

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Growing With Jesus"
Luke 2:41-52
Study-8

Luke 2:48

Mary & Joseph Were Both Told By The Angel Gabriel Who Jesus Was:
Mary - **Luke 1:26-38**; Joseph - **Matthew 1:20-25**

Cousin Elizabeth's Witness To Mary:	Luke 1:41-45
The Shepherds' Witness To Mary & Joseph:	Luke 2:18-19
Simeon's Revelation To Mary & Joseph:	Luke 2:33
Anna's Revelation To Mary & Joseph:	Luke 2:50

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Never Intended That Divine Relationships Should Dishonor Human Relationships."

1. Verses 41-47 Divine Relationships

2. Verses 48-52 Human Relationships

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Luke 2:41 Now – Context - Luke left off with Jesus returning home from the temple (Dedication/Purification) back to Nazareth in Galilee, Jesus being 40 days in age.

Luke 2:39-40

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. The Scriptures required all males of Israel, 13 years and older, to attend 3 feasts each year. **Pentecost, Tabernacles, Passover.**
Deuteronomy 16:16

Passover – (Late March - Early April) Seven days after Passover is the feast of Unleavened Bread **Exodus 13:6**. This was a celebration and remembrance of God's miraculous deliverance of Israel out of Egyptian slavery.

Luke 2:42 And when He became twelve, From **Luke 2:40-42** Jesus' twelve silent years. **Matthew 2** records the encounter with the Magi when Jesus was about 2 years of age.

Jesus being twelve was significant because at the age of 13, Jesus would become **"A Son Of The Commandment" Bar Mitzvah.**

they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; faithful God-fearing couple that for the last 11 years has gone up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Luke 2:43 This feast would last one week.

Responding To The Critics "Was Jesus Disobedient To His Parents?"
Some think so!

Others say, No! With good reason, because the Scriptures teach that Jesus was sinless.

John 8:29, 46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:26;
1 Peter 2:22

What is the explanation to the question? Jesus being fully God and yet fully man was a sinless being, He was Incapable of knowingly doing wrong.

I think Jesus' staying behind is normal, not abnormal, to the true child of God. 1 Peter 2:2

But His parents were unaware of it,
Children have a way of getting out of sight in a matter of moments.

Luke 2:44 What does **supposed** – mean? "*to accustom to deem or regard, think*" This word is different from to know.

Caravan – "*company*" That families would travel together in large groups.

Luke 2:45

Verses 46-47 Finding Jesus: Luke 2:46 Then, after three days they found Him

The first day, they were not aware that Jesus was gone. The second day was going back to Jerusalem, and the third day, was searching and then finding Him.

Where To Find The Son Of God: in the temple,

sitting in the midst of the teachers,

This is where this twelve-year-old Son of God was to be found.

both listening to them, and asking them questions.

Two ears and one mouth!

Wanting to commune with the Father is the sign of true Sonship.

Luke 2:47 And all who heard Him were amazed

Literally, "*struck*" *We would say blown away!*

at His understanding and His answers. Jesus' comprehension of the Scriptures and His ability to put them together was nothing short of amazing.

2. Verses 48-52 Human Relationships

Luke 2:48 When they saw Him, they were astonished;

This word means, "*to be hit or struck, to be amazed*"

and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way?" Mary is implying here that Jesus has erred and committed some sin.

Behold, Your father and I

In this case, Joseph was Jesus' stepfather because God was His Father!

have been anxiously looking for You."

Literally, "*suffering pain we are searching for you*"

Luke 2:49 1st Recoded Words Of Jesus: "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Luke 2:19, 35

Did you not know

There was this sense of surprise on the part of Jesus towards his parents.

Jesus places the blame right back on His parents!

I had to be (Must) The beginning of the "Must" Statements.

Matthew 16:21

in My Father's house?" The temple symbolized "The Father's Presence" Worship and Instruction.

Thus the first thing said was: **My Father's** - *Jesus calls God His Father.*

Father was used **14 times** in the O.T. & was used in a general sense only, God was the Father of the nation of Israel, not in the personal sense.

Father is used **60 times** by Jesus during His ministry.

First words uttered by Jesus: Luke 2:49

Last words uttered by Jesus on the cross: **Luke 23:46**

Only one time that Jesus did not use the name Father in prayer:

Matthew 27:46

Father is used **275 times** in the N.T.

The term "Father" has been called "The Christian name for God"

God Is Revealed As A God Of Power –

God Is Revealed As A God Of Holiness – Revelation 4:8

God Is Revealed As A God Of Love – 1 John 4:8

God was never addressed as **Father** because His name was too holy:
He was never called Jehovah, He was called **"The Name"**

Luke 2:50 Believers too will not be understood.

Luke 2:51 And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth;

Because the temple was on a hill, so you always went down!

and He continued in subjection to them;

literally *"He was obeying them"*

and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Mary continued to hold on to these truths.

Verse 52 The Favored Life: Luke 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom

Intellectually, man would place the physical first!

and stature, Physically

and in favor *"grace"*

with God Spiritually

and men. Socially

Luke 4:22 And all were speaking well of Him,

Application:

- 1.** An Obedient Submissive Heart Comes From Knowing Who We Are.
Luke 2:49
- 2.** An Obedient Submissive Heart Is The Key To Experience Spiritual Growth.
Luke 2:52
- 3.** We Should Never Underestimate The Spiritual Growth Of Children.
- 4.** Spiritual Growth Produces Balance: God Never Intended That Divine Relationships Should Dishonor Human Relationships.