

# Luke 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

## Analysis

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Mary's purification 'according to the law of Moses' and presentation of Jesus demonstrates covenant faithfulness and Jesus's full identification with His people. The purification (Lev 12:2-8) treated childbirth's ceremonial uncleanness, while firstborn presentation (Ex 13:2, 12) acknowledged God's ownership. Their obedience 'according to the law of Moses' shows submission to God's revealed will. Jesus, though sinless, submitted to requirements treating Him as ordinary Israelite, demonstrating humility and identification with sinners He came to save. This obedience foreshadows His greater submission to the Law's demands through perfect obedience and substitutionary death.

## Historical Context

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The forty-day purification period (Lev 12:4) explains the family's continued presence in Judea. Their bringing Jesus to Jerusalem for presentation fulfilled the Law while providentially enabling encounters with Simeon and Anna, who recognized His messianic identity.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why did sinless Jesus submit to purification rituals treating Him as common?
2. How does Jesus's early obedience to the Law foreshadow His life of perfect obedience?
3. What does Mary and Joseph's careful adherence to the Law teach about obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι τοῦ καθαρισμοῦ  
**And when were accomplished** G3588 **the days** G3588 **purification** G2512  
G2532 G3753 G4130 G2250  
αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸν νόμον Μωσέως, ἀνήγαγον αὐτὸν εἰς  
**him according** G3588 **to the law** G3551 **of Moses** G3475 **they brought** G321 **him** G846 **to** G1519  
G846 G2596 G3551 G3475 G321 G846 G1519  
Ἱεροσόλυμα παραστήσαι τῷ κυρίῳ  
**Jerusalem** G2414 **to present** G3936 G3588 **him to the Lord** G2962  
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