

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS BOY?

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Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)

**⁴ But when the right time came,
God sent his Son, born of a
woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God
sent him to buy freedom for us
who were slaves to the law, so
that he could adopt us as his
very own children.**

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John 1:1 (NKJV)

**¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.**

John 1:14

(NKJV) ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

(NLT) ¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son

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SIMEON and ANNA

Luke 2:21-38

Luke 2:21-24 (NLT)

21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.

22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:21-24 (NLT)

23 The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD.”

**24 So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—
“either a pair of turtledoves or
two young pigeons.”**

Three Ceremonies

- 1. Circumcision, performed on the eighth day, for all male children**
- 2. Purification from childbirth for Mary, 40 days after her son's birth**
- 3. Consecration of the firstborn, in recognition that the firstborn son belongs to the Lord.**

Circumcision

Circumcision symbolized the Jews' separation from Gentiles and their unique relationship with God (Genesis 17:9-14).

They did not go to Jerusalem for this ceremony; instead, a local priest most likely performed it.

Offering for Purification

If a lamb was too expensive, the law said that the parents could sacrifice “either a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.”

(Lev. 12:8, the offering of the poor)

The Firstborn Son

A firstborn son was presented to God one month after birth (Exodus 13:2, 11-16; Numbers 18:15-16).

Through this, the parents acknowledge the child belongs to God, Who alone has the power to give life.

So Mary and Joseph take Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:25-35 NLT

It points out Jesus' credentials as one who obeyed the law, even from birth, because his parents did exactly as they were commanded.

***With Jesus, there is
no neutral ground...***

***Mary is the only person on
earth who will witness
both His birth and His
death.***

Luke 2:36-38 NLT

³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. ³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.

Luke 2:36-38 NLT

38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

II. MAGI BRING GIFTS

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***Gold speaks of His kingship;
frankincense was a spice used in the
priestly duties; and myrrh was an
embalming ointment anticipating His
death.***

Matthew 2:11 NKJV

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**III. JESUS IS PART OF A
FAMILY OF
*ACTIVE LIVING FAITH***

**He had genuine loving parents
WHO LOVED AND HONORED
GOD.**

Luke 2:40

(NKJV) ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

(NLT) ⁴⁰ There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

IV. THE 12 Year Old In the TEMPLE

Luke 2:41-52

He is stunning (*astonished: amazed, beside themselves with amazement*) the teachers with his wisdom

Luke 2:49

(NKJV) ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

(NLT) ⁴⁹ "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:52 NKJV

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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