

No Room for Jesus

(Luke 2:7)

- Introduction:
1. Isn't it amazing how men treated Jesus?
 2. From the time of his birth, to the day he died, he was treated in a way that was far beneath the respect and honor he was due.
 3. Let's consider if we've made room for Jesus.

I. There was No Room For Jesus While He Dwelt Among Us.

- A. From the beginning of Jesus' earthly pilgrimage, we see that many had no room for him.
1. His birth (Luke 2:7).
 2. Bethlehem (Matthew 2:12-15).
 3. Nazareth (Luke 4:29).
 4. Gadarenes (Mark 5:17).
- B. Time and time again, Jesus found that people had no room for him.

II. There Is No Room For Jesus In Some Churches Today

- A. Jesus is head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).
- B. While that is true, how long would we have to search to find a church where Jesus is not welcome?
- C. Ways that illustrate there is no room for him.
- D. (1 Timothy 4:16).
1. Church organization (Philippians 1:1).
 2. Baptism (Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3).
 3. Church discipline (1 Corinthians 5).
 4. Role of women (1 Timothy 2:11-12).
 5. Sexuality (Hebrews 13:4).

III. There Is No Room For Jesus In Some Christians Today

- A. Their lives aren't ruled by Jesus (Luke 6:46).
- B. Inward qualities that challenge us are often dismissed and excused rather than being embraced.
1. Forgiveness (Matthew 18:35).
 2. Racism (James 2:1,9).
 3. Holiness (Hebrews 12:14).
 4. Commitment (Matthew 6:33).

- Conclusion:
1. It is very possible and very easy to crowd Jesus out today just as he was 2000 years ago.
 2. May we give care not to do that.