

Luke 2:25 (NLT)

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

Luke 2:25–26 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Luke 2:27–28 (NLT)

²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

Luke 2:29–32 (NLT)

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared for all people. ³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Holding GOD in his ARMS

1 Kings 19

→ **Christmas is God's Gift of Salvation**
wrapped in swaddling clothes. Unknown

There is something more important than
man walking on the moon, and that is
God, walking on the earth! JErwin

Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.
For the child within her **was conceived BY the Holy Spirit.** ²¹ And she will have **a SON**,
and you are **to name Him Jesus**,
for **He will SAVE His** people from their sins.

Old Testament Law Required... LASN

- **CIRCUMCISION** on the Eighth day
- **PURIFICATION** of Mother
- **REDEMPTION** of first Born

22 When the time of **their purification** according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary **took Him to Jerusalem to PRESENT Him to the Lord**

Jesus's Parents...

- **OBEYED** the angel Gabriel
- **KNEW** God's Word
- **HONORED** God's Word
- **OBEYED** God's Word

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do NOT merely listen to the WORD,
and so deceive yourselves.

DO what it says.

SIMEON WAS...

- **RIGHTEOUS**
- **DEVOUT**
- Eagerly **WAITING** for the Messiah
- Holy Spirit was **UPON** him
- **GUIDED** by Holy Spirit

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called **Simeon, who was Righteous and Devout.** He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to **ALL who have longed for His appearing.**

Those Who **LONG** for His Coming...

- Are Focused on what God **WANTS**
- Eagerly **PURSUE** a Closer Walk with Jesus
- Keep **SHORT** Accounts
- Spend Time With those who **Know the Lord**
- **Share the Good News** so Others can **Know** Jesus

Jesus did **NOT** come to **make bad people good** - God sent Jesus so that those who were **DEAD** could be made **ALIVE**. Unknown

Three Word Pictures

➤ **STONE** - Rise and Fall of Many

Luke 20:17-18 (NIV) Jesus looked directly at them and asked, Then what is the meaning of that which is written: **The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone?**

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 (NIV)

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but **we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,**

²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

➤ **SIGN** - spoken against

John 12:37 (NIV) Even after Jesus had done all these **miraculous signs** in their presence, they still **would NOT believe in Him.**

➤ **SWORD** - Pierce Mary's soul

Luke 1:48 (NIV) ...From now on **ALL generations**
will CALL me blessed...

Luke 2:34-35

...This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. **And a sword WILL pierce your own soul too.**

Jesus Came... ... DPlatt

- to a **VIRGIN** mother
- to an **ADOPTIVE** father
- to a **FALLEN** world

Jesus is...

- the SON of Man **Fully Human**
- the SON of GOD **Fully Divine**

Jesus Reaffirmed that...

- God is the **CREATOR** and Sustainer of all things
- God is Always **FAITHFUL** to His Word
- God is **TRANSCENDENT** over us

Simeon said Jesus became THE...

- **CORNERSTONE** the most important stone for those who **BELIEVED** Him
- **ROCK of JUDGMENT** for those who **REJECTED** Him