



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3, Episode 31

Anna's Prophecy

Join us today as we meet a widow named Anna and ask why two witnesses were required to validate who Jesus was.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we looked at God's fulfillment of His promise to Simeon and the Old Testament passages he quotes.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

How do you determine who is a credible witness?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud [Luke 2:36-38](#) and [Deuteronomy 19:15](#).

What is the witness of Anna and Simeon communicating about Jesus?

How does the context of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah and the history of the Maccabean revolt impact our understanding of 1st century Judaism?

Have someone read aloud [Luke 2:39-52](#).

What does this short passage tell us about Jesus and his parents?

Why do you think this is the only account of Jesus' childhood in the Bible?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

What makes someone a credible witness for Christ?

What do you need to address in your life that may be affecting your credibility as a witness for Christ?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, share prayer requests and pray as a group. Here is a prompt:

If you have children, pray for the elements listed in Luke 2:52 for your children.

Pray for parents in your group, church, and community as they raise their children.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 and 2 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes, on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

More on Gematria

See the linked resource to understand the Hebrew idea of Gematria, or the meaning behind numbers.

[Gematria Resource PDF](#)

