

Make Room For the King
Worship The King – Part 3
December 11-12, 2021
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Luke 2:1-7

"You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him." Mathew 4:10b (p.734)

"At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them." Luke 2:1–7 (p.781)

- **Make Room For The King.**

1. **Who or what has my attention?**

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (p523)

"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced." Mark 4:18–19 (p.764)

2. **Who or what's occupying my heart?**

"Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." Matthew 6:20–21 (p.737)

"Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong." Ephesians 3:17 (p.896)

3. Have I settled for the good life rather than the best life?

"But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all." 1 Corinthians 12:31b
(p.878)

"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.'" Jeremiah 29:11 (p.596)

My Next Step This Week: _____ In order to make room for The King I need to clear out _____.



Discussion/Groups Guide
Weekend Talk of December 11-12, 2021
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ONE VOICE

Make Room for The King

Life Groups (on break until 1/16/22) use this guide in their discussion and study of the Weekend Talk. Use this also as a discussion guide with your family and friends. Find out more about Groups (in person and online) at alivechurch.com/groups.

Conversation Starters

- What makes for a perfect Christmas for you and why? What are the must-haves—the things you make sure will be as you want them to be or as you want them to happen?
- Is there something or someone who just makes Christmas for you? In other words, if it did not happen or they did not come, it would not be Christmas for you?
- What makes your most memorable Christmas so memorable?

Quick Review

Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out to you, challenged you, or maybe even confused you?

Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and Bible verses from the Talk Notes.

This week's One Thing: The key principle that Pastor Jeff Love challenges us with is:

Make Room for The King.

Series Memory Verse: Matthew 4:10 (p.735)

Background: Luke 2:1-7 (p.762)

- Were you surprised to learn that there actually is not an “innkeeper” specifically mentioned in this account but, rather, just a mention of there being “no lodging” for them?
- There was “no vacancy” for baby Jesus. Today Jesus looks for a place to take up residence—in our hearts. Do you have room for Him?
- Reflect on how significant it is that the King of Kings was born in such a place as He was.
 - The prophet Micah (Micah 5:2 (p.685)) wrote a prophecy for where Jesus would be born—about 700 years before it happened! Fulfilled prophecy is one of many key elements that testify to the validity of scripture.

Jeff challenged us to ask three questions to evaluate how we are doing with regards to Making Room for the King...

1. What or Who has my attention? See Isaiah 9:6 (p.523) and Mark 4:18-19 (p.764)

- Many people missed out on the birth of the King, even though they had been waiting and looking for hundreds of years. Why do you think that is?
 - When have you “missed” God in your life? What caused this? Were you distracted?
- What is your biggest challenge to “making room” for Jesus every day in your life?
 - See our Memory verse. It ties in well with Mark 4:18-19.

2. Who or what is occupying my heart? See Matthew 6:20-21 (p.736); Ephesians 3:17 (p.896) and 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (p.907)

- Is your life so full, so occupied, that there is no room for Jesus?
- How do you “hold on to what is good” (1 Thess. 5:21)?

3. Have I settled for the good life rather than the best life? See 1 Corinthians 12:31b (p.878) and Jeremiah 29:11 (p.596)

- Does the “good” in your life crowd out the “best”?
- When have you “settled” for less rather than seeking God’s best?
 - This is different than “contentment”. We are called to be content with what God has given us and where he has put us. The principle here is that we are settling on something other than what God has guided us into.
- How will “making room for the King” affect your life?

Digging Deeper

This week we have a bit of a different kind of engagement with the Word.

Listen to the classic, *Handel's Messiah Part 1* (It's readily available for free on streaming services such as Spotify and Amazon Music). As you listen, read the associated Bible passages:

- Matthew 1:23 (p.734)
- Isaiah 7:14 (p.522); 9:2 (p.523), 40:1-5 (p.546), 40:11 (p.547) and 60:1-3 (p.564).
- Malachi 3:1-3 (p.729)
- Zechariah 9:8-10 (p.724)
- Luke 2:8-14 (p.781)
- Matthew 11:28-30 (p.742).

Unless you listen to a modern version, the words of *Messiah* are from the King James Bible published in 1611. It may sound antiquated, so look at a modern translation for more familiar words. Sometimes art can help us get into the 'zone of worship' in many areas of life, such as architecture, paintings/drawings, music or prose. In this Advent Season just spend time with God. Focus on His Word and let Him guide you and let as you let your soul respond accordingly.

Next Step

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