

Luke

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Jesus, Son of God

Our Three Questions

1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. How does it apply?

- Landing it in our lives

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42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning,

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the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ 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,

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⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

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47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 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.”

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49 And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” **50** And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. **51** And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.

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And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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- **Mary and Joseph are devout**
- **What is the Passover?**

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- Jesus is 12 years old
 - The annual “custom” implications
- Revelation *after* a full day’s journey
 - Layers of stress (Matthew 2:13)
 - Embarrassment among friends/family

Luke 2:46-47

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

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Jesus is found with Israel's teachers ...

- **Sitting, listening, asking, & answering questions**

The response to Him

- **Amazed at His understanding & questions**

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- **The human side of the story**
- **Jesus Divine response**

Jesus the Son of God

Luke ...

- **Jesus testimony of Himself – 2:49**
- **God's testimony – 3:21**
- **History's testimony – 3:38**
- **Satan & Demons – 4:3, 9, 41 & 8:28**
- **The trial – 22:66-71**

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The Son of God ...

- Submits to His parents.
- “increases in wisdom ...”?

Jesus Submits

Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:15, & 5:7-10

Jesus becomes human in every way, and through obedience in suffering earns perfection ... which is credited to us.

Exodus 20:12

Jesus Submits

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Jesus Submits

⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

What do we learn

From the humanity of the story:

Parenting as stewardship

From the divinity of the story:

The gospel is in His whole life

Nobody is above submission

Application

From the humanity of the story:

Raise “Godly offspring”

From the divinity of the story:

Praise God

Submit where God requires it

Questions

Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?

Our text has a lot to say about parent-child relationships. Did anything jump out to you about your own relationship with your parents, when you read this story? Did anything jump out to you, if you are a parent, about your relationship with your children?

Jesus is willing to submit to His parents, even though they don't fully understand Him. Have you ever been in a position where you were supposed to submit to and honor someone that you were ahead of them or where it was difficult for you? How did that go?

What is your relationship with your own parents like? Was it easy to honor them or was it difficult? Is there a gap between internal disposition and external behaviors in that relationship?