



Introduction

The early life of Jesus.



Questions

1. How was it that Simeon went into the temple, just as Jesus was taken in?
2. How was it that Anna was in the temple when Jesus was taken in?
3. In verse 48 Mary says ... “your father and I were anxiously looking for you.” But in reply, who did Jesus imply his father was?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** Jesus is born in Bethlehem
- **v 8 to 20** The shepherds are told of Jesus’ birth by an angel and go to Bethlehem to worship him
- **v 21 to 24** Jesus is taken to Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph to present him to the Lord God as her first-born son
- **v 25 to 40** In the temple, Simeon and Anna rejoice at seeing the Lord's Christ who will bring salvation and redemption. The Christ is the special person (see theme) promised all through the Old Testament
- **v 41 to 52** At the age of twelve, Jesus stays behind in Jerusalem at Passover time. Jesus is surprised that his parents don't realise that he will be in the temple (his Father's house)

Timeline 30 AD (see below)



Theme

Jesus is the promised special person

Christ means anointed. In Biblical times, kings and priests were anointed as a sign of their appointment. So Christ means someone appointed for a special purpose. Other themes show what the Bible tells us this special person will do. A selection of verses showing that Jesus is the special person referred to as the Christ.

At the start of his gospel, Matthew tells us that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 1 verse 16

Shepherds are told that Jesus is the Christ when he is born:

Luke 2 verse 11

The apostle Peter says that he believes that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 16 verse 16

A Samaritan woman says that she is expecting the Christ. Jesus confirms that he is the Christ. She then suggests to other Samaritans that Jesus is the Christ:

John 4 verses 25 to 29



The apostle Peter says that the suffering of the Christ predicted by the prophets has happened:

Acts 3 verse 18

When Paul is on trial, as part of his defence, he says that the suffering of the Christ is part of his message:

Acts 26 verse 23

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 26 and 27, Q 2: v 36 and 37, Q 3: v 49



Bible timeline

