

MOVING ON FROM BETHLEHEM—1

“It Commenced with a Presentation”

Luke 2:21-35

Introduction _____

Jesus lived a life we cannot imagine—a life of restraint and without sin. What was so unique about His life?

- First, Jesus never *sinned* (Hebrews 9:14; 2 Corinthians 5:31).
- Jesus would grow up to have perfectly *fulfilled* the law (Matthew 5:17; John 8:46).
- Jesus did not sin, so He would *qualify* as the unblemished Lamb to be sacrificed for the sins of the whole world (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Look at three events early in His life that are significant:

I. **FIRST, THIS CEREMONY WAS WHAT CAN BE CALLED A CEREMONY OF IDENTIFICATION (Luke 2:21).**

Look that the passage in the following way:

- A. First, notice how they obeyed the *leadership* of the Lord (Luke 1:31; 2:21a).
- B. Secondly, note how they obeyed the *letter* of the law (Exodus 13:2; 2:21b).

II. **SECONDLY, THE NEXT CEREMONY WAS THE CEREMONY OF _____ (Luke 2:22-23).**

III. **THIRDLY, THEN THERE WAS THE CEREMONY OF _____ (Luke 2:24).**

CONCLUSION: Look at Simeon who saw Jesus, Mary and Joseph leaving the temple (Luke 2:25-35).

1. **First, consider Simeon’s _____ (2:25-26).**
2. **Secondly, observe Simeon’s _____ (2:25, 27a).**
3. **Thirdly, join with Simeon’s _____ (2:27-29)**
4. **Fourthly, listen to Simeon’s _____ (2:30-32).**
 - a. It was a message of _____ (2:31-32).
 - b. It was a message of _____ (2:33-34).
 1. It involved a _____ (1 Corinthians 1:18)
 2. It included a _____ (Philippians 2:9-11).
 - c. It was a message of _____ (2:35a).