

Bible Study



**Recognising and
deciding**

Luke 2:22-24

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Recognising and deciding

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), 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: 22–24¹³



Recognising and deciding

- Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph went to the temple in Jerusalem with their Child in order to bring the sacrifice required by the Mosaic Law.
- On the other hand, they also came to the temple because Judaic tradition required that the first-born child was to be presented to the Lord.
- The parents brought the Child into the temple—into the house of God—and thereby acted in accordance with the will of God.



Bible Reading

A 3D model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus



Jesus is presented in the temple
Luke 2:22-40



Witnesses of Jesus' activity as the Redeemer

- Simeon, a devout and God-fearing man, came to meet Jesus' parents at the prompting of the Holy Spirit. In a hymn of praise, Simeon **professed** that the Child Jesus was the Saviour.



Witnesses of Jesus' activity as the Redeemer

- In the same hour, the prophetess Anna also came to meet them, and saw her longing fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. She **declared** this before all present.



God at work in Jesus' compassionate actions

- The account in Luke concerning the presentation of Jesus in the temple also hold significance for us today. Just like Simeon and Anna we too profess the Child Jesus.
- This also shows us that God reveals Himself in a manner that human beings do not expect—first in the weakness of a child, and later in the powerlessness of a man who was arrested, tormented, and crucified.
- The gospel is spread by weak human beings. Let us always decide for this gospel which is brought to us in weakness!



Call-Up



Summary

- Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph went to the temple in Jerusalem with the Child.
- Simeon and Anna professed the Child as the expected Redeemer.
- Let us always decide for this gospel which is brought to us in weakness.



Message

Let us recognise the Redeemer in Jesus
and decide for Him.



Preparation for the forgiveness of sins and Holy Communion

