



## **Luke 2:21-40**

### The Post-Christmas Testimonies

- I. Introduction:** Luke records for us the experiences of Mary and Joseph after the birth of Jesus, when He was dedicated to the Lord, and those who testified about Him.
  
- II. The Post-Christmas Testimonies (Luke 2:21-40).**
  - A. The Presentation of Messiah (vv. 21-24).**
    - 1. Joseph and Mary circumcised Jesus as good, observant Jewish parents, and then they took Him to the temple for dedication to the Lord.
  
  - B. The Prophecy of Salvation (vv. 25-32)**
    - 1. Simeon was a faithful man who was waiting for the Messiah, and he had the privilege of dedicating Jesus and prophesying that He would bring salvation.
  
  - C. The Prediction of Separation (vv. 33-35).**
    - 1. Simeon then predicts that Jesus would cause division in Israel, as some would believe in Him and others would be opposed to Him.
  
  - D. The Praise of Redemption (vv. 36-40)**
    - 1. While Simeon was predicting Jesus' future, a widow named Anna came and began praising God for His plan of redemption.
  
- III. Conclusion:** Those who heard of Jesus testified about Him to everyone they knew, telling them of His greatness and praising God for His work of salvation.



## **Questions About: The Post-Christmas Testimonies**

1. What happens when Christmas is over? What testimonies came after the Christmas story? **(Luke 2:21-40)** Why are these testimonies about Jesus important? **(Deut 19:15)**
2. What did Mary and Joseph do after Jesus was born? **(Luke 2:21-24)** Why did they bring Jesus to the temple? **(vv. 22-24)** Why did they need to present Jesus to the Lord? **(v. 22)**
3. How long were the days of Mary's purification? **(Lev 12:2-5)** What did their sacrifice tell us about Mary and Joseph? **(Lev 12:1-8)** What was their religious duty to God? **(Ex 13:1-12)**
4. Who was Simeon? **(Luke 2:25-35)** How did Simeon know that he would see the Messiah before he died? **(v. 26)** What did it mean that he had seen God's salvation? **(v. 30)**
5. Why did Simeon say he could die satisfied? **(Luke 2:25-35)** What did Simeon reveal about God's plan of redemption? **(v. 32)** Why would this have been surprising to the Jews?
6. What did Simeon predict about Jesus' reception? **(Luke 2:33-35)** How would Jesus lead to the falling and rising of many in Israel? **(v. 34)** How would a sword pierce Mary's soul? **(v. 35)**
7. Who was Anna? **(Luke 2:36-38)** Where did she live during her life? **(v. 37)** How did she minister before the Lord? **(v. 37)** How did she testify about Jesus' identity? **(v. 38)**
8. What are we to do after Christmas? **(Matt 28:19-20)** How are we to live in anticipation of Jesus like these saints? How will Jesus save humanity? **(Ezek 36:24-28)** Who should we tell?

### **Prayer**

1. Pray that God would help you to testify about what Jesus has done in your life.
2. Ask God to help you to live in anticipation of Jesus' return so you might better serve Him.