



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Preparing Room

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### 1. Getting Ready for Christmas

*The hymn "Joy to the World," was written by Isaac Watts. It celebrates the coming of Jesus.*

The English version of the song starts out with: *"Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; **Let every heart prepare Him room,** And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing."*

The line about preparing room is a poetic way to express the need to be ready and open to Jesus in our lives.

### 2. Making Room

**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 guest room available for them."**

Mary laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. This is often used as a call for all people to make room in their hearts and lives for Jesus.

### 3. Hear and open the door of your heart

**Revelation 3:20 - "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."**

This verse is often seen as an invitation to open one's heart and life to Jesus. But shockingly it's also truly a call to people who have grown cold in their relationship to Jesus. This was written as a letter to the Laodicean church — a church that had left Jesus out of their lives.

The Christmas season is one of the best times of the year to share Jesus with everyone. Let's make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus to be Lord of all.