

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

Not Very “Christmassy”

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

John 1:14,16

The Gospel reading for Christmas Day from John 1 may not seem very “Christmassy.” It doesn’t mention a manger or angels or shepherds. But it focuses on the heart of God’s plan of salvation for the human race. The eternal Word of God took on human flesh and blood and came to dwell with us, in order to share with us the fullness of God’s love and grace and truth.

We have likely enjoyed countless Christmas services and celebrations with our family and church family. But this past Christmas was different. There was no candlelight service or family celebration. But like Mary, we pondered the birth of our Savior, and treasured him in our hearts. Throughout our life, we have received from him grace upon grace. And that is all we need.

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Blessed Jesus, fill our hearts and homes with your love and grace. Amen.

Reflect: Let your Christmas celebration focus on the gift of our Savior.

Read: John 1:1-18 and Romans 6:23