



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE

08 – Finding in the Temple





RECAP FROM LECTURE 07



1. Mary's Perpetual Virginity points to the Garden of Eden and the Tabernacle
2. Angels do not sing in Scripture
3. The importance of hearing and seeing with the eyes of faith
4. The manger foreshadows the Cross and the Eucharist, bread of life
5. Jesus is consecrated a priest according to the New Covenant – the actions of Mary and Joseph foreshadow Jesus' obedience.





PLAN OF THIS STUDY

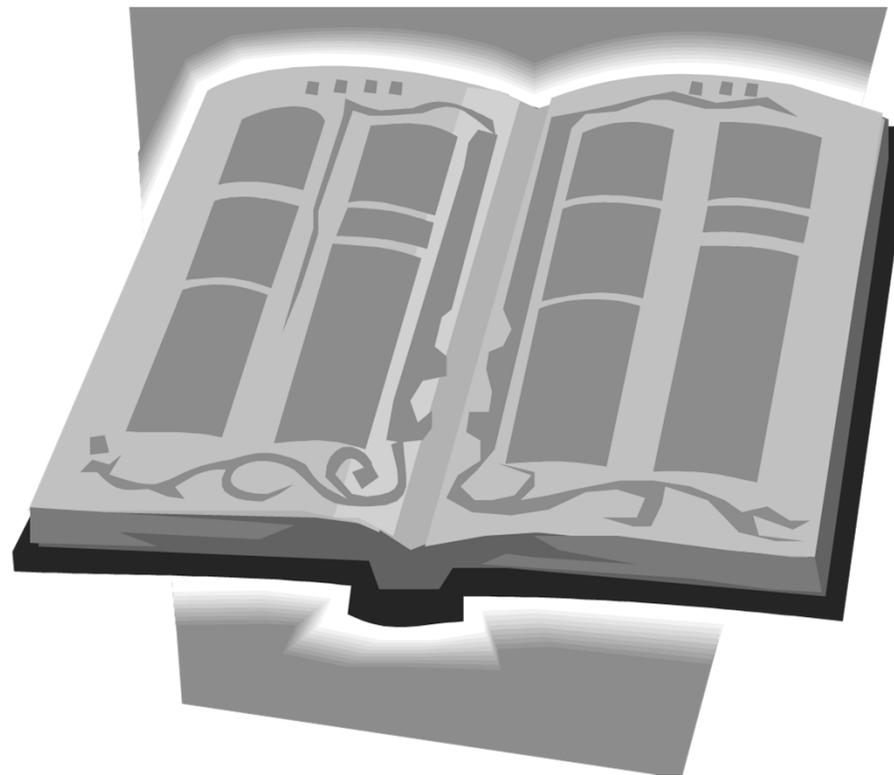


1. Reading of Luke 2:29-52 and John 2:1-11
2. Simeon's Blessing
3. Anna's Prophecy
4. Losing Jesus
5. Finding Jesus
6. Return to Nazareth
7. Cana





OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO LUKE 2:25-52





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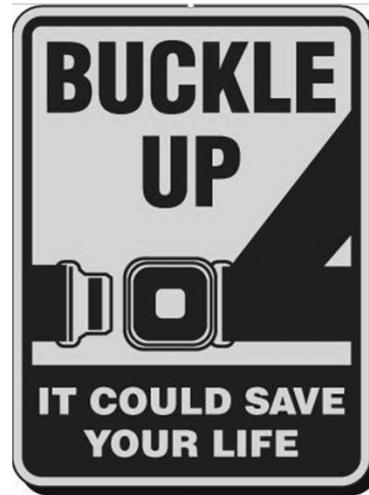
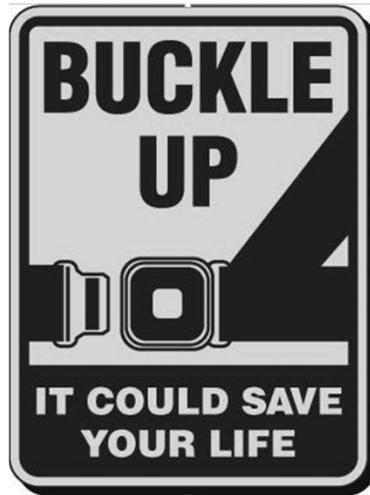
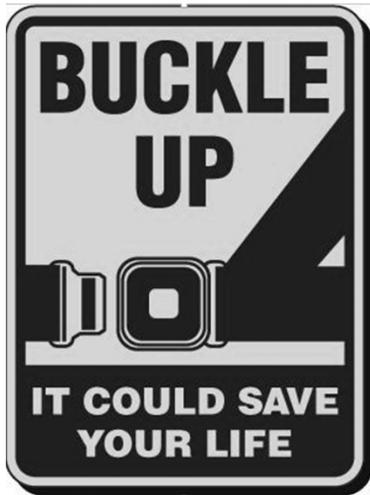


JOHN 2:7-11



8. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it.
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- Simeon – possible diminutive of Shmael “The Lord hears”
- He was the watchman and now his watching has come to an end.
- Consolation of Israel: *Naham* or ‘Consolation’ was a traditional idea associated with the Messiah, God’s ‘Anointed Comforter’.
- Simeon recognizes Christ despite the circumstances which run counter to current Jewish Messianism.
- Father and Mather: It is understood that Joseph has assumed legal parenthood of Jesus.
- Simeon’s canticles closes the Church’s day. It starts where the Benedictus leaves off: a Light shines in the darkness.





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- Simeon sees further than Zachary: salvation is prepared not only for Israel but for all nations, according to the promise to Abraham. The canticle echoes the words of the Old Testament:
 - Gen 15:15: You, however, shall join your forefathers in peace; you shall be buried at a contented old age.
 - Gen 46:30: And Israel said to Joseph, "At last I can die, now that I have seen for myself that Joseph is still alive."
 - Tob 3:6: "So now, deal with me as you please, and command my life breath to be taken from me..."
 - Is 9:2: You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils.
 - Is 42:6: I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations,
 - Is 49:6: It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
 - Is 52:10: The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.





- What is the meaning of the sword piercing Mary's heart:
 - The parenthetical nature of the verse is awkward. Why not saying before or after? Why in the middle?
 - A sword shall pierce through your own soul → Irony – Her own thoughts will not be revealed; instead, the thoughts of many shall be revealed. How does this work?
 - Related to the Dogma of Perpetual Virginity: What the Lord has shut let no one closes and what the Lord opens let no one shut
 - Because it is proximately causative → Ezekiel's vision of the water welling from the Temple
- Revealed to whom?
 - God does not need our thoughts to be revealed to him.
 - At the Final Judgment, the good and bad deeds of men are revealed
 - God's mercy allows our thoughts to be revealed to us → confession, Mary Mother of Mercy and Seat of Wisdom leads us to Jesus





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- Phanuel – Face of God / Vision of God
- Tribe of Asher: Asher is the second son of Zilpah, Leah’s maidservant (Gen 30:12)
- Jacob in his testament (Gen 49:20) says of Asher that “his produce is rich, he shall furnish dainties for kings.”
- In Deuteronomy 33:24-25, Moses blesses Asher thus: “More blessed than the other sons be Asher! May he be the favorite among his brothers, as the oil of his olive trees runs over his feet! May your bolts be of iron and bronze; may your strength endure through all your days!”
- In Judges 1:31-32, we learn that “Asher [did not] drive out the inhabitants of Acco or those of Sidon, or take possession of Mahaleb, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik or Rehob. The Asherites live among the Canaanite natives of the land, whom they have not dislodged.”
- Asher is also mentioned in Revelation 7:6 “twelve thousand from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand from the tribe of Manasseh,”
- Asher borders Naphtali





- 7 years with her husband: a sign of perfection
- Widow to 84 → long lived. Blessing.
- Were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem
- And the child grew... what does it mean for God to grow?





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- **Passover:** One of the three festivals Jews were required to perform a pilgrimage to Jerusalem The two other festivals are Tabernacles (Sukot) and Pentecost (Shavuot)
- **Twelve Year Old: Bar-Mizvah :** 13. Age at which a Jewish young boy becomes a “son of the covenant” personally responsible for keeping the Torah given by God to Moses.
- **His Parents did not know it.** How is their ignorance different from Jesus’s ignorance concerning the end-times and the power that left him when the hemorrhaging woman touched him?
- **Verses 45-46:** Anagogical and moral meanings
- **Listening to them and asking them questions:** Jesus assumes he must begin his ministry in his Father’s house.
- **Were Amazed:** understanding and answers. Jesus is not only asking – he is already instructing, preparing the teachers for the proper revelation – He seems unaware of Forerunner’s mission for he is preparing the people.





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- Anxiously: mistranslation – *odyrnaomai* -- filled with pain – sorrowing
 - Do not be anxious (Mat 6:25,31,34; Mat 10:19, Luke 12:21; Philippians 4:6)
- Mary and Joseph know the Forerunner must come first.
- How is it that **you** sought me?
 - Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; **seek and you will find**; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
- Did you not know that I **must** be in my **Father’s house ← Key**
 - No disobedience → Ephesians 6:1-3 “**Children, obey your parents (in the Lord)**, for this is right. Honor your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.”
- **They did not understand:** On account of the words of the Angel to Zachariah and the prophetic words Zachariah spoke. They did not accord with the assertion Jesus makes
- Exchange ends abruptly. Why?
- 51: Went down – Came to Nazareth – Was Obedient to them





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LET'S RECAP



- The Infancy narrative insists on
 1. The divinity of Jesus
 2. The humanity of Jesus
 3. The humanity of Mary (she did not understand, she pondered things in her heart)
 4. The centrality of Mary in the mission of Jesus foreshadowing the Church
 5. Jesus loves his mother with the same love he has for his Bride the Church
 6. Jesus' obedience to the Father through his obedience to his parents
 7. Salvation is to come to Israel and the Gentiles





FOR NEXT WEEK



- Read Luke 2:41-52 and John 3:1-22
- Some points of meditation
 - Read the words of John the Baptist as if they were addressed to you.
 - Do you understand what he is saying?
 - Mark down what you don't understand
 - Why is the Holy Trinity appearing at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus?

