Intro: Today this beautiful Christmas Eve we will deal with the question of “ Is there any Room For Jesus” and we begin with the question: **D.L. Moody** For four thousand years the world had been looking for Christ. Prophets, had been prophesying, and the mothers of Israel had been praying and hoping that they might be the mother of that child; and now he has arrived, We find that he is laid in a borrowed cradle. "There was no room them in the inn." He might have come with all the grandeur and glory of the upper -world. He might have been ushered into this world with ten thousand angels; yea, legions upon legions of angels might have come to herald his advent. He might have been born in a palace or a castle. He might have been born upon a throne, if he had chosen to; but he just became poor, for your sake and mine.

- 1) **Is There Any Room in our Home**
 - a. I am talking about the place that we live here. The actual home itself.
 - b. The home is not what it used to be for sure. Think about shows like Andy Griffith, and Leave it to Beaver, and Happy Days. Now we have “Modern Family, and the New Normal.
 - c. **Illustrate** with the girl on my bus this week who said “Mr. John I have been crying. Do you know why I have been crying? Because my Mommy and Daddy are separating, and I will not get to see my dad anymore.
 - d. What has happened to the home? It’s not just worldly homes that are in peril, but it is also homes within the church. ‘
 - e. The fact is many homes have said to Jesus there is no room for you. We are just too busy.
 - f. We have dance, ball, work, school, and when we do come home that is time for a magazine, a favorite show, time on the phone, computer etc...
 - g. **Question:** How has your time on Facebook compared to time in His Book? How many articles in magazines have you read in comparison to the reading of the Word?
 - h. Train up a child. This says to me that there is a battle coming, and we need training.
 - i. Is your child ready for the battle they will face? What weapons have we given them to use?
 - j. Have your kids ever heard you pray? Read scripture? Talk openly about your love for Jesus.
 - k. Is there room in our homes for the King.
 - l. I have noticed something. We say we are too busy, but we always make room for what we love.

2) **Is There Any Room in His House**

- a. I am speaking of the church here.

Almost two thousand years have passed and today the world is full of religious systems, crosses, and cults. But, as in the city of David, there is no room for Jesus. Because of this the contemporary civilization agonizes without God and without hope.

As preachers we are made sad because of this distressing situation. And at this time it seems opportune to ask ourselves, "Is there room for Jesus in my activities?"

A young man had been preaching in the presence of a great preacher, and after he had finished he went to the minister.

"What did you think of my sermon?" he asked.

"A very poor sermon, indeed," said he. "A poor sermon?" said the young man. "It took me a long time to study for it." "Yes, no doubt it did."

"Did you think my explanation of the text was poor?"

"No," said the old preacher; "in fact, it was very good."

"Well, then why do you say it was a poor sermon? Didn't you think the illustrations were appropriate, and the arguments conclusive?"

"Yes, they were very good, so far as they go; but still it was a poor sermon."

"Will you tell me why you think it was a poor sermon?"

"Because," said he, "there was no Christ in it."

"Well," said the young man, "Christ was not in the text; we are not to be preaching Christ always; we must preach what is in the text." London?"

Yes," said the young man.

And the old man said, "Don't you know, young man, that from every town and every village and every little hamlet in England, wherever it may be, there is a road to

"Well," said the old minister, "from every text in Scripture there is a road to the center of the Scriptures—that is Christ. And, my dear brother, when you get a text your business is to say, Now, what is the road to Christ?' and then preach a sermon running along the road to the center—to Christ. And," he continued, "I have not yet found a text that does not have a road to Christ in it. Find that road, then go over hedge and ditch until you arrive at the Master, for the sermon cannot do any good unless there is a rich savor of Christ in it."

- b. It is incredible to think of how many churches are meeting together and the name of Jesus will not be mentioned. As a matter of fact he is not even wanted.
- c. The church at Laodicea was told that He stood at the door and knocked.
- d. Sadly, there is no room for Him. Too much other stuff and noise going on. Too many other big shots doing there own thing.
- e. He should be what the entire service is built upon and around. We have come to see Him, to worship Him, to exalt Him.
- f. The greatest battle we face is when we do all we can to make sure He is the treasured one. The one we get out of the way to make sure there is room for.

- g. Maybe there is no room in His house because it is already full of ego, and pride, and selfishness.
- h. We must not and we dare not leave no room for Him. It is His house.
- i. It's why he turned over the tables. They had forgotten what it was all about.
- j. **Illustrate:** One learned preacher who quite frequently in his sermons stressed sociology and ethics found on his pulpit one day a piece of paper containing the following words written by a pious deacon: "Pastor, we want to see Jesus." The pastor realized that this phrase contained a silent censure of his scholarly sermons in which there was no place for Christ. The words on this small piece of paper made him kneel with contrite spirit and ask God for the necessary knowledge to feed his congregation. The Lord heard the supplication of the repentant pastor. He returned to the pulpit clothed with new power, with a predominant preoccupation of proclaiming the unfathomable riches of Christ. His messages became so powerful that the faithful deacon, interpreting the sentiment of the whole congregation, put another paper on the pulpit containing these words: "Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20).

3) Is There Any Room in our Heart

- a. I am speaking here of your personal life.
- b. Is he on the throne? Is he first?
- c. If Jesus is our Beloved then we'll spend time being with him. We'll take to heart his Word to us: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). We'll enjoy being alone with him – at Christmas time and throughout the year.
- d. What about alone time with God. Are we scared of that? Maybe we don't like to see what's going on in the depths of our lives.
- e. Are we scared to surrender?
- f. Is our hearts too full, and a no vacancy sign placed out front?
- g. Have we used up all of our worship at the thrones of the world and there is nothing left for the King?
- h. You personally must make the decision. Will you make room for the King?
- i. **D.L. Moody** You need him, and had better make room for him; and if you make room for him here in your hearts, he will make room for you up there. He says in that chapter which I read: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare » place for you." Instead of his disciples comforting Christ, there is Christ trying to comfort them. And now, while he is up yonder preparing a place for us, shall we not make room for him down here? If the nations won't make room for him; if the church won't make room for him; if the families won't make room for him, thanks be to God, we can make room for him in our hearts. H