

Series: The Actors of Advent

Text: Luke 2:22-38

Main Idea: The wait is over, Salvation has come.

Title/Hook: The Wait Is Over

Date: 12/24/23

Purpose: To proclaim that Jesus is the long-awaited salvation promised to Israel but offered to all peoples who put their faith in Him. To call listeners to faith in Christ and salvation. To encourage Christians with the comforting reality that God is faithful and always keeps His promises.

FCF/COR: God promises and acts according to the purpose of His will and in His sovereign timing which are often a mystery to us and require us to wait.

Christ Trajectory: Christ is salvation (v. 30)

Apologetic:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:2

Benediction: Revelation 1:5-6

Structure: Deductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): What did Simeon and Anna say about Mary and Joseph's baby?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): He was the long awaited Christ who would bring salvation and redemption to Israel and the Gentiles.

Exegetical Main Idea: Simeon and Anna said that Mary and Joseph's baby was the long awaited Christ who would bring salvation and redemption to Israel and the Gentiles.

Theological Main Idea: Jesus was the long awaited Christ who would bring salvation to Israel and to all the peoples.

Homiletical Main Idea: The wait is over, Salvation has come.

Outline:

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1. Israel was waiting for their promised salvation (vv. 22-26, 38b)

Isaiah 40:1 - Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Isaiah 46:13 - ¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.”

Isaiah 9:6-7 - ⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

2. Jesus Christ is the promised salvation (vv. 27-32, 36-38a)

Genesis 12:3 - ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Picture: Simeon’s Moment by Ron Dicianni

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Ephesians 1:3-10 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that

we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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3. Some reject and some receive the promised salvation (vv. 33-35)

John 1:11-12 - ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 - ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 3:16-17 - ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Quote – J.C. Ryle – “What thoughts does He call forth in our hearts? This is the inquiry which ought to receive our attention. Are we for Him, or are we against Him? Do we love Him, or do we neglect Him? Do we stumble at His doctrine, or do we find it life from the dead? Let us never rest until these questions are satisfactorily answered.”

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