

Pastoral Notes

'The Way in a Manger' -
Luke 2:1-7.

What a blessing it was to be in service on the day we celebrate the birth Jesus, our Savior. We should never tire of hearing the Christmas story.

While most people like to celebrate Christmas, many choose not to accept the one for whom the holy day was made. Some accept Jesus as "a way" to God the Father, but do not see him as "the way". Yet it is Jesus himself who said

the activities and issues of life crowd him out.

Imagine Jesus, God in the flesh, being placed in a feeding trough for animals. That's what a manger is. God allowed his son to be placed there because he knew it was temporary. God allows us to be placed in unusual situations that can be painful and even shameful. That place can be viewed as your manger. But, beloved, know that your manger is just a temporary place and not a permanent space.

Key Sermonic Points:

1. *God is not slack on his promises*
2. *God allows us to be put in unusual places*
3. *Jesus was born to relieve you of the burdens this life has taxed you with*

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me". This is not a bold, reckless statement. This is the Word and Will of God.

Of the 66 books in the protestant bible, the gospel of Luke is the only one that provides details of the birth of Jesus. There we find that after he was delivered, because there was 'no room at the inn', his mother, Mary, placed him in a lowly manger. We must be sure we always leave room in our lives and in our homes for our Lord Jesus. Don't let

The only way to get to heaven is through Jesus who was God with us (Immanuel). From A-Z, we used the alphabet to show Jesus is our all and all. The carol song says he was 'A way in a Manger', but I declare that he was (and is) 'The Way in a Manger.

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Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Before being placed on a cross, Jesus was placed in a manger.
- Not only did the Father God allow his son to be placed in a manger, he allowed him to be placed in a world of sin and on an old rugged cross.
- Make sure you give God what is due him.
- Not only should we make room for Jesus but we should also make him the centerpiece of the room.
- Just as the prophet Micah prophesied, Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, his delivery was both prophetic and right on time.
- We must spend even more time listening to God than we do speaking to him