#### To the seven churches

**Revelation 3:14 (NLT)** "Write this letter to the angel of the church in **Laodicea**. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation:

**Revelation 3:15 (NLT)** "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other!

**Revelation 3:16 (NLT)** But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!

**Revelation 3:17 (NLT)** You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

**Revelation 3:18 (NLT)** So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. **Revelation 3:19 (NLT)** I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and **turn from your indifference.** 

**Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)**"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

3. Make Room for Jesus in Your Relationships

#### John 13:34-35 (NASB)

"I am giving you a **new commandment**, that you **love one another**; just **as I have loved you**, that you **also love one another**."

## Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

## Conclusion

This Christmas, don't let your story be "no room" for Jesus in your life. Open your heart, prioritize Him in your daily walk, and let His love guide your relationships. Make room for Jesus, and experience the fullness of His presence this season.

# Church That Makes A Difference

## **Making Room for Jesus**

Saturday-Sunday, December 21-22, 2024

### Luke 2:7 (NKJV)

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was **no room** for them in the inn."

Jesus endured a human birth to give us a spiritual birth. Jesus occupied a stable so that one day we might occupy mansion. Jesus came and had an earthly mother so that we might have a Heavenly Father. Jesus came as a servant so that we might be made free. Jesus became poor that we might be rich.

## The Purpose of Jesus Coming

## 1. To Give His Life as a Ransom.

Mark 10:45 (NKJV) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## 2. To Save the Lost.

Luke 19:10 (NKJV) for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

# 3. To Bring Eternal Life.

John 3:16 (NKJV) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

# 4. To Destroy the Works of the Devil.

**1 John 3:8 (NKJV)** For **this purpose** the Son of God was **manifested**, that He might **de-stroy the works of the devil**.

# 5. To Reveal the Father.

John 14:9 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

## 6. To reestablish our relationship and fellowship with the Father.

John 16:23 (NKJV) "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

# 7. To fill His children with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## 8. To demonstrate what a child of God looks like.

John 14:12 (NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

#### Making Room for Jesus

## 1. Make Room for Jesus in Your Heart

John 3:3 (NLT) Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

**Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)**"And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."

**Romans 10:9 (NIV)**"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## Summary:

The innkeeper missed an opportunity to host the Savior of the world because there was no room. Many people today don't have a relationship with God because they will not make room for Jesus in their heart.

Their hearts are full of things they think are more important. However, anytime someone turns to the Lord, He immediately come in.

## 2. Make Room for Jesus in Your Daily Life

**Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)** God **saved you by his grace when you believed**. And you can't take credit for this; **it is a gift** from God.

Ephesians 2:9 (NLT) Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Luke 10:39-42 (ESV)"And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching... Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary."

#### Summary:

In the midst of our busy schedules, we often crowd Jesus out. Like Mary, choose the "one thing" that is necessary — spend time in His Word and in prayer. Prioritize His presence over your busyness.