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Luke 2:21-35

“The Suffering King”

Read Luke 2:21-35 to refresh yourself on the story.

1. What stands out to you from this passage? Are there questions that come to mind?
2. Have you ever heard this story before? Why do you think Luke included the account of Simeon in his narrative of the birth of Jesus?

Verses 21-24 show how Jesus fulfilled every aspect of the law, even when he was a baby.

1. Why was it so crucial that Jesus kept every Old Testament Law?
2. How does this affect us today? Read the following verses:
 - 2 Corinthians 1:20
 - Romans 10:4
 - Galatians 4:4-5
 - Matthew 5:17-20

Read Simeon's blessing in verses 29-32.

1. Simeon said he could die in peace. Do most people have this attitude towards death? Can you honestly say to God "I can depart in peace"?
2. What do you think verse 32 means when it says "and for glory to your people Israel."?

In verses 33-35 we hear a prophecy about Jesus.

1. Why do you think Jesus was/is so controversial?
 - Matthew 10:34-36
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - 2 Corinthians 2:15-17

2. Read Isaiah 53:2-12 to understand the suffering Jesus endured on our behalf.

Application

Reflect on the following questions:

1. Are you free from the pressures to live a good life in order for God to accept you? Are you constantly trying to earn favour from God?
2. Are you eagerly expecting Jesus' return? Are you like Simeon: devout and righteous, praying for the return of Jesus?
3. Do you fully understand the incredible pain, agony, suffering, rejection, and humiliation Jesus endured in order to rescue us from sin? Spend time in prayer, thanking God for his faithfulness and love towards us.