

WILL I MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS?
#SermonInnKeeper
Determining Your Destiny - Part 5
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Luke 2:1-7 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was **no room for them in the inn**. (NIV)

WHY WE DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR JESUS

1. WE DON'T PAY ATTENTION

Luke 24:16 They saw him, but somehow did not **recognize him**. (TEV)

2. WE HAVE OVERCROWDED LIVES

Deuteronomy 8:14 Make sure you don't become so **full of yourself** and your things that you forget God. (MSG)

1 Corinthians 2:14a The natural person **has no room** for the gifts of God's Spirit; to him they are folly... (NJB)

3. WE DON'T FEEL THE NEED

Psalms 10:4 People are too proud to seek God. They do not look for Him; there is **no room for God** in their thoughts. (NCV)

WHY I SHOULD MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS

1. IN ORDER TO LIVE GOD'S PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 11:26 Whenever you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you are **proclaiming the Lord's death** until he comes. (NJB)

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
(NIV)

2 Corinthians 6:12-13 The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. ¹³ ...**Open up your lives**. Live openly and expansively! (MSG)

2. IN ORDER TO ENJOY GOD'S PEACE

John 14:27 I am leaving you with a gift—**peace of mind and heart!** And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be **troubled or afraid**. (LB)

1 John 4:18a In love there is **no room for fear**, but perfect love drives out fear...(NJB)

Isaiah 26:3 You, Lord, **give true peace**... to those who **depend on you**... to those who **trust you**. (ICB)

3. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GOD'S POWER

2 Timothy 1:7 God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid but a **spirit of power** and love and self-control. (NCV)

HOW DO I MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS?

Revelation 3:20 Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and **open the door**, I will come in and we will eat together. (CEV)