



Luke 2:1-51: The Arrival of Fulfillment

A key idea - Waiting, marvelling, and sharing the arrival of fulfillment

Context: What expectations have been built so far in Luke?

1. Read 2:1-21 “as we read, look for what’s ordinary and what’s extraordinary”
 - What did you notice?
 - Why do you think ordinary and mundane things are recorded together?

2. When you’ve thought about inviting someone to church or having a conversation about Jesus... what are you usually thinking or feeling?
 - How are our experiences similar or different? Why might that be?
 - Let’s read the angel’s announcement again, **Read Luke 2:10-14.**
 - o let’s be honest, what was on your mind during that reading, what were you feeling?
 - o How is it similar or different to those who hear in the passage? Why might that be?

3. Read Luke 2:25-40.
 - What stands out to you from Simeon’s words?
 - Are there any parts of it you find confusing or have questions about? (if you get no response you could ask: how is Jesus “the glory of the people of Israel” (vs. 32)?
 - If we tried to enter the shoes of Joseph and Mary, what might be going on in our mind? In our hearts?

See the print out on the next page for Ideas for application (just pick one so you can give it a good amount of time, people could do the other another time during the week)

Pray: No matter how familiar this news is to us let’s pray that we would respond as we should **that we would eagerly await Jesus’ return while we continue to marvel in and sharing his salvation**

[Stephen Charnock \(1628–1680\)](#)

*“What a wonder that two natures infinitely distant should be more intimately united than anything in the world... That the same person should have both a glory and a grief; an infinite joy in the Deity, and an inexpressible sorry in the humanity! That a God upon a throne should be an infant in a cradle; the thundering Creator be a weeping babe and a suffering man; the incarnation astonished men upon earth, and angels in heaven.” (Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God*, 1865, vol. 2, p. 64).*

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