

Welcome What Comes



"And she laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7)

FOR TODAY: Christmas Eve carries hopes for perfect moments, yet the first Christmas was far from ideal — a displaced couple, no proper lodging, & makeshift arrangements! Their story shows how meaning emerges in *imperfect settings*. Whether you're with others or alone, in familiar places or temporary ones, your Christmas Eve is valid. Profound moments often come when we are open to "what is", rather than struggling with what "should be."

→ **Reflection:** Can you welcome this evening exactly as it is, knowing that sacred moments can come in unexpected ways?

SACRED MOMENTS: Jesus's birth shows God working through the unexpected. "No room in the Inn" became the perfect space for divine love to enter our world. God doesn't need perfect conditions — God's divine presence transforms humble moments into holy ones. Mary's acceptance teaches that welcoming what comes opens us to God's presence in surprising ways.

→ **Practice:** Whatever your circumstances tonight, whisper "Welcome" to each moment, remembering that divine love can be born in unexpected places.