

Have you ever wondered why God made no reservations for Mary and Joseph at the Inn?

You know this birth of Jesus was planned at the beginning of creation. God, the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit knew that Jesus had to come and give himself for the sins of the world.

So since they had planned this so long ago, why would they overlook the importance of having a room reserved for them in the Inn?



And then there's the Star. The Magi, or Wisemen from the east, saw a star rising in the sky, and they knew that a great leader was going to be born. So they came from their countries to see who this NEW King was. Now if God could create a star at the dawn of time that

would shine over the city of Bethlehem at just the right time when Jesus was to be born don't you think God could've made reservations for Mary Joseph in the Inn?

So why didn't God make reservations for Mary and Joseph?

Well, of course then there are the shepherds watching over their sheep in the fields by night. And all of a sudden they are treated to this incredible Christmas concert, the very first of its kind and they are the honored guests. Normally this kind of choral entitlement is reserved for people who have donated huge sums of money to the colleges where the choirs are performing, but in this case, these shepherds had done nothing to deserve such distinction. They were simply doing their job out in the field. They were doing it in the field by night partly because nobody liked to be around these second class citizens.

Shepherds were not the kind of people you wanted to grow up to be. The Pharisees had marked them down as the kind of people who could never be good enough for the Messiah so they're taken off the guest list of those distinguished people whose decent behavior would be necessary for the Messiah to come to earth.

But the Shepherd's are specifically sung to by the Angels and given this clear promise. "For unto you is born this day a savior. He is born for you! For you undeserving shepherds. So go to Bethlehem and find there the child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. This is Christ, your Messiah, your Lord."

And they went.

And when they got to the stable, they saw the baby in the manger, and they were astonished that it was just as the angels had told them.

And even Mary, the mother of Jesus, was encouraged by the message that the shepherds brought her which the angels had announced to them that night.

So the Shepherd's showed up ... an undeserving group of men to be in the presence of the most holy God. And they believed the one was born "for you...for them!"

And now you know the reason why God didn't make reservations in the inn. You know how the inn would have rejected the shepherds or anyone else who wasn't good enough.

God wanted the world to know that it was people like the shepherds who are welcome in the presence of his only begotten Son

And this is why God didn't make reservations..., because God has no reservations about you or anyone else being welcomed in the presence of Jesus Christ.