



# Purification & Presentation

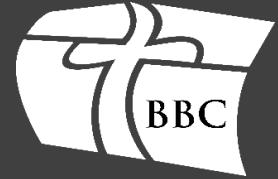
Luke 2:22-38

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# Luke 2:21

•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.



# Leviticus 12:3

•And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.



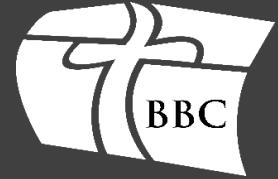
# Why Jesus?

# Why that name?



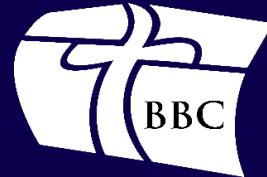
# 33 Days Later

## Leviticus 12:4



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•Then she shall continue for thirty-three days in the blood of her purifying. She shall not touch anything holy, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are completed.



# Luke 2:22

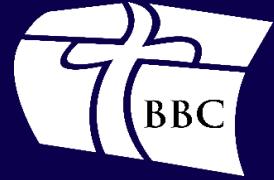
- And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord



# Luke 2:23

- (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)





# Luke 2:24

- And to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

## Leviticus 12

**⁶ “And when the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, <sup>⁷</sup> and he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her. Then she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, either male or female. <sup>⁸</sup> And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.”**



# Luke 2:25

•Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for **the consolation of Israel**, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

# Consolation of Israel

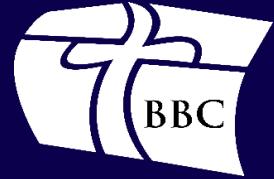
- **to alleviate the grief, sense of loss, or trouble of**

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# Luke 2:26

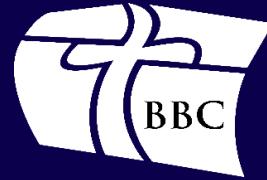
- And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before **he had seen the Lord's [YHWH's] Christ.**





# Luke 2:27

•And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,



# Luke 2:28

- He took him up in his arms and  
**blessed God** and said,



# Luke 2:29

- “Lord *despotēs*, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

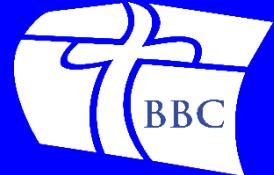
A ruler with absolute  
power and authority



# Luke 2:30

- For my eyes have seen your salvation

**He has a 6 week old  
baby in his arms**

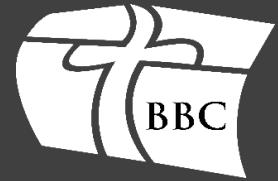


# Turn Back To

# Genesis 49:18

# **Salvation is the Focus Not:**

- **Social Justice**
- **Climate Change**
- **Political Revolution**
- **Gender Equality**



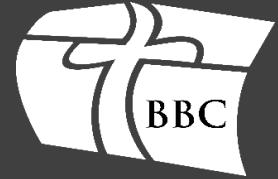
**Luke 1:69**

•And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

**Luke 1:77**

•to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

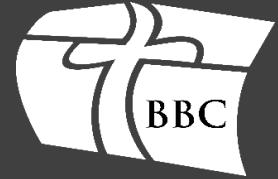
# Luke 19:9-10



•And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”



# Christ = Salvation Person & Work



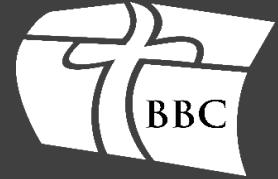
# Acts 4:12

•And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



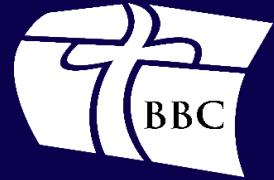
# Luke 2:31

•For my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence  
**of all peoples,**



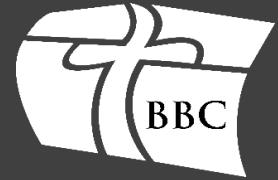
# Acts 23:47

•For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”



# Luke 2:32

- A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”



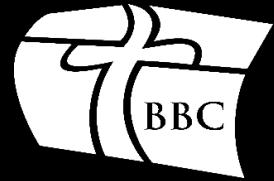
# Acts 28:28

•Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

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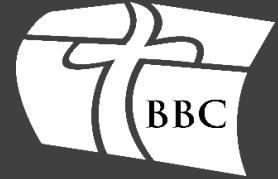
Where is Paul getting this from?

# John 10:16



•And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

# Romans 1:16



•For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



# Ephesians 1:13

•In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,



# Luke 2:33

- And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.



# Luke 2:34

•And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed **for the fall and rising of many in Israel**,

## **The Fall**

- **Judas, Caiaphas, ‘His blood be upon...’**

## **The Rising**

- **11 Disciples, Mary M, Mary, Lazarus, Martha,**

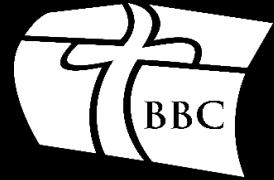


# For the Fall

## Luke 4:24-30

<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

# Luke 13:33-35



• Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’<sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, **and you were not willing!**<sup>35</sup> Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”



Turn to

1 Peter 2:6-8

**<sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.**



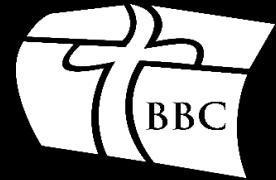
# Luke 2:34b

•And for a sign that is **opposed**

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to speak against, gainsay, contradict
- II. to oppose one's self to one, decline to obey him, declare one's self against him, refuse to have anything to do with him

# Luke 11:30



- For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh,
- so will the Son of Man be [a sign] to this generation.



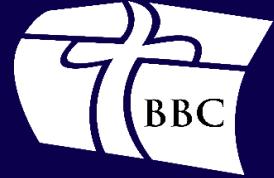
# Luke 2:35

- (And a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”



# Luke 2:35 (NET)

•Indeed, as a result of him the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed—and a **sword will pierce your own soul as well!**”



# Luke 2:36

- And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,



# Luke 2:37

- And then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.



# Luke 2:38

•And coming up at that very hour she began **to give thanks to God** and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the **redemption of Jerusalem.**

# **Redemption:**

- a : to free from captivity by payment of ransom**
- b : to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental**
- c : to release from blame or debt : clear**
- d : to free from the consequences of sin**

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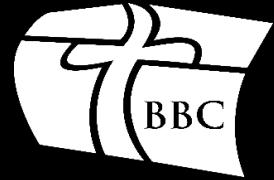
**Salvation**



# Isaiah 51:11

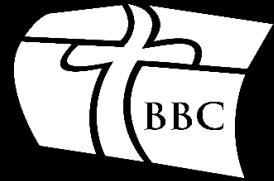
•Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

# Romans 3:24



- And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

# Hebrews 9:12



- He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.