

A dramatic night sky with a bright starburst light shining over a landscape of hills and a village. The starburst is the central focus, with rays of light extending outwards. The sky is dark blue with some clouds. The landscape below is a mix of green and brown, with a village of small buildings visible in the foreground.

# Rediscover Hope

Luke 2:22-35

# Simeon

- Mary and Joseph returned to the temple to offer the purification offering.
- There was nothing outward to distinguish them from any other poor young couple coming with their newborn son.
- Simeon was a good and godly man eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.
- The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.
- The word “revealed” means something that has to be shown to us supernaturally.
- Simeon could not have recognized Jesus as the Lord’s Christ apart from the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

# Rediscover Revelation

- When Simeon sees Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, he asks for probably the 10,000th time, "*Is this the one?*" and the Holy Spirit said, "Yes."
- Today, we need the Holy Spirit to see Christ in Christmas.
- Simeon said that Jesus was a "*light for revelation to the Gentiles*" as Jesus came for all people, not just the Jews.
- Jesus came for people that do not believe in Him yet.
- This Christmas, rediscover revelation.

# Rediscover Redemption

- Simeon saw more than a baby:
  - He saw soft little hands that were made so that nails might be driven through them.
  - He saw the baby feet that would one day walk up a dusty hill to be nailed to a cross.
  - He saw an infant's head on which men would someday force a crown of thorns.
  - He saw a tender body that would one day be ripped open by a spear, then wrapped in burial clothes.
- When Simeon looked at Jesus, he saw a Savior who would someday pay the penalty for his sins and ours.

# Jesus Came to Redeem

- Jesus came to earth for many reasons, but ultimately, He came to redeem a lost humanity—He came to be our Savior.
- The name Jesus is a Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name Joshua which means "*Yahweh saves!*"
- Most Jews in Simeon's day were expecting a Savior for Jewish people, but not a Savior for all people.
- Christmas means that you can be forgiven, because Jesus came for you.
- Jesus' birth was just the first step in God's glorious plan of redemption.

# Conclusion

- After Simeon had seen Jesus, he could finally rest.
- Christianity is spelled with four letters—**DONE**.
- Jesus did not come to get you to do more or work harder, He came to give you peace and rest.
- Christmas brings revelation because Jesus is the light of the world.
- Salvation is a gift you do not have to wait until Christmas to open.