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## 40 Days After Christmas

Luke 2:21-38

### I. Mary and Joseph Followed the Laws of Purification (vv. 21-24)

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (v. 21)

[Gen. 17:9-14; Rom. 2:28-29; Acts 7:51; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11]

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary (v. 22)

[Lev. 12:1-4]

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Law of the Lord

(vv. 23-24) [Ex. 13:1-2; Lev. 12:6-8]

### II. Simeon Anticipated the Consolation of Israel (vv. 25-35)

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ and Spirit-led man in the midst of a dark time

(vv. 25-27)

B. A \_\_\_\_\_ of praise showing extraordinary faith

(vv. 28-32)

C. A \_\_\_\_\_ that will bring forth both joy and heartache

(vv. 33-35)

### III. Anna Thanked God and Spoke of the Redemption of Jerusalem

(vv. 36-38)

A. Anna was a prophetess who \_\_\_\_\_ her life to the Lord

(vv. 36-37)

B. Anna was an active \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel

(v. 39)

### TAKE HOME

- Have you \_\_\_\_\_ the circumcision of Christ this Christmas?
- Are you ready to now \_\_\_\_\_ from this world or is there something else you are wanting to see?
- How can you better \_\_\_\_\_ out about both the comfort and redemption Christ provides?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Luke 2:21. Why was Jesus circumcised? What was the point of circumcision in the Old Testament? (Gen. 17:9-14) What did this point to in the New Testament? (Rom. 2:28-29; Acts 7:51; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11)

2. Read Luke 2:22. What was the purification of Mary all about? (Lev. 12:1-4). Why was this important?

3. Read Luke 2:23-24. What was this redemption all about? (Ex. 13:1-2; Lev. 12:6-8) Why was it important that Mary and Joseph did this with Jesus?

4. Read Luke 2:25-27. How was Simeon a breath of fresh air? What was the consolation He was waiting on?

5. Read Luke 2:28-32. Which part of this hymn of praise impacts you the most? Why?

6. Read Luke 2:33-35. What was the joy and heartache that Mary would experience? How do you also experience joys and heartaches as a Christian as you live out your faith?

7. Read Luke 2:36-38. What do you think is the most interesting about Anna? What can you learn from her example?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this Christmas based on this passage?

*“Poverty, it is manifest, was our Lord's portion upon earth, from the days of His earliest infancy. He was nursed and tended as a babe — by a poor woman. He passed the first thirty years of His life on earth — under the roof of a poor man. We need not doubt that He ate a poor man's food, and wore a poor man's apparel, and worked a poor man's work, and shared in all a poor man's troubles. Such condescension is truly marvelous. Such an example of humility surpasses man's understanding.”*

- J.C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on Luke