

Luke 2:7

NO ROOM IN THE INN

- I. The facts.
 - A. Joseph and Mary travelled by foot about 70 miles over difficult paths with her being heavy with child.
 - B. The birth and setting are unusual and strange in three important ways.
 - C. God determined that Mary would be delivered of her first-born son in the lowliest of circumstances.
 1. First, that the Baby was born in Bethlehem, not at home in Nazareth.
 2. Second, the poverty.
- II. The circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth are a "sign" (12).
 - A. Faith uses the revelation of God in Scripture to help us understand the significance.
 - B. First, the timing is right, for it is "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4).
 - C. Mary brought forth "her firstborn son."
 1. That Jesus was Mary's firstborn as a virgin indicates that this child is also the Son of God.
 2. Mary's firstborn son means that He is the very Son of God made flesh – the miracle of all miracles.
 - D. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger (in an animal shelter), for there was no room for Him.
 1. This signifies what kind of King Jesus is: spiritual and heavenly, not an earthly king.
 2. This signifies what kind of people we are; He became poor for our sakes (II Cor. 8:9).