

Love Came Down

Salvation and the Sword — Luke 2:25-35

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

- The coming of Jesus is the culmination of the entire Old Testament.
- Simeon had been told he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.
- As Christians we are eagerly awaiting Christ's Second Advent (Hebrews 9:28; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 1:13).

SALVATION HAS COME (2:29-32)

- Salvation has come in the person of Christ.
- Salvation is offered, not earned (Isaiah 9:5-7).

A SHARP SWORD (2:33-35)

- Jesus is a stone on which many will stumble (Isaiah 8:13-14).
- Jesus is a sword (Matthew 10:34) that causes division between people.
- Jesus is a sword that cuts to the heart of the soul.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Luke 2:25-35

1. What is the gospel?
2. Why is the gospel so easy to receive and yet so hard for some to receive?
3. What does Isaiah mean when he says that Jesus is a "rock of stumbling"?
4. Why is Jesus so divisive to so many people?
5. Why do you think Simeon told Mary that a sword would pierce her soul?
6. What are the barriers to faith?
7. Write down or share your testimony with your family and friends.