



THE GOD OF EVERY  
*Circumstance*  
 LUKE 2:7

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 This message is based Luke 2:1-7 and you can find it in your Pew Bible on page 44.

## Some Thoughts:

### A. Jesus was probably born in September—not December.

Since Elizabeth (John's mother) was in her sixth month of pregnancy when Jesus was conceived (Luke 1:24-36), we can determine the approximate time of year Jesus was born if we know when John was born. John's father, Zacharias, was a priest serving in the Jerusalem temple during the course of Abijah (Luke 1:5). Historical calculations indicate this course of service corresponded to June 13-19 in that year. It was during this time of temple service that Zacharias learned that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a child (Luke 1:8-13). After he completed his service and traveled home, Elizabeth conceived (Luke 1:23-24). Assuming John's conception took place near the end of June, adding nine months brings us to the end of March as the most likely time for John's birth. Adding another six months (the difference in ages between John and Jesus) brings us to the end of September as the likely time of Jesus Birth. [Primary Source: The Companion Bible, 1974, Appendix 179, p. 200.]

### B. There are many other *misunderstandings* about the manger.

- There were probably more than three kings in the story.
- The "stable" was probably more of a cave.
- The mode of Mary's transportation was not specified in the Bible.
- The Greek word used in Scripture is "Inn" (KJV) is *kataluma*, and can mean "guest chamber," "lodging place," or "extra bedroom that would be rented out." *It was not a hotel.*
- If the *inn keeper* would have rented that room and had Mary given birth in that room, that room could not have been rented out or utilized for 40 days, under Jewish law.

[Primary Source: E.F.F. Bishop, *Jesus of Palestine* (London: Lutterworth Press, 1955), pp. 42-71.]

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**A**nd she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Luke 2:7, NASB94



## 1. God uses adverse circumstances that make no sense at the time in order to accomplish His purposes in the future.

*Luke 2:7, NCV -<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her first son. Because there were no rooms left in the inn, she wrapped the baby with pieces of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough.*

## 2. Christ's humiliation started early and continued to the very end.

*Matthew 8:20, NLT -<sup>20</sup> But Jesus said, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."*

## 3. The world had no room for Christ then, and it has no room for Christ now.

*Luke 2:7, Darby (1895) -<sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger outside, because there was no room for Jesus inside.*

## 4. Is there room \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus?

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4. Is there room in your heart for Jesus?