



## Bible Walk Out January 2021

### Walk 2 Jesus presented in the Temple

Time for another journey, this time with Mary and Joseph as they take Jesus to the Temple. The Bible reference is Luke 2 verses 22 -39.

The usual format of the walk is to take about 20 minutes for each part walking and talking – usually about the Bible passage and the questions. Take as long as you would like to over each part – it's a flexible resource to fit in with you.

Let's ask God to walk with us and be with us as we listen and reflect. Whether you are walking solo or with someone else, dedicate your walking and reflecting time to God.

#### Part 1

*<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."*

Mary and Joseph were acting in accordance with their traditions. Can you think of any other traditions or customs in the Bible? What about traditions or customs we observe – maybe think about things that come under the phrase – this is what we do or it's always done like this. Maybe wonder why?

Take a moment to have a pray about things you have thought about.

#### Part 2

*<sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he (Simeon) went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss<sup>ed</sup> your servant in peace.*

Simeon waited. He waited for God to fulfil his promise that he would see the Lord's Messiah. For Simeon, having seen Jesus meant he was ready to die in peace. What are you like at waiting? Talk about things we wait for and what it is like when the waiting is over.

#### Part 3

*<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, (aged 84)..... She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

Just like Simeon, Anna too was waiting. What was different in their response to seeing Jesus? Anna seemed to share her joy at seeing Jesus with others. Does Simeon remind us of those who maintain the traditions and customs? Does Anna remind us of people who are outward looking to the community? How do Simeon and Anne encourage us as Christ's people today?

Lets end our walk by offering all our thoughts and prayers to God. Let's pray for other people who have used or will use this Bible Walkout that we will all be blessed in all of our journeying. Let us whisper the words 'May the Lord bless us and keep us Amen.'

Look out for the next January Bible Walkout – and feel free to share this one if you know any who would like to join our 'walking club'.