



We have been dealing with the theme “An Unexpected Christmas” this month. While for those we have looked at during this sermon series, Christmas may have been unexpected, unscripted, unfamiliar, and unfulfilled. For us this is not the case. We are expecting it in just two days. Neither is it unscripted or unfamiliar for we are all aware of the Christmas story. However for some, for those outside of Christ the season remains unfulfilled. Today as with the characters of our story, for the Christian, Christmas moves from *unfulfilled* to **fulfilled**.

An Unexpected Christmas: Unfulfilled

Luke 2:21-39 (Luke 2:21) (TITLE SLIDE)

How to have a “Fulfilled” Christmas (SLIDE 2)

I First Action Step: Become a MARVELER (SLIDE 3)

*“The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about Him”
(Luke 2:33) (SLIDE 4)*

II Second Action Step: Become a MOVER (SLIDE 5)

*“Moved by the Spirit, he (Simeon) went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God...”
(Luke 2:27) (SLIDE 6)*

III Third Action Step: Become a MESSENGER (SLIDE 7)

*“Coming up to them at that very moment, she (Anna) gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Israel.” (Luke 2:38)
(SLIDE 8)*

CONCLUSION

Christmas is a MARVELOUS, MOVING MESSAGE! (SLIDE 9)

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Luke 2:21-39 (Luke 2:21)

How to have a “Fulfilled” Christmas

I First Action Step: Become a _____

II Second Action Step: Become a _____

III Third Action Step: Become a _____

CONCLUSION

Christmas is a _____, _____ !

NOTE: I have abbreviated my outline so we can do the following:

Let’s make sure here we include a message and/or graphic that says:

From the West Side Church of Christ staff, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Then the 3 of us can sign this