

The Forerunner And The Fulfillment - Part 2

Luke 2

The Outline (Chapter 2)

- The birth
- 3 Testimonies
- Jesus' personal testimony

The Temple - 5 Functions

1. It was the **junction** between Heaven and Earth
2. It was the location of the **presence** of God
3. It was the location for **atonement** of sin.
4. It was the location of communication with God.
5. It was the center of life, faith and worship.

The first two chapters of Luke begin and end at the **Temple**

The whole Gospel of Luke begins and ends at the **Temple**

The Prophecy of Malachi 3 is fulfilled in Luke 1-2

What do you do when you lose Jesus?

- Mary and Joseph's experience with Jesus -
- Our experience with Jesus - If we aren't careful we will drift.
- Jesus didn't move away from His mission.

They had to **search**, we can know right where to **go**!

3 Steps To Finding Jesus

- Return to the **Father (Pray)**
- Return to the **Word (Search)**
- Return to the **mission (Serve)**

Luke Chapter 2

Reading and Study Guide

Bible Reading

- Read Luke 2 and you may consider going back through chapter 1.

Or

- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page - NewStoryKC

Personal Study

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that stood out to you or was new for you?

Read Luke 2:1-7. Luke recounts that Mary and Joseph belong to the house and line of David. God had promised the Messiah to come through the line of David. What impact does God's attention to even the small details have on you after reading that?

Read Luke 2:8-20. The Angels appeared to shepherds who were not cultural elites or influential, however, many did have to interact with them in order to get animals for sacrifices. Why do you think God chose to speak to them first?

From the beginning, God wanted to spread the word about Jesus. Who can you talk to?

Read Luke 2:25-40. It can be hard waiting on the promises of God to be fulfilled or waiting for God to answer prayer. What do you learn from Simeon and Anna in these verses? How can you cultivate a patient and dependant spirit?

Read Luke 2:41-52. It is easy to think that since Jesus was God, He automatically knew everything about God the Father and naturally had an intimate relationship with Him, however, don't forget that He temporarily did not use certain parts of His deity (Philippians 2:7). So, Jesus spent time seeking God and learning.

What qualities from the young Jesus do you want to apply?

Are there any roadblocks currently in your life that need to be removed?