

Too Messy
Series: A Messy Christmas
Sermon: Even They Rejected Him
November 29, 2015

1. When do you put up your Christmas tree?
2. Do you consider the Christmas season “messy”?
3. What words come to mind that describe Jesus at Christmas?
4. The theme for the fall has been “TOO Messy”. How would you describe what you have learned from this series?
5. Read Matthew 1:18, 2:13, 8:20, 11:19, 12:10, 12:24, 13:55-56, 17:27, 20:18-19. When Jesus chose to come to earth, what was messy about his life here on earth?
6. Have you had any messy experiences like Jesus did? How did those experiences affect you?
7. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus experienced many messy things like you have? Read Hebrews 2:18, and 4:15-16
8. Read Isaiah 7:14. 53:1-12. These and other prophecies foretold about Jesus' messy life. Does it surprise you that people would reject Jesus during his life and ministry on earth in light of these prophecies?
9. Why was the cross the messiest thing Jesus, the Messiah, could do?
10. Read John 1:1-12. In this passage, the “Word” mentioned in verses 1-4 is Jesus. Since Jesus is God and Creator, does it surprise you that his creation would treat him in such a messy way?
11. “Jesus didn’t lean into a nice world so that he can make it nicer. He came into a broken world, an extraordinarily messy world to offer life – real life – to the dying.” This statement from the sermon summarizes the overarching theme as to why it was a messy Christmas for Jesus. What is one take away you have from this sermon?