

Dream Come True: Luke 2:22-38
Spirit of Christmas
Bread of Life Church: Daniel Low (12.21.2025)

We embrace Jesus as our Messiah by speaking truth about his salvation.

1. Jesus is Presented to the Lord by Law-Abiding Parents, 2:22-24

a. A presentation to the Lord

similar to other parents who offer up their firstborn sons to the Lord for his service (1 Samuel 1-2), yet totally unique given Jesus' identity as the Son of the Most High and his mission as the Savior of the world

b. A sacrifice for the Lord

the sacrifice pictures their obedience, need for holiness, and surrender to the Lord

2. Jesus is Blessed as the Messiah by God-Fearing Worshipers, 2:25-38

a. A blessing to the Lord, 2:25-32

what unfolds in this sacred place for God's people is a beautiful, glorious expression of profound worship involving the Triune God - the Father, the Son, and the Spirit

b. A prophecy to the parents, 2:33-35

Jesus will divide the nation (falling and rising of many) and anguish Mary's heart (a large sword will pierce through her soul)

c. A witness to the Messiah, 2:36-38

like Anna, our witness entails acknowledging God's faithfulness to his promise and proclaiming his Son as our Redeemer