

## Just a Little bit of Room

**Luke 2:3-11 (KJV)** - And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Luke 2:3-11, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "Just a Little bit of Room."

I always look forward to the joyous Christmas holiday season early anticipating the succinct sounds of delightful Christmas cheer and caroling. In fact, one of the staple songs that usher in the season is Silent Night by the Temptations. According to the text, everyone went to be taxed in their respective city and Joseph, the early father of Jesus, traveled from Galilee to the Bethlehem, along with espoused wife Mary, who was pregnant (great) with child. At the appointed time, Mary gave birth to Jesus and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. If only somebody would have been mindful enough to make 'Just a Little bit of Room.'

**Everyone may not recognize the anointing on your life.** You would have thought that the inn keeper would have realized that Jesus – the Messiah, the Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings was being born. You would have thought that the greeter of the inn would have recognized the Lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the entire world. You would have thought that maybe, just maybe one of the guests staying in the inn would have opened up their heart with compassion understand that the Son of God was there with His mother Mary and His father Joseph and said "Wait a minute – let them in" or let me give up my room so they will have a room. I would like to think that somebody would have had enough compassion to ***make a decree to just make a little bit of room.*** I'm convinced that if the people at the inn understood the anointing that Jesus had on His life, then maybe, just maybe, there are some people on the job, some people in the family, some people in the community may not recognize the anointing that you have on your life. Somebody ought to say "Hallelujah, to the Lamb of God." Just make a little bit of room and say, God forgive them for they know not what they do." I'm determined to be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

(Ephesians 4:32). Tell somebody, "I'm going to make a little bit of room.

**Secondly, I want to remind you that you are wrapped up in the anointed love of God.** You see, just as Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes to protect Him, and laid Him in a manger. The Lord has wrapped you up in His anointed love and has given you peace. There are some things that could have taken you out, but the peace of God, which passes all understanding has truly kept you. Can I get a witness? Jesus said, I have told you these things so that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I (Jesus) have **overcome the world!** (John 16:33) One of the major themes of the song Silent Night is Peace!!! *Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace. The next verse says, "Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia. Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born. God has redeemed us through His son Jesus. It's time to make a little bit of room.*

**Thirdly, don't be afraid.** My brothers and sisters, the Lord Jesus Christ has given you, His peace. ***Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*** (John 14:27) Tell somebody, I'm choosing faith over fear. ***I'm going to make a little bit of room to read my bible, pray, and grow in Christian discipleship*** because I am wrapped up in His anointed love and somebody needs to know that Jesus is the reason for the season. Somebody needs to know that Christ can pick you back up again and make a way out of no way. Somebody needs to know that your latter days will be better than your former days – Beloved it's time to make a little more room in your heart for Jesus Christ.

In closing, the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. This Christmas season make just a little bit of room to tell somebody the Gospel story. Tell them about the birth of the messiah, but don't stop there. Tell them about the miracles Jesus did, but don't stop there. Tell them about the sermon on the mount, but don't stop there. Tell them about the healing of the sick and how the lame walk, but don't stop there. Tell them about how Jesus hung on Calvary Cross but don't stop there. Tell them how Jesus was resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day morning, but don't stop there. Tell them that Christ came that they might have life and have it more abundantly. Salvation is in the Lord Jesus. Tell them that there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. A great deal happened on that Silent Night. Let us remember that Jesus is the reason for the season and that we must all must open our hearts and make "Just a little bit of room for Jesus to Come In and take Complete Control." Merry

Christmas. Hallelujah, Amen.