

Study Guide on Exodus 13:13-15 & Luke 2:22-32

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Exodus 13:13-15 & Luke 2:22-32

(Exodus 13:13) “But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem.

(Exodus 13:14) When in the future your child asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall answer, ‘By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

(Exodus 13:15) When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

(Luke 2:22) 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

(Luke 2:23) (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”),

(Luke 2:24) and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

(Luke 2:25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

(Luke 2:26) 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 2:27) 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) Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

(Luke 2:29) “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

(Luke 2:30) for my eyes have seen your salvation,

(Luke 2:31) which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

(Luke 2:32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?