

## Submission

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Main Idea:** Jesus Christ fully understood his purpose for coming and joyfully submitted himself to the Father's plan.

**Jesus remains in Jerusalem as his parents depart for Nazareth.**

- *<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.*
  - *Exodus 23:14-17*

**Jesus responds to his parents' astonishment with an explanation of his purpose.**

- *<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.*
  - *Luke 4:43, 13:33*

**Jesus returns to Nazareth in submission to his parents and ultimately to the Father's plan.**

- *<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*
- *<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*
  - *Proverbs 3:1-4*

**So What?**

- **Do I understand the purpose of the coming of Jesus and the fulfillment of the Father's plan?**
  - *Romans 5:19*
  - *2 Corinthians 5:21*