

**STOLEN BY LONELINESS**  
**How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Part 3**  
**December 20, 2009**

*“So the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].”*  
Isaiah 7:14

**The key to overcoming loneliness is \_\_\_\_\_**  
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*<sup>21</sup>“Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. <sup>22</sup>Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>The law of the Lord says, ‘If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.’ <sup>24</sup>So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord – ‘either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.’”* Luke 2:21-24

*<sup>36</sup>“Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. <sup>37a</sup>Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four.”* Luke 2:36-37a

**If you are lonely \_\_\_\_\_**  
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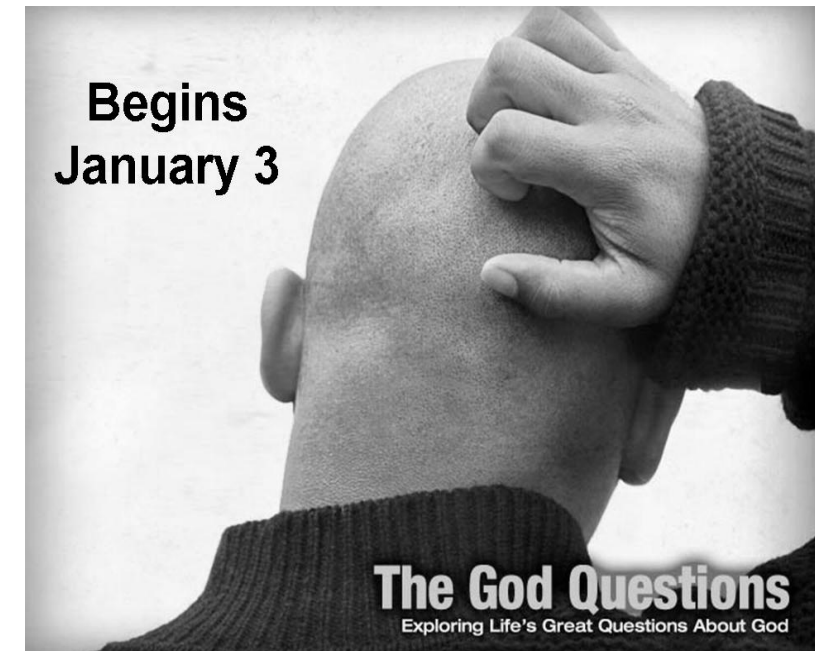
*<sup>37b</sup>“She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshipping God with fasting and prayer.”* Luke 2:37b

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*<sup>38</sup> “She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.”* Luke 2:38

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**NEXT WEEK:**  
**Join us for 1 service only**  
**at 11:00 AM the Sunday**  
**after Christmas**



**Join us in 2010 as we explore life's**  
**greatest questions about God.**