**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES** forSunday, December 18, 2016

**THE TWO SIDES OF CHRISTMAS**

**Part 2**

**Luke 2:33-35**

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
    you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
    which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
    and the glory of your people Israel.”**

**The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”**

Luke 2:33-35 NIV

**And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”**

Luke 2:33-35NASB

**. . . so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.**

Luke 2:35 NIV

The word for thoughts in vs 35 is found 8 times in the NT and it always is found in the negative. It is the negative thoughts that we have that Jesus will reveal.

**Jesus came to reveal God to us.**

**Jesus came to reveal us to ourselves.**

**HOW DO YOU RESPOND**

**WHEN THE STUFF GOING ON IN YOUR HEART IS**

**REVEALED TO YOU?**

**JESUS’ DESTINY IN LIFE, TO REVEAL HEARTS, WOULD CAUSE SOME TO . . .**

**• Fall**

**“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel**

Luke 2:34

**"He” Messiah “shall become a sanctuary but to both the houses of Israel a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem and many will stumble over them, then they will fall and be broken.  They will even be snared
and caught."**

Isaiah 8:14 NIV

**“He is the stone that makes people stumble,
    the rock that makes them fall.”**

1 Peter 2:8 NLT

**• Rise**

**“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel**

Luke 2:34

**• Oppose**

**to be a sign that will be spoken against . . . And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”**

Luke 2:34-35 NIV

Some will not just fall away from Jesus they will fall against Jesus. This opposition will happen soon and it will happy to Mary and others who follow Jesus.

Jesus came to reveal what is going on in our hearts. You cannot have your heart exposed for what it is without responding to that revelation. This will cause some people to fall away, some to rise up and follow Jesus or some to oppose him with vigor and hatred.

What has Jesus shown you is in your heart?

How have you responded?

