

**There Was No Room At The Inn For The King,
But There Is Room At The Cross For You!"**

Luke 1:1-7 / 1 John 2 1-2

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There are many contrasts in life: light and dark; good and bad; new and old; young and elderly; in and out. Let's contrast these two songs:

"No room in the inn
No beautiful chamber, no soft cradle bed,
No place but a manger, nowhere for His head;
No praises of gladness, no thought of their sin,
No glory but sadness, no room in the inn."

Contrast that with this:

"The cross upon which Jesus died
Is a shelter in which we can hide
And its grace so free is sufficient for me
And deep is its fountain as wide as the sea.
There's room at the cross for you
There's room at the cross for you
Though millions have come, there's still room for one
Yes there's room at the cross for you."

There was no room at the inn for the King but there is room at the cross for you.

As to the former we read, "Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:1-7 (NASB).

I. THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN FOR THE KING:

- A. We read, "everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city."
 - 1. So you can imagine – freeways jammed donkey nose to donkey tail; on and off ramps at a standstill; rest areas -- forget it.