

Week 51
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Transforming Daily
“... no room for them in the inn ...”
Luke 2:7

Much has been made of this passage regarding the fact that, if the innkeeper had only known who it was, or for that matter, if any of the tenants had known, that Jesus Christ was truly King of kings and Lord of lords, there would have been a room immediately available for them, if not the whole inn. But that was the point. His birth, fulfilling Scripture, was to be one of lowliness, meekness, and humility. It wasn't supposed to be the birthday of a king.

The time and place of His birth was and is an integral part of the Christmas story. God purposefully chose the setting for a lamb, more specifically, the Lamb that would take away the sins of the world. Jesus Christ personifies, even before the foundation of the world, all of the characteristics of a lamb. He not only epitomizes humility, meekness, and purity, He is Humility, Meekness, and Purity as well as being the only choice acceptable to God for the sinner's atonement. He wasn't to be seen as a king on that day. He wasn't to be seen as a judge on that day. He wasn't to be seen as a warrior on that day. He was to be seen as a babe, as a lamb.

So as hard as it is to accept that our Savior was born in a stable amongst animals because no one knew who He was, it was the will of God for it to be so. It makes the contrast of His second coming much more drastic. The first time He came as a Lamb. The second time He will come as a Lion. The first time He came as a babe. The second time He will come with a name written that no one knows but Himself. The first time He came as Prince of Peace. The second time He will come as a Warrior, the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

How do you see Jesus? With what regard do you hold His name? Is He more than just a “genie in the bottle” to you, only there to grant your wishes? What if you would have been the inn keeper or a patron of the inn, would you have given Jesus a place to stay? Even though you couldn't give Him a place to stay then, you can give Him a place to stay now. If you haven't already done so, won't you open your heart and let Jesus come in? Or is there no room in your heart for Him now as then there was no room for them in the inn?