

Luke 2:22-33 Samuel Nicholson

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, December 23 Sunday, December 26

Jesus Presented at the Temple (NASB)	noles
²² And when the days for their purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord: "EVERY FIRSTBORN MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what has been stated in the Law of the Lord: "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG DOVES."	
Mary and Joseph are going to Jerusalem (v22-24) - Mary is purified over forty days (Leviticus 12:1-5) - Jesus belongs to God as the firstborn son (Exodus 13:2, 11-16) - Jesus is to be dedicated to serving God (1 Samuel 1:24-28)	
Mary and Joseph take time to honor God ²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law.	
Simeon is also going to Jerusalem (v25-28) - Simeon is righteous and devout - Simeon is looking forward to Israel's consolation - The Holy Spirit is upon Simeon - Simeon has been promised that he will live to see the Messiah	

Simeon is dedicated to following God's purposes ²⁸ then he took Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹ "Now, Lord, You are letting Your bondservant depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples: ³² A light for revelation for the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." ³³ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.	notes
Simeon's Blessing (v29-33) - Statement of Praise: "You are letting your servant depart in peace" (v29) - Jesus is confirmed as the Messiah: "My eyes have seen your salvation" (v30) - A new vision of salvation: "You have prepared salvation for all people"	
Now that Jesus is here	
We know true peace.	
- "You are letting Your bond-servant depart in peace"	
We know God is concerned about fufilling His promises. - Christian faith is based on a promised that was fulfilled in the past, affecting the present, giving us hope towards the future.	
We encounter our purpose, to point to the	
Messiah. - As long as we live, God has a plan for our lives.	
"Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord." - C.S. Lewis	

CDOUD DISCUSSION		
Prayer Requests:	GROUP DISCUSSION	

Read out Loud: Luke 2:22-33

- 1. What was your favorite Christmas tradition growing up?
- 2. Between Luke 2:22-40, the phrase "the Law of the Lord" is used five times. What does this suggest to you about Mary and Joseph's parenting of Jesus?
- 3. Why was Simeon used to bless Mary, Joseph and Jesus? What makes him significant in this story?
- 4. God is proven to be concerned about our world through Jesus being born. Why might someone believe God to be impersonable, and how might this passage counter that belief?