

The Christmas STORY

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Luke 1-2

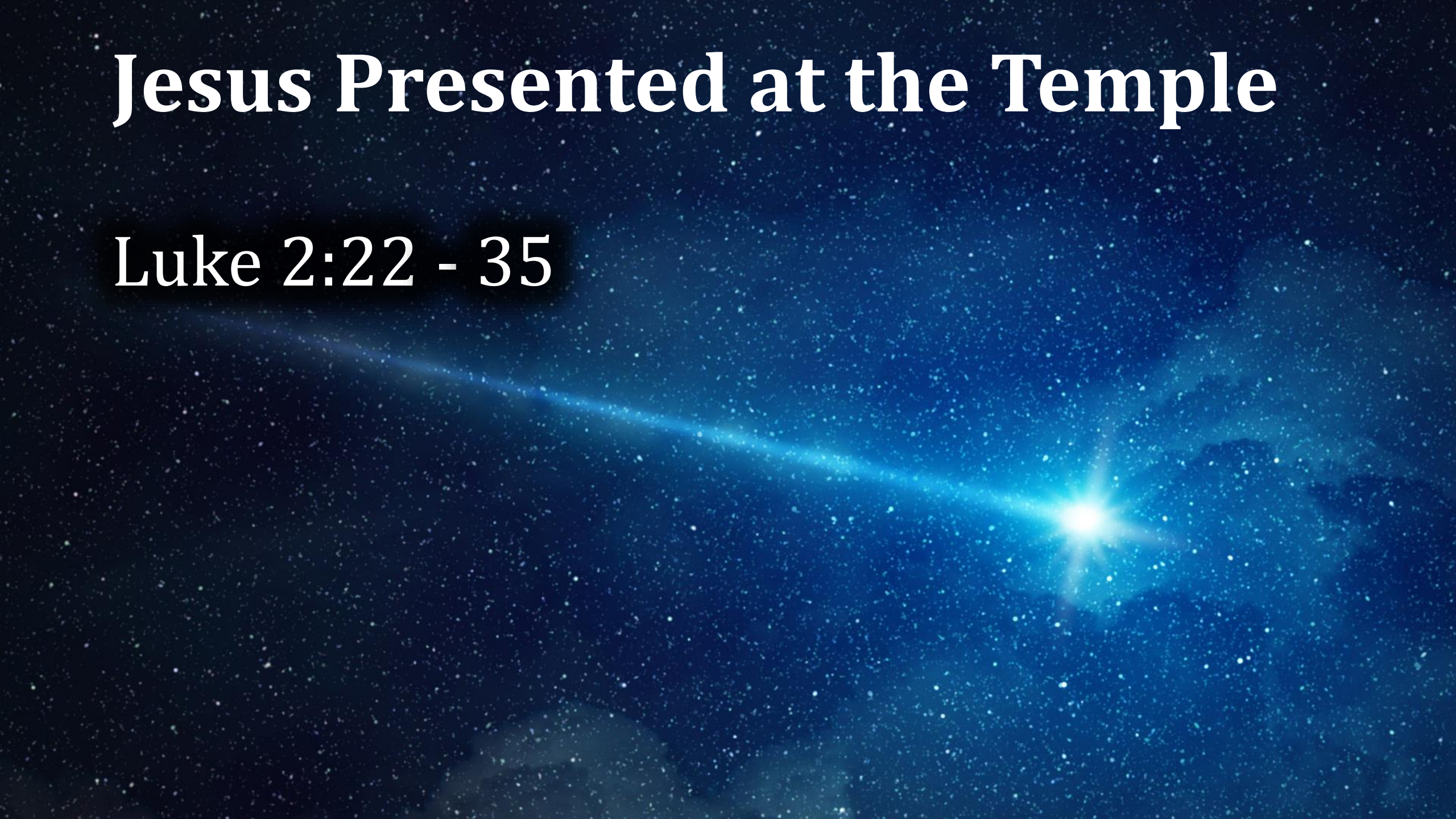
Jesus' Birth

He arrived in a humble, meek and lowly way

Revealed His coming to shepherds

Jesus Presented at the Temple

Luke 2:22 - 35



Difficult Obedience

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord
23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

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Light to the Gentiles

Luke 2:25 - 28



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29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” – *Luke 2:29 - 32*

Light to the Gentiles

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

– *Isaiah 49:6*

Light to the Gentiles

Luke 4:16 - 19



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13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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[...] 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

- Colossians 1:13 – 14, 21 - 22

Rise and Fall

33 And his father and his mother
marveled at what was said about him.

34 And Simeon blessed them and said
to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child
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28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. – *Colossians 1:28*

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