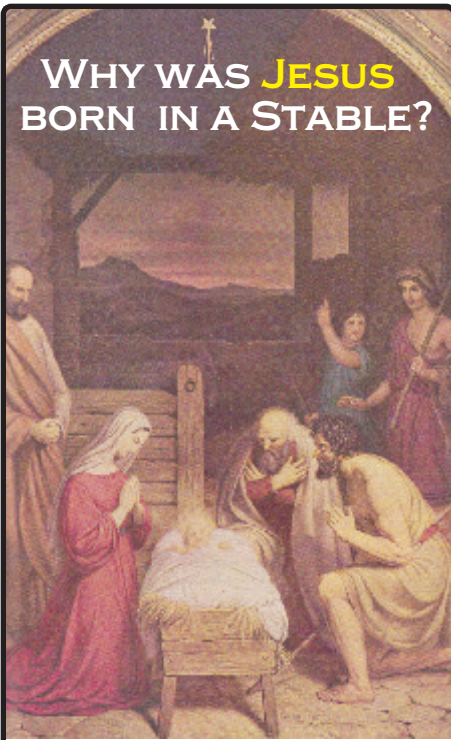


WHY WAS JESUS BORN IN A STABLE?



"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."
MATTHEW 2:7 **1**

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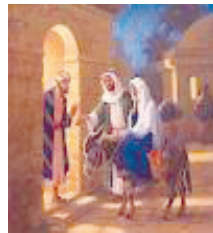
Joseph, step father of Jesus, went to the city of Bethlehem with Mary his espoused wife who was great with child. And while they were there, she brought forth her firstborn son and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. [Read Luke 2:1-21]

But there was room in the inn for others! Many times in our hectic lives there is room for other people and other things, but no room for God's love for us in Jesus!!



JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR HIM IN THE INN!

Therefore Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger! The inn keeper turned Joseph and Mary away from staying in his inn!



He is a picture of all unsaved people who have no room for God in their heart. Like the inn keeper, would you also turn Jesus away and be lost? **2**

JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE JUST LIKE LAMBS ARE BORN THERE!

Jesus came at Christmas time as our sacrificial lamb! His sacrifice on the cross would be the payment for our sins so that we could have restored fellowship with God, and eternal life with Him in heaven!



John the Baptist proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world." Jesus is God's perfect lamb that can clean man's sinful heart and make him fit for heaven.

Only the sacrificial blood of Jesus can take away and forgive all our sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave!

JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH SINNERS!



A dirty stable is a picture of the human heart that needs to be cleansed from sin. "From within, out of the heart

... proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts...deceit... evil eye...pride..." Mark 7:21-22 **3**

Even the cleanest stable still smells like animals! So even the nicest, most religious person, cannot be clean enough **by his own effort** to be accepted by God.



Although God the Son should have been born in a palace, He humbled himself to be born in a stable. He is the Saviour for **all** men, including the poor and despised.

HOW TO TURN JESUS AWAY...

...Do nothing!!! There is no neutrality! Any system of good works to obtain holiness to take away sin doesn't work – "For they... going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God". The inn keeper did nothing!



You must personally invite Jesus into your heart to be saved from sin!!



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HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS

1. Recognize the dirty stable: Like the stable, your heart is filled with sin and you can't make it clean enough to be accepted into heaven.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" Jeremiah 17:9

2. Be willing to have the stable cleansed: "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

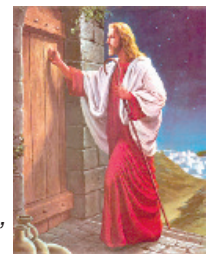
3. Believe that Jesus's shed blood on the cross has cleansed the dirty stable of your heart: Know that His resurrection from the dead is proof of your forgiveness of sins. "That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Romans 10:9



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4. Open the stable door of your heart:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."



Will you open the door to your heart? – Many people know the Christmas story and may even be religious, but if you have not opened the door to your heart and let Him in, He is still on the outside knocking. **Now** is the time to open your heart and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as **your Savior!** Listen to His great invitation to you: "**Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**" Matthew 11:28

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved." Acts 16:31 .

"For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**". Rom 10:13

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