

“Fulfillment, Consolation, & Redemption”

~ Luke 2:21–40

Sermon Series:
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- 1) ²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. *(Luke 2:21)*

- 2) ²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” *(Luke 2:22–24)*

- 3) ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. *(Luke 2:39–40)*

Text for Personal Reflection:

³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” *(Luke 2:34–35)*

Prayer & Reflection Questions:

How does Jesus cause the fall and rising of many?

How is Jesus a sign that is opposed?

How does Jesus pierce through Mary (and my) soul, too?