

Aim: Peace continued**Refer:** Luke 2:22-21; Ephesians 6:15

The Law of Moses required that 8 days after a baby boy was born he would be named, remember the naming of John the Baptist when Zechariah wrote "His name is John" and suddenly he could speak?

Then the Law of Moses required that 33 days after those 8 days, the mother must present a sacrifice at the temple; either a lamb or two young pigeons or doves. (Purification ceremonies of Mother - Leviticus 12)

Turn to Luke 2:24 – what did Mary and Joseph take for the sacrifice? (two birds)

Something special happened while they were there.

Verse 25-28

What did he call Jesus in verse 30?

Someone else was also waiting for the Messiah

Verse 36-37

Some versions of the Bible says that she was now 84 years old and other versions say she had been a widow for 84 years. If she had been a widow for 84 years, that would make her more than $84 + 7 +$ how ever old she was when she was married – and they married very young some times, even as young as 14 years old. So she could have been $84 + 7 + 14 = 105$ years old! – Either way the Bible says she was very old and she spent her time in the temple.

What did she do when she saw baby Jesus? Verse 38

Just like the shepherds, she started telling everyone about Jesus.

Think about the following questions; you may share and discuss your answer if you like but you don't have to.

- Do you think that you feel different on the inside because you know Jesus?
- Do you find it easy or hard to do what you think Jesus would want you to do?
- How do you feel about Jesus?
- Do you enjoy knowing Jesus?
- Do people know that you know Jesus?
- Do you find it easy to tell people you go to Church?
- Do you find it easy to find opportunities to tell people about Jesus?
- Do you find it easy to invite people to Church activities?

Do you ever wish that it as easier to tell people about Jesus?

Last week we learned that Gospel means "Good News of Jesus"

What does Matthew 24:14 tell us about the Gospel? (Preached to the whole world before the end)

Who is to do the preaching? Matthew 28:19-20 (Christians)

How is Jesus with us? John 14:16-17 (The Holy Spirit)

Jesus is God, the Holy Spirit is God and God knows everything...

How do we make sure that we have the Holy Spirit?

In the book Steps to Personal Revival, Being Filled with the Holy Spirit, Helmut Haubell talks about praying and claiming Bible verses; on page 98 he shares a sample prayer. Let's look up some of the Bible verses of his prayer.

John 6:37 – God accepts everyone who comes to Him

1 John 5:14-15 – God hears and gives us what we ask according to His will

Luke 11:13 – God will give us the Holy Spirit

John 7:38-39 – those who believe will have the Spirit

Acts 5:32 – those who obey are given the Holy Spirit

Gal 5:16 – the Holy Spirit gives the power of our sinful nature

Romans 5:5 – the Holy Spirit gives us love

1 John 5:18 – The evil one cannot touch us

Acts 1:8 – We will be witnesses

When we pray everyday to be filled with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will lead us to opportunities to share Jesus.