

## HE CAME

(This message is not entirely original with me.)

### Luke 2:1-20

**Introduction:** There was a time when the world was ruled by pagan powers, cruel conquerors, war all around and Rome ruled. History's countless pages were being written and it seemed that dark hours had settled all over the world. Where was God? Where were God's people? What had happened? Was there anyway to change things or was the world doomed to live in spiritual darkness forever? Then it happened. God stepped into the world of darkness and sent His only begotten Son.

### I. HE CAME

1. He came "upon a midnight clear."
  - Out of "the ivory palaces into a world of woe."
  - From Heaven's high glory to earth's lowest place - a stable.
  - The best of the best came, the cream of the crop, the sweet fragrance of the rose, the grand hallelujah of glory, HE CAME!
  
2. He came, the Son of God and became the Son of Man that we, the children of men might become the children of God.
  - The heavenly Child of an earthly mother, and the earthly child of a Heavenly Father.
  - The richest of the rich, that we the poorest of the poor, might become rich.
  - To become a man of sorrows and to know grief, that He might dry our tears.
  - And took from His head a crown of glory to take up a crown of thorns that we might wear a heavenly crown.
  - And from His shoulders He laid aside His robe of royalty and took up a purple robe of mockery that we might take up a robe of righteousness.
  - ***"...and when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons..."***
  - To SAVE, ***"...not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance..."*** ***"...This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."***
  
3. He came, ***"...not to send peace but a sword..."***
  - Peace with God, as Christ on the cross.
  - Peace of God, as God in the heart.
  - Peace on earth, Christ on the throne.
  - Christ is the great divider, dividing every nation, every town, every home, an unseen line in every place and every human being is either for Him or against Him, gathering to Him or scattering abroad, serving God or serving mammon, dying in Adam or living in Jesus Christ.

4. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.
  - The highest person in glory came to be earth's lowest servant.
  - Come to Him, stand for Him, serve Him for the way up in God's eyes is DOWN.
5. He came, "*..unto His own and His own received Him not, but as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*"
6. He came to the inn, but there was no room for Him there so "*...they laid Him in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn.*"

## **II. IF THEY HAD ONLY KNOWN WHO THEY HAD TURNED AWAY**

1. That this babe for whom they had no room would one day be the "name above every name," the name to which every knee one day shall bow.
2. That the story of the birth, life and death of this ONE would be the theme of a Book, the best seller of all time, translated into a thousand tongues, read by more people, travel down more highways, penetrate more jungles, bring comfort to more hearts than any other book, ever!
3. That millions of people through the centuries would acknowledge Him as their Savior and call themselves by His name.
4. That He would be the central figure of history, philosophy's greatest personality, art's greatest inspiration, music's loveliest theme, literature's chief character.
5. That one day there would be schools, hospitals, institutions, organizations founded upon His name.
6. That He was God's Son, the promised Messiah, earth's only hope, the coming King of glory.
7. If they had know all this, how quickly and gladly they might have made room for Him.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. The innkeepers had their chance and turned Him away and now it is YOUR chance, your opportunity to make room, let Him in, to accept Jesus.
2. They didn't know:
  - this Babe was the answer to sin.
  - this One was God come to earth in flesh.
  - this One was man's only way to God the father.
  - this One brought salvation and a new life to all who would believe in Him.
  - They didn't know and turned Him away.

3. But you know, don't you! Don't turn Jesus away, He stands outside your life, knocking, asking to come in. Open your heart and life to Jesus, invite Him to come into your life right now.
4. You cannot know God nor the Christian life without knowing Jesus, know Him right now.