

Sermon Scripture Passage: Luke 2:22-38

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 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. 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 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, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Scripture References:

Galatians 4:4-6 - 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Isaiah 25:7-8 – On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

Joel 2:28-29 – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – December 25th 2022
The Big Story of the Bible: Part Two #5 – Luke 2:22-38 – The Peace of Jesus

Question: Have you ever had a surprise encounter when coming to church?

Luke 2:22-38 Joseph & Mary bring Jesus to the Jerusalem temple at ___ days old:

2:22-24 The offering for the _____ dates back to Exodus and the _____ on Egypt

Galatians 4: – Jesus would be both born of _____ and raised under the OT _____.

2:25-28 Simeon was waiting for the _____ of Israel, see Isaiah 40:1

2:29-32 is called the *Nunc Dimittis* (Latin) – Read in the walk from church to the _____

Isaiah 25:7-8 – What is “*the shroud that enfolds all peoples?*”

How would Jesus, remove the disgrace of His People, and so bring glory to the people of Israel?

2:33-35 *What would be the sword that pierces the soul of Mary?*

2:36-38 *Is it significant that Anna is from the tribe of Asher?*

Joel 2 How does this event highlight the prophecy in Joel 2?

your sons and your daughters shall _____,

your _____ men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the _____ and _____ servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

In this passage the temple building is useful, but it is the Holy Spirit that engineers this meeting where Simeon and Anna come to behold Jesus. How might that apply here at EGCC?

Answers for the blanks:

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- Firstborn
- Plagues
- Woman
- Law
- Consolation – Isaiah 40:1 – Comfort, comfort my people...
- Graveyard
- Isaiah 25 – death / mortality shrouds all people
- Salvation for all would come through Israel, the Jews
- Her son would be given by God as the ultimate sacrifice
- Yes, I think – a sign that the northern tribes of Israel were not really lost
- Prophecy
- Old
- Male and female
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