

Sermon Notes: Prepare Him Room Week 1

“Our lives are so crowded with trivial things that we leave no room for what matters most. Advent is the annual reminder that Christ does not fit into a heart already full of lesser loves.”
Kevin Deyoung

“Ignorance of providence is the ultimate of all miseries; the highest blessedness lies in the knowledge of it.” John Calvin

“The King of Kings was not wrapped in purple and fine linen but in the common swaddling cloths of the poor. Never was there a condescension so deep as when the eternal Word was made flesh and wrapped as a helpless infant.” JC Ryle

“The sympathy of Jesus is the next best thing to his sacrifice. . . . It has been to me, in seasons of great pain, superlatively comfortable to know that in every pang which racks his people the Lord Jesus has a fellow-feeling.” Charles Spurgeon

“We talk glibly of the ‘Christmas spirit’ but it ought to mean the reproducing in our lives the temper of him who for our sakes became poor at the first Christmas. And the Christmas spirit ought to be the mark of every Christian all the year round.” JI Packer

“Jesus was wrapped in cloths at His birth and wrapped again at His death — because He came to take our place.” Tim Keller

The manger was a sign of:

- Access
- Humility
- Discipleship

“The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught. God became vulnerable so that we could approach Him without terror.” JI Packer

“The manger is our mirror. In the lowly birth of Christ we see the pattern of the life to which we are called — humility and poverty of spirit.” John Calvin

“The example of Christ’s self-emptying is not merely a wonder to admire but a rule to follow.” BB Warfield

“The tragedy of the modern world is the same tragedy of Bethlehem: there is no room for Him. Men and women have room for everything—pleasure, business, ambition—but no room for Christ. The inn of your heart is full, and the King of glory stands outside. Advent calls us to open the door.” Martyn Lloyd Jones