

An Unexpected Christmas

Christmas at Pearlside

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Luke 2:21-38 NLT

Jesus came in humble status.

“So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—'either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.’” (v. 24)

Jesus shows up in the ordinary.

“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, Simeon was there.” (v. 27-28)

Jesus is close to the hurting.

“...Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.” (v. 36-37)

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” (Psalm 34:18 NLT)

Lessons from Simeon and Anna:

- 1. Waiting is an essential part of a life of faith.**
- 2. God’s answer often doesn’t match our expectations.**

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