

## NO ROOM FOR JESUS:

In the month of December people's thoughts seem to turn to the baby Jesus who was born in a manger, and wrapped in swaddling clothes, in the city of Bethlehem, because there was no room in the Inn for the birth of our Lord and Savior. Plays are acted out all over the world of the wise men bringing gifts to the baby Jesus laying in the manger. You can also heard and see of men pretending to go through the same things as Jesus did as he had to carry his own cross to mount Calvary.

But let them be beat as Jesus was beaten and then carry the cross on their mangled shoulders. Men can pretend if that makes them feel good, but they don't have a clue as to what the suffering that Jesus had to endure for the sins of the world. Jesus was not pretending on that awful day. He had a purpose in mind, he was thinking of the people. Jesus told his disciples while he was still here on earth with them, "Let not your heart be troubles, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so , I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself. That where I am, there ye may be also," (St. John 14: 1-3).

He has gone to prepare a place for us, but we must prepare a place for him, while we still walk this earth in human flesh. Jesus said, "The Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath no where to lay his head," (Matthew 8: 20).

Can we make room in our life for Jesus? Are we so busy with the things of this world that there is no room in our hearts and our lives for the Lord? Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you," (St. John 15: 7). You can drive around town and see Million dollars Churches, and you may think, Oh boy, Jesus must surely dwell in a place like that. But not so, Jesus wants to dwell in the human body. He wants to abide in each one of us, a Tabernacle not made by hands. Jesus is not coming back for a building, but for a people that has made themselves ready.

"I beseech (Beg) you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," (Romans 12:1). It is not some charity work you are doing for Jesus. It is your reasonable service. How many today have made room in their hearts for

Jesus? Are we so busy with our daily activities, that we can't find the time and the room for the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth, in our busy schedule?

No time to pray, no time to read His word, no time to meditate on his goodness and long suffering toward us, no time to remember what he had to endure on the cross of Calvary for you and me, that we might have eternal life. Oh, it's time for the football game, or it's time for our favorite soap opera, I'll think about that later, when I have the time, with nothing else to do. No time for Jesus. Take time for Jesus, he took time for you. Open up your heart's door, and welcome the Savior of the world into your heart. Make room for Jesus.

There was only room on that cross for one man, but that one man took all of our sins and nailed them there, (St. John 3: 16). Can we not make room in our heart and soul for that one man that went through so much for us?

But, you may say, "I go to church on Sunday." That's fine, but that's not what I ask you. What about the other six days of the week, is there room in your heart and soul for Jesus before and after church or do we just forget about him until next Sunday? Have the things of this world pushed Jesus out of our lives. We can't have Jesus, and the world in our lives. One or the other has to go. You can't drink bitter and sweet water from the same fountain. Jesus will not dwell in an unclean temple. He chased the unclean things out of his Father's house, for he said it is, "a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves," (St. Matthew 21:12-13).

Ye Hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, the people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me," (St. Matthew 15:7-9). **No room for Jesus.**