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“NOT WELCOME HERE?”

Back in the 1700s, the manager of a large hotel in Baltimore refused lodging to a man who was dressed like a modest farmer. To his horror, he later discovered that the man he had turned away was none other than Thomas Jefferson, the Vice President of the United States! He immediately sent a note to Jefferson asking him to return to the hotel and be his guest, but Jefferson declined.

That story reminds us of the birth of the Lord Jesus. We are told that Mary, ***“laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7)***. If only the innkeeper of Bethlehem had realised just who it was that he had ‘no room’ for! Friend, is that like you too? Do you have no room for Christ in your life? Will you not accept ***“our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory” (James 2:1)*** as your Saviour, this Christmas?