



Born in a Barn: Week 3 — “Jesus’ Messy Friends”

CONNECT: Who is the friend that makes you laugh the most? What makes them so funny?

GROW:

1. Read **Luke 2:1-20**. Everything surrounding the birth of Jesus was messy, especially the first friends to meet Jesus—the shepherds. Why do you think God chose the shepherds for this privilege?
2. We are all messy. What kind of “mess” were you in when you met Jesus? How have you seen Him cleaning up your mess since then?
3. Read **Luke 7:34**.
 - a. Jesus was often accused of being friends with messy people. Can you think of any other examples of Jesus associating with messy people? Of those people, who do you relate to the most?
 - b. How often are you accused of being friends with messy people? Is it difficult for you to befriend people far from God? Why or why not?
4. Read **Luke 23:39-43**. Until His final breath, Jesus sought out sinners. What does it look like to extend grace like this, even in our weakest moments?

PRAY: Spend time praying for the lost and messy people in your life. Ask God to grow you in grace for messy people.

NEXT: Read **Matthew 28:18-20**, and then... GO! Take the challenge to go to someone you know (who doesn't already have a church home) this week and invite them to our Christmas Eve service!