

Sermon Title: "Christmas Vacation"

Series: SoCal Christmas: Where Heaven Meets the Coast

Text: Luke 2:1-7

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Luke 2:7 (NKJV), "And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Truth for Today:

God often uses the very things you didn't <u>choose</u> to lead you exactly where you <u>need</u> to be.

• God doesn't need perfect conditions to do perfect work.

• Christmas is more than a **celebration**. It's an **invitation**.

Bottom Line: Heaven meets us in the <u>real</u>, not just the <u>ideal</u>.

God works <u>through</u> the inconveniences we didn't <u>choose</u>. (Luke 2:1-7 NIV)

What feels like a <u>detour</u> is divine <u>direction</u>.

• The <u>unwanted</u> parts of your life might be the very places God is <u>positioning</u> you.

 God fulfills His promises through <u>circumstances</u> that feel like chaos.

II. God meets us in the **journey**, not just the **destination**.

- Heaven meets us where we <u>are</u>, not where we wish we <u>were</u>.
- God often **forms** us through transitions, not **despite** them.
- The road you never wanted to <u>walk</u> is where God reveals Himself most <u>clearly</u>.



III. Christmas invites us not just to <u>welcome</u> Jesus, but to make <u>room</u> for Him.

• The danger isn't **hostility** toward Jesus. It's **overcrowding**.

• Jesus doesn't ask to fit into our list of **priorities**. He wants to **define** them.

 Making <u>room</u> for Jesus requires intentional <u>margin</u> in our schedules, attention, and hearts.

Application:

1. Make <u>room</u> by <u>identifying</u> what needs to be removed, reduced, or reprioritized this season.

2. Slow down and notice where God is already showing up in your <u>real</u>

life, not the ideal version of it.

3. Create intentional **space** (spiritually, emotionally, and practically) for God to speak, lead, and **interrupt** your plans.

Reflection:

1. Where on your **journey** is God trying to **meet** you?

2. What <u>inconvenience</u> is He using to move you <u>closer</u> to Him?

3. What in your life needs to be <u>cleared</u> out to make <u>room</u> for Him?

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