Why Was The Lord Of Glory Laid In A Manger?

Luke 2:1-7

><The birth of Jesus is surrounded by many miracles…

- The angelic appearances
- The virgin conception
- The split-second timing as to the very moment of His birth

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><The hand of God is very visible in the birth of the Lord Jesus into this world. Yet when I read verse 7 of Luke chapter 2, I never ceased to be amazed by the statement that is made. To me the thought that the King...
of kings and Lord of Lords would come to this world and be placed in a manger is beyond my level of comprehension. Think about it, a manger is a feeding trough for animals. It wasn’t a bad place for sheep or cattle, but for my mind it certainly was no place for a baby to be placed, much less the Son of God. However, as I think about this truth I realize there are some pretty important reasons why Jesus was placed in a manger at His birth.

This morning I would like to answer the question, why was the Lord of Glory laid in a Manger?

I. BECAUSE OF ALIENATION…v.7

A. The Text

-Because there was no room available for Him and His family in the inn their in Bethlehem.

<>Isn’t it sad that when God came to earth to redeem men from their sins, mankind responded by putting up a no vacancy sign!

B. The Truth

- 2000 years later things haven’t changed very much. There is no room for Jesus many hearts, homes and sadly even Houses of God.

- The question we need to ask ourselves this morning…Have we made room for Jesus in our hearts?

- AT HIS BIRTH, HE WAS THE UNWANTED CHRIST AND FOR THE MOST PART HE STILL IS!

II. BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATION

-When Jesus was laid in that manger, He was identifying Himself with those He came to save. There are three great areas of man’s life that Jesus came to identify with…

A. Mankind’s Poverty…He knows our needs

- II Corinthians 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Matthew 8:20 Foxes have holes, birds have nests, but the Son of Man hath no where to lay His head (He knows our poverty)

-Promised to meet our needs Phil. 4:19/Psalms 37:25

- Mankind’s Problems…Hebrews 4:15-16
• Mankind’s Priorities…He was born in that humble stable, laid in that lowly manger to remind us that the greatest aspiration of the human soul is to seek the glory of the Almighty God above everything else. Matthew 6:33

III. BECAUSE OF ACCESSIBILITY

• Imagine for a moment that Jesus was born in Herod’s palace amid all the riches and finery of that place.

• Imagine that His bed had been a golden crib, separated from man by a wall and guards of the King’s palace.

• Would you feel free to come to Him? Probably not!

But He was born in a manger and thereby made Him accessible to all that would come to Him. Notice who Luke records that visited Him…

• Shepherds…common, dirty, vile men felt the liberty to approach Him in this place

• Wise men…Later these learned, wealthy men felt equally at home bowing before Him in this stable.

<>THANK GOD, whosoever will can come to Christ and find what they need and will ever need in the Lord Jesus…HE IS ACCESSABLE!

IV. BECAUSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

A. The Placement

-When Mary placed the Lord Jesus in the feeding trough, she was painting an image far more vivid than she realized.

B. The Place

-Bethlehem…The House of Bread

C. The Pronouncement

-The true bread of life was born in the house of bread. Place in that lowly feeding trough was the bread of life that would feed countless multitudes. It was almost as God was saying…DINNER IS SERVED, COME AND DINE!

<<He is the bread of life that saves, sustains and satisfies the soul of men...

Psalms 107:9…For He satisfied the longing soul, and filleth the longing soul with goodness.