



MYSTERY #3:

WHERE WILL A PRINCE BE BORN?

Jesus is the Son of God. He could have been born in a palace to a royal family. Instead, He was born in Bethlehem, another working class town. It was full of people, due to a census that required everyone to return to their tribal headquarters. Donkeys bray. Horses neigh. Mary is being pushed about in the crowds as she feels that it is time for her child to be born. Uh oh! NOW WHAT??

1. The inn is completely filled. The innkeeper says the young couple can stay in the barn if they're really desperate. They are!
2. Mary gives birth to her baby. She has no baby clothes, so she wraps him in rags.
3. She lays him in a farm-animal feeding trough called a manger because she has no crib or cradle.
4. Out in the fields, shepherds are watching over their sheep at night. Being a shepherd is considered a dusty and dirty job. Nobody wants it. Shepherds have to sleep outdoors with their animals.
5. An angel appears to the shepherds. They have never seen anything like this. They are petrified!
6. But the angel tells them not to be afraid. He says he comes with good news that will cause great joy for all the people. He says that today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to them. He says they will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.
7. A huge choir of angels appears. They praise God and sing about His goodness.
8. The shepherds decide to go to Bethlehem and see what this is all about.
9. There, they find Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, just like the angel predicted.

QUESTION

Which is true?

- a. Mary had baby clothes b. Mary had a crib c. Mary was freezing cold
d. There was no room at the inn

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Question: If Jesus was the Prince of Peace, why wasn't He born in a palace to royal parents?

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