

JESUS IN A MANGER



Luke 2:7 She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

This carved stone art of baby Jesus lying in a manger is displayed in a Greek museum.

This scene of the infant Jesus enhances my appreciation of God's grace in the following ways:

- 1. Humility — Jesus is God and king of kings but was born in a lowly environment. He should be in the most luxurious palace and be served by many. But He did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).*
- 2. Harsh life — Jesus was born and lived a life on earth harsher than yours and mine. Thus, He knows and understands what we are going through on earth. (see Hebrews 2:17-18)*
- 3. The situation on earth does not change our identities — Jesus is the son of God, and we are children of God. Our identity never changes regardless one is rich or poor, healthy or sick, young or old, etc. Thank God for His grace once we have repented and accepted Jesus as our savior.*

