



“THE ANNOUNCEMENT”

Luke 2:8-21  
December 17, 2017

I. The Announcement  
“For unto you is born ...”

II. Three Titles  
A. Savior

B. Christ, Messiah

C. Lord

III. Three Responses

A. Shepherds

1. They went to see Jesus.  
Hearing was followed by actions.

2. They became the first witnesses.

3. Their changed lives continued to praise  
and glorify God.

B. All who heard (18)  
Wondered

C. Mary (19)  
Treasured (kept) and pondered.

His name, Jesus. (21)  
Yahweh saves

Jesus was born for you.

How does this apply to me?

## NEXT WEEK

“THE PRESENTATION”

Luke 2:22-38

### **Historical Setting:**

In Exodus 22:29, God called on all Israelites to offer to God the firstborn of their sons. It would remind them of God’s protection of their firstborn during the plague in Egypt. It also reminded them that the first and best of all they received from God’s hand was to be given back to God out of gratitude. It was in obedience to this command, that Joseph and Mary made their way to the temple in Jerusalem.

### **Passage Overview:**

One of the key thoughts in this part of the narrative of Jesus’ arrival is the concept of waiting. Two devout individuals met Jesus as He was brought to the temple. Their names were Simeon and Anna. Both of them were elderly and both of them had been waiting for the consolation of Israel. They longed for the One who would redeem God’s people.

They waited with strong anticipation. And the Spirit blessed them with the opportunity to see the One who is salvation.

Simeon’s outburst of worship was grounded in the truth of Jesus’ purpose. He would bring salvation to both Gentiles and Jews. His coming was for all peoples of the earth. Yet His coming would divide people. It would expose their inmost hearts, their soul posture before God Himself.

While Jesus’ coming as the incarnate Christ brought great joy and great hope, it also exposed the hearts of men. There were some who longed for Him. Others heard His voice and followed. Yet others would turn in harsh opposition. The same is true today.

What does Jesus’ coming expose about your heart? Are you longing for His return? Are you too preoccupied with life to be bothered? Or do you resent His “intrusion” into your life and plans?

**Reading for Next Week:** Luke 2:22-38