

Dec 10. No Room At The Inn.

It is over seventy years since I first attended Hebron Sunday school and one of the Christmas songs that has remained with me all these years is, "No Room for the Baby in Bethlehem's Inn." Two words help me to reflect on what it must have been like for Joseph and Mary as they arrived in Bethlehem to search for accommodation: "No room." What were they to do? Mary had received word from the Lord that she would give birth to a baby, a special baby, the Saviour of the world, and Joseph was told that Mary would bear a son and that he should give him the name Jesus because he would save his people from their sin. Where could she give birth when every available room in Bethlehem was occupied?

"No room for the baby in Bethlehem's inn, only a cattle shed."

A scene that's so familiar on Christmas cards, Joseph, Mary and the newborn Baby surrounded by animals and shepherds. In this humble scene is the Saviour of the world. As Jesus grew surely conditions would improve. But alas...

"No home on this earth for the dear Son of God, nowhere to lay his head."

All through his life, the Saviour of the world suffered rejection and hate until the time came for Him to be offered by his Father God to be the one sacrifice for sin forever.

"Only a cross did they give to our Lord, only a borrowed tomb."

In Isaiah 53:3 we read these words, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering."

Jesus gave everything for us, what can we give to him?

"Today he is seeking a place in your heart. Will you still say to him, "No room."

Let us rejoice this Christmas in the knowledge that The Saviour of the world is our Saviour, that there is room in our hearts for him.