



Is There Any Room For Jesus In This Mess?

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The other night, I had a fleeting thought about something in my **past**.

My knee-jerk reaction was to brush it off, saying,
*"Oh, there's **no way** that could ever be reversed.
There's **no way** it could ever be rectified."*

God's Spirit immediately questioned my heart:

*"Do you mean to say there's **no room for Me** in this mess?
Is there no room for Jesus in your future,
to fix what's been done in the **past**?"*

If there's anyone on earth who intimately knows the redemptive **power** of Christ-- the **power** of God who can bring beauty from ashes and return double what the enemy has stolen-- it is I. (*Isaiah 61, Zechariah 9, Job 42, Joel 2*) Yet there I was, in **unbelief**, with the shallow assumption that **my situation was too messy** for God.

And then I thought of the birth of Christ.

*"And she (Mary) brought forth her firstborn Son (Jesus),
and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)*

There may not have been any **room for Jesus** in the well-prepared and pretty inn, but *new birth, salvation, comfort and peace* came right into a **dusty, stinky, humble** stable. Nothing is **too messy, too smelly, too lowly** for our sweet Emmanuel, the One who is God With Us!

As I fell to my knees
in worship of King Jesus that evening,
He prompted me to **surrender** that
seemingly impossible, unchangeable thing of my **past**.
Then He called to mind His Word in Hebrews 13:8--

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Over 2000 years ago, God came to make Himself freely available to all who would willingly admit our need for a Savior, and
joyfully welcome Him into our messy lives.
He's still the same today.

It's time to **make room for Jesus--**
in our past, present, and future--
especially in the **hard to reach, confusing, messy** areas.

He's come to bring truth and **new birth** when we say,
"This will never be fixed," or "That person will never change."
He's come to minister **salvation** to our bodies when we're convinced
we'll never heal.
He's come to **comfort** our hearts and bring **peace** to our souls when
we're in anguish and things don't make sense.

CHALLENGE:

Let's **welcome Jesus in** and **make room for Him** in **all** areas...

Past,
present,
and future.

May you have a warm, blessed celebration of His birthday-- not only this weekend but also every hour of every day after.

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