



THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 19/25

Jesus Arrives:
The Promise Kept

Today's Chapter...

While there were many in Israel that turned their back on God during His silence, there were some that waited patiently for God to break the silence and fulfill his promise of a Christ – a Messiah – that would save them all...



Today's Scripture:

Luke 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 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. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."



The Story: Jesus Arrives

- **Simeon was one of the many people who patiently awaited the arrival of the Messiah.**
- **God saw Simeon's great faith, and blessed Him with a promise – he would not die until he met the Messiah.**
- **When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, the Holy Spirit revealed that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah!**
- **Not only did God reveal that Jesus would be the Messiah, He revealed what it meant for Jesus to be the Messiah – that He would bring salvation to all people, regardless of who they were!**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- The Bible is filled with promises God has made us, but God does everything in His time, not ours.**
- When we talk about having faith in God, a big part of that means trusting that God will keep His promises, even if it doesn't happen as fast as we want it to!**
- When we wait on God, we don't have to be afraid
 - God keeps His promises!****



GOD IS...

God is faithful. That means that God keeps every promise He ever makes. It might take a long time, and it might not happen the way we expect, but when God promises something, He never breaks that promise!

Reflection Questions

1. Who was patient in waiting on God to fulfill His promise of the Messiah?

Simeon.

2. What did it mean that Jesus is the Messiah?

It means that He would bring salvation to all people!

3. What does it mean that God is faithful?

It means that God keeps every promise He ever makes.

Challenge Question: How will you wait on God this week?