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SERIES: CHRISTMAS BREAKTHROUGH
Part 3: MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS

*"At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. 2(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. 4And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5He took with him Mary, his fiancé, who was now obviously pregnant. 6And while they were there, the time came for her Baby to be born. 7She gave birth to her first Child, a Son. She wrapped Him snugly in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manager, because there was no lodging (room) available for them." Luke 2:1-7*

I. Why do we have no _____ for Jesus?

*"There was no room available for them." Luke 2:7c*

A. We don't pay _____ to Jesus

*"But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.... 25'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.'" Luke 24:16, 25 ESV*

*"If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you'd be asking Me for a drink, and I'd give you living water." John 4:10 NLT*

B. Our lives are _____ of _____ things

*"The unspiritual person has no room for the gifts of God's Spirit; to them they are folly; they cannot even recognize them." 1 Corinthians 2:14 NJB*

*4:18-19 MSG; Luke 10:39-42 NLT; Deuteronomy 8:14 MSG*

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C. We do not _____ _____ for God

*"People are too proud to seek God. They do not look for Him; there is no room for God in their thoughts." Psalm 10:4 NCV*

*Isaiah 53:6*

II. What are the _____ for making room for Jesus?

A. To _____ my Creator and _____

*"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. He created everything there is—nothing exists that He didn't make. Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives light to all mankind." John 1:1-4 LB*

*John 3:16; John 1:11-12*

B. To _____ God's _____ for my life

*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27*

*2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18*

III. How to make room for Jesus: _____ Him into your life

*(Jesus) "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together." Revelation 3:20 CEV*

*Psalm 37:5 MSG*

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