

## Sermon Notes – 12.19.2021 – “Let every heart prepare Him room”

Light and life came to dwell with us– But Wasn’t Just the Inn in Bethlehem that had “No Room”

**John 1:4-14** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **6** There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light. **9** There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 3:19** "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

### Preparing a Place in Your Heart for Jesus – Beware of Your Reserve

**Luke 9:57** As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "**I will follow You wherever You go.**" **58** And Jesus said to him, "**The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**" **59** And **He said to another, "Follow Me."** But he said, "**Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.**" **60** But He said to him, "**Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.**" **61** Another also said, "**I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.**" **62** But Jesus said to him, "**No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**"

### Jesus Called Us to come to Himself, to Follow Him

#### I will Receive You – To Bring You to God

**John 14:1-9** "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for **I go to prepare a place for you.** **3** "If I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.** **4** "And you know the way where I am going." **5** Thomas \*said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" **6** Jesus \*said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.** **7** "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." **8** Philip \*said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." **9** Jesus \*said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Jesus Will, “Come Again” to Receive us to Himself.

Jesus Christ Came to Dwell in Our Hearts by Faith / We comprehend what “His own”, did not.

**Ephesians 3:17-19** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

#### It is The Father's Plan for Us to Come to Jesus Christ

**John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

#### Jesus Christ "Will come" to Us in This Life

**John 14:18** "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**Joh 14:23** Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

**Rev 3:20** 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

#### Jesus Christ Will Come to Us Again When this Life is Over

**John 14:3** "... I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

#### Jesus Christ Came from Heaven and was Born into this World in Fulfillment of an Ancient Plan

**2 Corinthians 6:16** Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

#### The Shepherds Heard the Announcement and Came in a Hurry

**Luke 2:10-11** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

This Christmas Season, Let's Nurture that Same Sense of Urgency in Our Desire to Know Him Who Came – Who Also Called Us to Come to Him