

Fourth Advent Candle

Love



Hidden Christmas 4- Witnesses





Luke 2:10-11

“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”



Luke 2:12

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”



Luke 2:13b-14

· the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on
earth peace among those whom he favors!”



Went, Found, Saw (vv. 16-17)



Luke 2:19-20

¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Simeon (Luke 2:26-35)

Anna (Luke 2:36-38)



Luke 2:25-26

²⁵ ...Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.



Luke 2:25-27

27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,



Luke 2:28-29

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;



Luke 2:30-32

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which 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 2:33-34

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,



Luke 2:34-35

“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”





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Luke 2:36-37a

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.



Luke 2:37b-38

37... She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.





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God's Grace & God's Invitation



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