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NO ROOM IN THE INN

As we read the Christmas story in Luke we see in chapter 2:7, ***“and she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”***

Jesus was born into a family that had very limited money. Joseph was a carpenter, but Jesus did not live the royal life like a king. His birth happened the way it did because it had to happen that way. In Philippians 2:5-8 it says, ***“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”***

Jesus is all God and all man in one body. He is the king of kings and Lord of Lords. Yet, he laid his glory down to become like mankind. A manger would be an extremely humble place to be placed in at birth. It would be the same place in Bethlehem that sacrificial lambs would be placed in after they were born. Ah, you see the connection? God’s lamb, Jesus, was the sacrificial lamb from the moment of his birth, just like the little sacrificial lambs were set aside for temple sacrifices. Both had a purpose, and that was to be a sacrifice for sin.

Even if Joseph and Mary had purses full of money, they still would only have only found a manger for baby Jesus. God in flesh humbled himself for us my friends. It was all part of the plan.

He understands our poverty when we go through hard times. He understands our rejection because there was no place for him but a dusty manger. No one gave him a second thought that night. Humbling? Yes, but each thing Jesus did was so he could understand what we go through. Do not look at lowly times as the end of the story. As we go through humbling times, it gives us compassion for others going through the same things. It is a time of knowing who gets us through those times.

Do not look at “no room for them in the inn” as a bad thing. It was all part of the plan!