



**Bible study for the week starting December 19, 2021
Jesus Saves Christmas from Perfectionism**

SHARE

1. What's the best, most perfect Christmas you ever had? What's the worst, most imperfect Christmas you ever had? Which one was more memorable?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Revisit the Christmas story in Luke 1 and 2. What about this story reflects the perfect plan of God, and what about it reflects the imperfection of this world?
3. Read Isaiah 46:3-10. Christmas is an example of something God had been promising for almost 4,000 years before it actually happened, and it happened with the most intricate of planning. What are the implications for your life to know you worship the God who "declares the end from the beginning"?
4. Read Romans 8:31-37. God never denies the extreme brokenness of this creation. As Paul paints a realistic picture of real life, what are the promises of God (you might read more of Romans 8)?
5. Read John 10:22-33. God's promise is "no one can snatch them out of my hand." What reassurance does this give when everything around us seems to be going wrong?

PRAY

6. Problems never take a holiday. In fact, they are often amplified during this season. Share what's going on and pray for/with one another.



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John 10:22-33

December 19, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“I’m going to go full ‘CLARK GRISWOLD’ this Christmas.”

The birth of Jesus happened in the perfect way:

“...When the FULLNESS of time had come, God sent forth His Son...” -Galatians 4:4

“[God the Father] chose us in [our Lord Jesus Christ] before the FOUNDATION of the world, that we should be HOLY and BLAMELESS before Him.” -Ephesians 1:4

“I am God...declaring the END from the BEGINNING...” -Is. 46:10

However, there was nothing PERFECT about that first Christmas.

Only hindsight can show us how WONDERFULLY messy the birth of Jesus was.

Jesus wants to come over, INVITE Him in!

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will SNATCH them out of my HAND.” -John 10:28

1. Confront your IDOLS
2. Acknowledge something will go WRONG
3. Look for God to “BLESS this MESS”

“If God is FOR us, who can be AGAINST us?” -Romans 8:31

In the quest for perfectionism, we are people trying to make ourselves GOD. At Christmas, we celebrate God who made Himself MAN for us.