



Gospel of Luke, Chapters 1 & 2

This sermon series is aimed at creating caring conversations with those in your daily traffic patterns of life. These conversations may lead to your sharing of 'the hope within you' of the special significance of Christmas.

As you ask others – ***'WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT CHRISTMAS?'***

LISTEN ATTENTIVELY – *"Be quick to listen, slow to speak..."* James 1: 19

- **Some may answer with a Life Celebration**; **CELEBRATE** with them – *"That's fantastic!" "Tell me more about your favorite food"*
- **Some may answer with a Life Challenge** ; **CARE** for their hurt. – *"I'm sorry that occurred... "I care for the pain you are experiencing."*

SHARE HUMBLY YOUR STORY – *"Christmas is so special to me, because"*

- Share your testimony in a few sentences
- Share what Jesus has meant to you hope, purpose, life meaning, forgiveness from guilt freely given to you.

TELL GOD'S STORY – *simply share John 3: 16 or tell the story of Christmas from the Bible.*

As we reflect on the Gospel of Luke, chapters 1 & 2, Just Imagine how the People in the text would answer – *"What's So Special about Christmas?"*

- For Zachariah & Elizabeth, they may answer 'Startling _____!' - see 1: 25
- For Mary, she may answer 'Startling _____ & _____.' - see 1: 38
- For John in his mother's womb, he may answer 'Startling _____.' - see 1: 41,44
- For the Shepherds, they may answer, 'Startling _____.' - see 2: 1-20

- For Simeon & Anna, they may answer, ‘Startling _____.’ – see 2: 21-38

Let’s focus our attention on Luke 2: 21 – 38 on the Special **PEACE of Christmas** :

1. – The PEACE of Christmas Replaces the _____ of Life.

Consider Simeon & Anna –

- Both experienced Frustrations in their lives.
- Both lived to please & honor the Lord in all things – see 2: 25, 37
- Both waited patiently on the Lord.
- Both lived with yielded hearts to the Spirit’s prompting.
- Both displayed a life of obedience over a long time span.

Key Phrase to Experience Peace in Frustrations: – *“Serving God”* Vs.37

2. - The PEACE of Christmas Removes the _____ of Death.

- Simeon lived a life of humble anticipation – Vs. 25
- Simeon lived with Intimate Fellowship with the Spirit – Vs. 26
- Simeon lived in dependance on the Spirit for direction – Vs. 27
- Simeon lived to see this Day & Praise God – Vs. 28-29

“You can dismiss your servant in peace... for my eyes have seen Your salvation.” – i.e. He has peace in facing death & He is not afraid to die.

3. – The PEACE of Christmas Reignites a _____ to Share. – See Luke 2: 38; Acts 1: 8

WORKING THE WORD Challenges –

- **Prayerfully look for opportunities to inquire** with ones in your daily traffic patterns – *“What’s So Special About Christmas?”* **Listen Attentively** to celebrate or care. **Share Humbly Your Story; & Tell God’s Story** (John 3: 16).
- Discuss with a partner or group – *What spoke to you from today’s sermon?* Share insights and impressions.
- **Join the daily Scripture devotional reading**, following our theme – ‘What’s So Special about Christmas?’ You can find the guide [HERE](#).