



# Season's Greetings

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"And she gave birth to her first born son  
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no room for them in the inn."  
Luke 2:7

Incredible isn't it,  
that the holy son of God,  
who was born to save us from sin and death  
offering us the gift of salvation,  
was wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and laid in a common feed trough  
(because there was no room in the inn).

The humble surroundings  
are quite a contrast  
to the holy happenings.

And yet, isn't that pretty much the way it is with life?  
Into our common everyday experiences  
God shares with us holy happenings  
which assure us of his love.  
Even though we experience a bit of the stable  
in all aspects of our lives  
doesn't the love we share with family...  
the friendship we enjoy with friends...  
the fellowship we experience in worship...  
all point us to the holy happenings  
of God's gracious love?

During Christmas tide  
as we celebrate with family and friends,  
let us remember that this is but one of the gifts  
God shares with us in love.

A far greater gift  
is the child  
in the manger  
in a stable.