

They Found Him
In The Temple

Luke 2

We know nothing about Jesus' childhood apart from one incident in Luke (2:39-52)

- Only Luke gives a glimpse of His childhood and first recorded words
- The progression –
 - Baby, 2:16 (unborn, 1:44; infants, here)
 - Child, 2:40
 - Boy, 2:43
 - About Thirty, 3:23

Context:

- 41: three feasts, Jerusalem, Ex.23:14-17
- 42: age 12; knew purpose in world
- 43-44: left in Jerusalem
- 45-46: anxious three days
- 47: astonished . . . at His understanding
- 48: filled with amazement
- 49: He can't believe they would not know...
- 50: may not understand; would not forget
- 51-52, obeyed both 'fathers'

Summary:

- One word shines light on Jesus' life between childhood and baptism: **carpenter**, Mk.6:3.
- Not hard to imagine Luke interviewing Mary, 1:1-4.
- This is the last time we see Joseph.

I. Losing Christ, 43-44

They thought He was with them

- Why did they lose Him?

– NOT because . . .

Did not love Him

They are wicked, unconcerned

He wanted to make life difficult

- Because they left Jerusalem **supposing** He was with them, 44

Some think Christ is with them

- Why do people lose Him?
 - NOT because . . .

They lack emotions ('love'). Jn.14:15

They are wicked, unconcerned. 1 Jn.2:6

He wants to make life difficult. Mt.11:28-30

- Because they **suppose** He is with them

I. Losing Christ, 43-44

II. Locating Christ, 44-45

Mary and Joseph . . .

- Sought Him among relatives
- Sought Him among acquaintances
- Found Him in Jerusalem

People look for Jesus in wrong places

- Relatives. Lk.3:8
 - John 12:48
 - Ezk.18
- Acquaintances. ‘Sincere’ yet... (44)
 - Mt.7:15-20, 21-23, sincere, religious, yet...
 - Mt.15:9, only appear to be sincere
- Must go to Jerusalem

People

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- Relative

 - John

 - Ezk. 1

- Acquaintance

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Must go to Jerusalem?

Isa. 2:2-4 . . . Lk. 24:47

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¹Had lost Jesus

²Found Him in Jerusalem

I. Losing Christ, 43-44

II. Locating Christ, 44-45

III. Loving Christ, 49

His first recorded words

- Everything He did was to save US,
Ph.2:6-8
- Imitate Him, Ph.2:1-5

1. My Father, 49

- Did not say 'Our' Father (ct. 48)
 - Joseph and Mary are children of God
 - They are not children as Jesus is
 - Lk.1:32, 35; 3:22; John 20:17
 - Lk.2:49, *legal* father, not actual
- 50: did not understand His claims
- 51: yet He submitted to them

2. Business / House, 49

- Lit., in the things of My Father
- Mt.17:24-27, Temple is God's house
- 1 Tim.3:15

Priorities:
Father first

Process:
Bible studies

Purpose:
do will of God

3. Must be...49

- **MUST:** what must necessarily take place, or what should be done as a result of compulsion, either by duty or law

– Lk.9:22

– Jn.3:7

– Jn.9:4

If Jesus must do will of God, what of us?

51: Jesus' supreme relationship with Father in heaven did not cancel duty to parents...or dying on the cross.