



Series: Christmas series

Passage Luke 2:21-38

Title: God's Christmas Grace

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Discussion Starter – Jesus came to earth to redeem humanity. Why did he have to become a man to complete his mission? What did Jesus have to give up to become a human? Given the example of Jesus, how should we think about our service to others?

Jesus Associates with Sinners

- Why did Luke emphasize that Mary and Joseph were followers of the Law of Moses? List three examples of their obedience to the law.
- Read Psalm 51:4-5. What does this Psalm say about the state of humanity? What is the relationship of our sin nature and the impact through trauma and life's difficulties? From where did our sin nature originate?
- Why does Jesus choose to associate with sinners?
- According to Pastor JC and scripture, what kind of person was Simeon? What are three character traits enumerated by Luke? Do you know people like Simeon? What do you think of them?
- What was Simeon's life goal? Do you share his ambition? How do you know? What kind of impact did Simeon have on his community?
- How did Simeon react when he saw Jesus? How did Simeon know that Jesus is the messiah? How are obedience and faith related? How did Jesus demonstrate obedience?

To See Jesus is to See Salvation

- What three characteristics of Jesus did Simeon emphasize?
- Read 1 Peter 2:6-8. What does it mean that, "this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel"? (verse 34) How is Jesus a "stumbling block" to some?
- Is Jesus your king? Are you crowning or crucifying Jesus?
- Who was Anna? What were some of Anna's character traits?
- How were Anna and Simeon similar? How did Anna spend her days?