

Christmas Is Messy | Christmess, Pt. 3

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Pastor Debbie Fischer ~ December 16th & 17th, 2023

This Christmas...

1. When situations get messy –

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire...All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home...He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. [Luke 2:1-5 \(NLT\)](#)

...but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them. [Luke 2:19 \(LB\)](#)

2. When relationships get messy –

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ...Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." [Luke 1:28-31, 34 \(NLT\)](#)

Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. [Luke 2:14 \(NLT\)](#)

Do your best to live in peace with everyone. [Romans 12:18 \(NCV\)](#)

God places the lonely in families. [Psalms 68:6 \(NLT\)](#)

3. When religion gets messy –

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. [John 1:14 \(MSG\)](#)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. [John 1:12 \(NLT\)](#)

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Mon—[Matthew 1](#)//**Tue**—[Matthew 2](#)

Wed—[Luke 1:1-25](#)//**Thu**—[Luke 1:26-56](#)

Fri—[Luke 1:57-80](#)//**Sat/Sun**—[Luke 2](#) & [John 1:1-18](#)

Join us online or in-person next week for one of our special Candlelight Christmas Eve services:

Friday, December 22 @ **7:30 pm**

Saturday, December 23 @ **5:30 pm & 7:15 pm**

Sunday, December 24 @ **10:30 am, 12:15 pm & 11 pm**