

WILL I MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS?

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"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

WHY DO WE HAVE NO ROOM FOR JESUS?

1. _____
"They saw him, but somehow did not recognize him." Luke 24:16 (GNT)
Jesus: *"If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."* John 4:10 (NLT)
2. _____
"The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness."
1 Corinthians 2:14 (MSG)
"But are overwhelmed with worries about all the things they have to do and all the things they want to get. The stress strangles what they heard, and nothing comes of it." Mark 4:19 (MSG)
"Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, 'Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.' But the Lord said to her, 'My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.'" Luke 10:39-42 (NLT)
"Make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God." Deuteronomy 8:14 (MSG)

3. _____
"People are too proud. They do not look for God; there is no room for God in their thoughts." Psalm 10:4 (NCV)
"We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way." Isaiah 53:6 (MSG)

WHY SHOULD I MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS?

1. **TO KNOW** _____
"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is—nothing exists that he didn't make. Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind." John 1:1-4 (TLB)
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)
"He came to the world that was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him and believe in him he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:11-12 (NCV)
2. **TO ENJOY** _____
"The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. . . . Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!" 2 Corinthians 6:12-13 (MSG)
"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give you isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (TLB)
"God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid but a spirit of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NCV)
"There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear." 1 John 4:18 (MSG)

HOW DO I MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS?

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Jesus: *"Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together." Revelation 3:20 (CEV)*
"Open up before God, keep nothing back; he'll do whatever needs to be done." Psalm 37:5 (MSG)

WHAT GIFT WILL I BRING TO JESUS?

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“Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. When Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ‘Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, as were all the people in Jerusalem. Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, ‘In the town of Bethlehem in Judea’ . . . Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men and learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. He sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me so I can worship him too.’ After the wise men heard the king, they left. The star that they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:1-11 (NCV)

WHAT MADE THE WISE MEN WISE?

1. _____
“Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews?” vs. 2
2. _____
“Some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.” vs. 1
3. _____
“They came to the house where the child was.” vs. 11
4. _____
“We . . . have come to worship him.” vs. 2
5. _____
“They bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” vs.11

Gold = the most precious metal, the gift for a King

Frankincense = used in Temple worship to God

Myrrh = a spice used to embalm a body after Death!

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE TO JESUS?

1. _____
“I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory.” Psalm 50:14 (TLB)
2. _____
“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV)
3. _____
“Open up before God, keep nothing back; he’ll do whatever needs to be done.”
Psalm 37:5 (MSG)

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke 12:34 (NIV)
4. _____
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

“Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.” Luke 14:23 (NLT)

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