

## One Man's Waiting & One Woman's Witness

Luke 2:21-40

Intro: Sherlock Holmes would deduce that the Magi found Jesus sometime *after* Mary and Joseph presented him at the temple, based on their sacrifice in Luke 2:24 (as well as two Greek words).

- I. What are you (Simeon) waiting for?
  - a. The consolation of Israel
  - b. The Holy Spirit was on him
  - c. An awesome prophecy
  
- II. Simeon's song
  - a. His personal prophecy is fulfilled
  - b. He sees God's salvation
  - c. He sees God's light and glory in Jesus
  
- III. Simeon's prophecy to Mary
  - a. Jesus' destiny will determine everyone's destiny
  - b. He will be spoken against and rejected
  - c. A sword will pierce Mary's soul
  
- IV. "There was also a prophet, Anna..."
  - a. Her name and background
  - b. Her age and her psalm
  - c. Her worship and witness

Close: This scene at the temple captures the meaning of Christmas, stripped clean of our cultural adornments and distractions. Jesus is presented to the Lord in our place, to fulfill the Law and to save us from our sins.