

### Jesus' Circumcision and Naming (8 days after birth)

Matthew 1:25b

Luke 2:21

25b whom he [Joseph] named Jesus.

21 At the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

### Mary's Purification Rite / Jesus' Presentation at the Temple (40 days after birth)

Luke 2:22–39a

#### Jesus' Presentation

22 Now when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

23 (just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "*Every firstborn male will be set apart to the Lord*"), [[Exod 13:2, 12, 15](#)]

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is specified in the law of the Lord, *a pair of doves or two young pigeons*. [[Lev 12:8](#)]

#### Simeon's Prophecy

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon who was righteous and devout, looking for the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 So Simeon, directed by the Spirit, came into the temple courts, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and blessed God, saying,

29 "Now, according to your word, Sovereign Lord, permit your servant to depart in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation

31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:

32 a light,

for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel."

33 So the child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "Listen carefully: This child is destined to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be rejected. [cf. [Isa 8:14–15](#)]

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

#### Anna's Testimony

36 There was also a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old, having been married to her husband for seven years until his death.

37 She had lived as a widow since then for eighty-four years. She never left the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

38 At that moment, she came up to them and began to give thanks to God and to speak about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### Luke's Conclusion (he does not mention the Magi or the flight to Egypt)

39a So when Joseph and Mary had performed everything according to the law of the Lord,