



# ADVENT PREPARATIONS

First Week:

PREPARE  
YOUR HOME

*Luke 2:1-7*

**Advent** is a spiritual journey of hope and anticipation that invites us to come together as a family in order to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

## Luke 2:1-3

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

## Luke 2:4-5

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

## Luke 2:6-7

6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the *kataluma*.

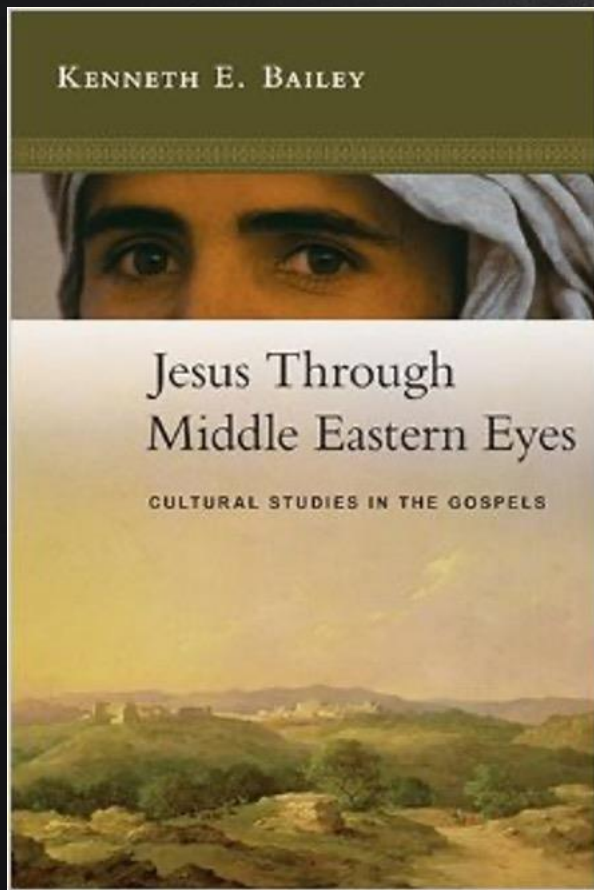
*“The Samaritan went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’” (Luke 10:34-35)*

*“Jesus said to them, ‘See, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.’”*

*(Luke 22:10-12)*

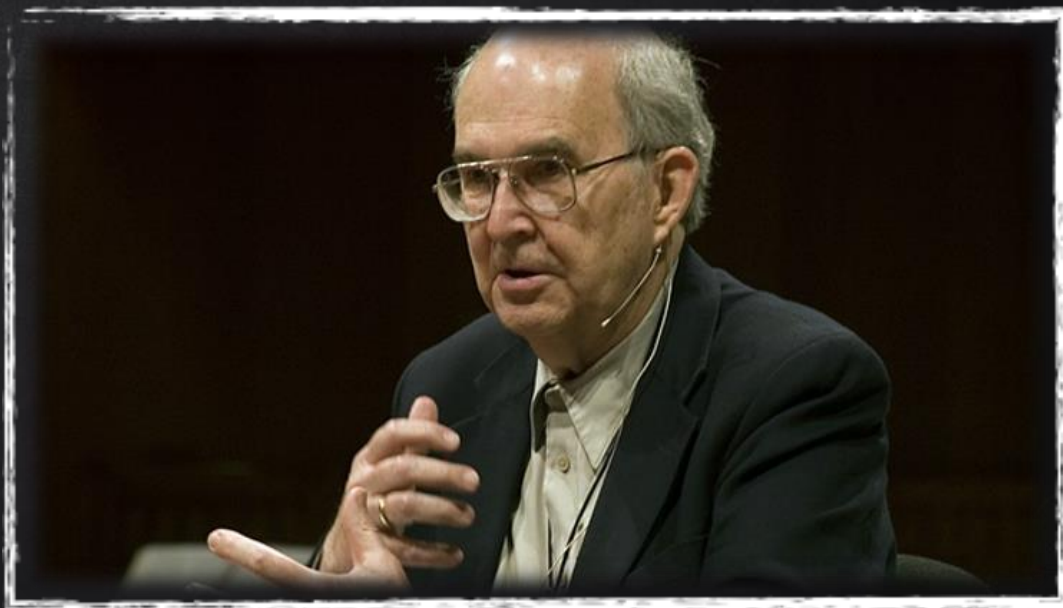
*A kataluma is a guest room in a private home.*

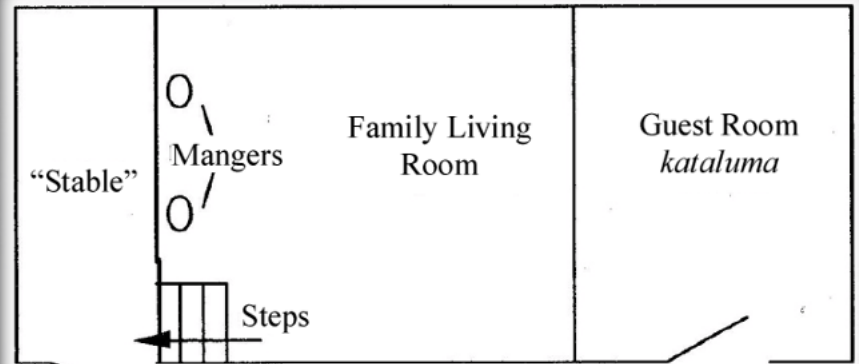
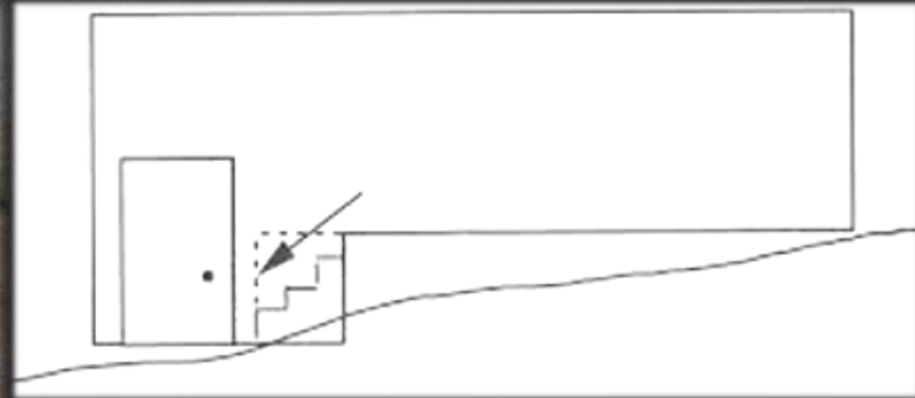




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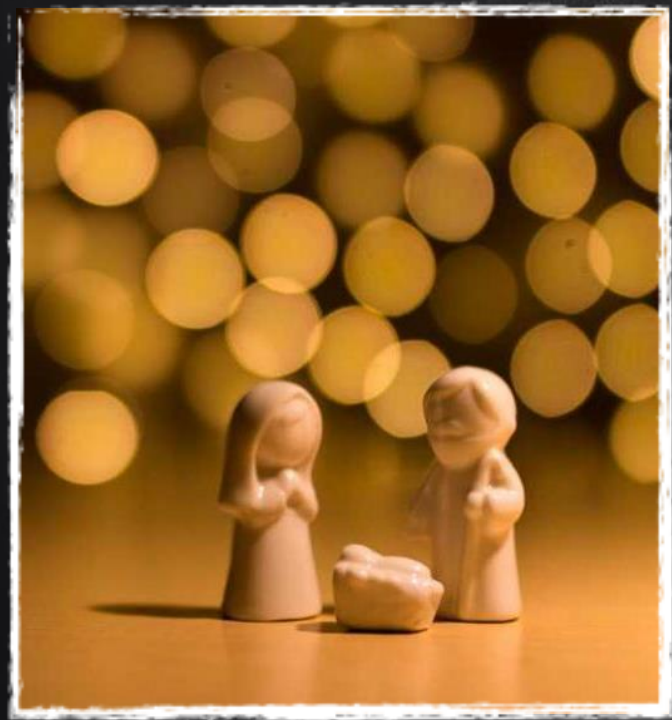


*Typical village home in Palestine with attached guest room*

PREPARE HIM

R O O M

The image features a central scene of a stable at night. The stable is a simple wooden structure with a gabled roof, and its interior is brightly lit, creating a warm glow. Two small silhouettes of people are visible inside the stable, one appearing to be kneeling or sitting on the ground while the other stands nearby. The stable is set against a dark, starry night sky. A single, very bright star is positioned at the top center of the frame, casting a soft light. The overall composition is framed by a white, slightly distressed border.



This Advent let's  
prepare...

- With  
intentionality



This Advent let's  
prepare...

- In simplicity



This Advent let's  
prepare...

- In a spirit of  
intimacy and  
openness

A night scene with a starry sky. A bright star is visible in the upper center. Below the text, there is a silhouette of a stable with a gabled roof. Inside the stable, two figures are visible, one appearing to be kneeling or sitting on the ground, and another standing. The scene is framed by a white border.

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