



**True Christmas Stories**  
**Part Two – The Story of a Crowded Heart**

**Luke 2:1-7**

“...because there was no room for them in the inn.” (v. 7)

**Sermon Series Summary**

It is that time of the year, Christmas is in the air. We hear all the Christmas songs, we see all the stores having major holiday sales. We already see the war between those who say “Merry Christmas” and those who will only speak the words, “Happy Holidays.” Yes, Christmas is in the air but:

*Does our society still remember what Christmas is all about?*

*Has the story Christmas become trivial instead of real in the life of the people?*

Throughout this sermon series we are going to tell you about the true story of Christmas, what Christmas is truly all about, and how the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus is still changing lives today! Come and join us for a time of uplifting and encouragement!

**Main Text: Luke 2:1-7** – <sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to his own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>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.

**Big Question** – Is your heart too crowded to let Jesus reign?

**Big Idea** – Crowded Hearts Miss Christmas

**Marks of a Crowded Heart**

**Mark #1 – A Crowded Heart is a Distracted Heart**

- **Luke 2:6-7**
- **Key Point** – As we examine this passage of Scripture, we observe that in the days of the birth of Christ hundreds and thousands of people missed the first Christmas because their hearts and lives were filled with business, anger, hatred, disbelief, and much more. Their hearts were crowded with the things of this world. The same is true with millions of people in the world today. A crowded heart is a distracted heart.

**Mark #2 – A Crowded Heart is a Clouded Heart**

- **Matthew 2:1-6**
- **Key Point** – As we examine this passage of Scripture, we observe that in the days of the birth of Christ people missed Christmas because they were afraid and threatened by Christ. Many people today miss Christ because they are afraid or threatened by Him as well. A crowded heart is a clouded heart.

### **Mark #3 – A Crowded Heart slowly becomes a Hardened Heart**

- **Luke 2:1**
- **Matthew 2:1-4**
- **Key Point** – As we examine this passage of Scripture, we observe that a crowded heart slowly becomes a hardened heart. A hardened heart ultimately rejects Christ as Savior.

#### **Memory Verse:**

**Luke 2:7** – 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.

#### **Sermon Challenge**

**The Greatest Gift of All** – This Christmas season, as you are shopping for friends and family, take a moment a buy something extra for a family, a child, a neighbor, or a co-worker that is in need this Christmas. Be sure to tell them that you were inspired to give them a gift because you have been given the greatest gift of all, salvation through Jesus Christ.