

**“Every Heart A Manger”**  
“Because of Bethlehem” — Part 4  
*Revelation 3:20*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...

1 Peter 2:24

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

**1. The manger takes center stage at Christmas.**

- God entered our world in the most humble way.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7

- God didn't consider Himself too great to be born in a stable and placed in a manger.

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

***The humility of the manger foreshadowed  
the humility of the cross.***

- The announcement of the angels included the manger.

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:11-14

- The manger was central to the testimony of the shepherds about finding the Savior.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:15-18

## 2. The manger doesn't diminish the Son of God's glory but magnifies it!

- The Gospel message is not embarrassed by the manger.

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.  
2 Corinthians 6:2

- The Gospel is always calling us to humble ourselves and find life in Jesus.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...  
John 1:12

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 18:2-4

**Application:** Make your heart God's manger! Let Him be born in you today! The message of God's Christmas is the story of His relentless love for you. If God was willing to be born in a barn, there is no place He is unwilling to go for you. God became one of us so that we could become one with Him.

...there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.  
Revelation 3:20

***Is there room in your heart for Jesus?***

**Make Room**  
*Casting Crowns*

Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?  
You can come as you are,  
But it may set you apart,  
When you make room in your heart  
and trade your dreams for His glory.