



# Anticipating the Messiah

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  - Around the time of Jesus' birth, there was some anticipation that the Messiah would soon come.

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### Simeon

- ❖ waiting for the consolation of Israel
- ❖ not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ
- ❖ my eyes have seen Your salvation

- Simeon
- Luke 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
- Luke 2:26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- Luke 2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

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Anna

❖ all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem

- Luke 2:38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.
- At the time of Jesus ... Israel was anticipating the coming of the Messiah
- But there was also a problem.

## Anticipating the Messiah

A King!

❖ Your throne shall be  
established forever

- They tended to focus on him as a king, like David
  - 2 Samuel 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

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**A Servant!**

❖ **despised and rejected by men**

- But the prophecies give us another picture of the Messiah also
  - Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
  - Isaiah 53:2-3 he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men,

# There Was No Place

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- Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV) 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God

**There Was No Place**

there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

- Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
- Inn is more likely a guest room (Lk. 22:11, upper room) (not a Motel 6)
- Most likely they were seeking room at the home of family or friends, but the census had brought so many people in.
- This wasn't a malicious rejection.
- Nor a business decision.
- But if they had known this was the Messiah being born ... would they have made room?



**There Was No Place**

**you refuse to come to me that you may have life.**

**John 5:40**

- John 5:39-40 (ESV) 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.
- 2 Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

**There Was No Place**

**and they rose up and drove him out of the town**

**Luke 4:29**

- Luke 4:16-30
- 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.
  - Isaiah 61:1-2
  - 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
  - 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.

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**Luke 4:29**

- And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”
  - 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ““Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.””

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**Luke 4:29**

- 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

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**Luke 4:29**

- 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.
  - 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.
  - 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

**There Was No Place**

**and you were not willing**  
Luke 13:34

- Luke 13:34-35 (ESV) 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**To All Who Did Receive Him**

• John 1

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**The true light ... was coming into the world**  
John 1.9

- John 1:9-14:
  - 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.



To All Who Did Receive Him

The true light ... was coming into the world

John 1.9

world  
did not  
know him

John 1.10

- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
  - John 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

To All Who Did Receive Him

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world  
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know him

John 1.10

his own people  
did not  
receive him

John 1.11

- 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

To All Who Did Receive Him

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world  
did not

his own people  
did not

To all who did receive him ... he gave the right  
to become children of God

John 1.12

- 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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- 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# A Place for You

- John 14:1-3 (ESV) 1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

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- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



# Is there a place for Jesus in your heart?

- Is there a place for Jesus in your heart?
  - He came to give you light, to save you.
  - Believe
  - Become His child!
  - There's a place for you with him.
    - Don't reject, don't delay.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

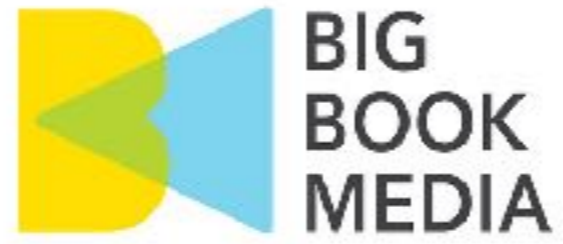
**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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## Is There A Place?

Luke 2:7

Synopsis: When Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem, there was no place for the Messiah's birth in a guest room. Although Israel in general was looking forward to the Messiah, many rejected Jesus anyway. Is there a place for Jesus in your heart?

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**