

**God Rewards
Those who Wait
with Expectation**

Leading Up to Simeon's Christmas Gift

Joseph asks for Mary's hand in marriage, and she is betrothed to him

The angel Gabriel tells Mary she'll give birth to Jesus, the Son of God

Joseph learns Mary is pregnant, and decides to quietly divorce her

An angel appears to Joseph and tells him the baby is Immanuel, Jesus

Caesar Augustus gives the census order – They are off to Bethlehem

The guest room's already taken/ Mary gives birth in a room with the animals

Angels appear to the shepherds & they're told to find Jesus in Bethlehem

Note: About a year after Simeon's story, the Magi/ Wise men visit Jesus

Luke 2:25-33 (ESV) ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 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." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

What are you waiting expectantly for?