

Supporting Christian Unity in the Alfred Community



Did you ever wonder why Jesus was born in a stable?

He should have been born in the Palace in Jerusalem because he was born King of the Jews:

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

But the Shepherds would not have been welcomed to visit him in the palace.

He could have been born in the Holiest place in the temple because he was the Messiah and he was without sin.

"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born." Matthew 2:3,4

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:5

But no Gentiles would have been able to visit him in the temple. The wise men were Gentiles the Temple would have kept them out.

But why a stable? Because anyone who wanted to could come visit him in a stable. The only people who could not come to a stable are the proud people. They wouldn't lower themselves to come to an ordinary, dirty stable.

It's the same way today. Anyone can come to Jesus that will humble themselves and recognize their need for him.

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." 1 John 1:10-12

So what about you? Are you proud enough to trust your own goodness to get to you to heaven or are you humble enough to come to the stable? ~ Contributed by P.S.