

JESUS: THE UNIQUE SON OF GOD
LUKE 2:39-52
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Introduction:

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Luke 2:49 is the climax, the high point of Luke's infancy narrative (Luke 1–2).

Luke 2:39) The setting: Mary and Joseph were godly, obedient to God's law (Luke **2:22-24, 27**)

Luke 2:40)

In JC that we experience God's grace.

1 Corinthians 1:4 "I always thank God for you because of the grace given you in Christ Jesus."

Luke 2:41)

Side bar: The problem and heartbreak of prodigal children.

Strategy:

- 1. Don't take all the blame on yourself** (Isaiah 1:2).
- 2. But do understand that you are not totally free of blame, so be humble.**
- 3. Grow in godliness.**
- 4. Pray, Pray, Pray!** (Eph 6:18)
- 5. Seek your prodigal.** (Luke 19:10)

Luke 2:42–45)

Luke 2:46–7)

How did JC grow in wisdom? (v52)

Psalm 19:7 “The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple.”

Luke 2:48)

“JC was not sitting on the sidelines in awed silence.”

This was not “teenage rebellion.” (See v51.)

Luke 2:49) These are the first words from Jesus in Luke. These are the earliest words from Jesus in any of the gospels. These are the only words of Jesus from his childhood.

Three key ideas:

- Jesus is under divine mandate.
- Jesus seeks wisdom in the scriptures.
- Jesus is the unique Son of God.

Some ambiguity here: [**“in the of my Father”**]

“in my Father’s house” or “about my Father’s business”

Luke 2:50)

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- perfect life
- miracles
- statements
- resurrection.

Luke 2:51) Jesus’ example for children: be in submission to your parents.

Mary “treasured up all these things in her heart” (also in Luke 2:19 “pondering them”).

Luke 2:52)

Applications:

- 1. Jesus was under divine mandate, and so are we.**
- 2. Jesus sought wisdom from the Bible and those who knew the Bible, and so should we.**
- 3. Jesus was uniquely God's Son, and we must focus on him to really know God.**

Questions to ponder and discuss:

1. Discuss the heartbreak of prodigal children and the strategy to help reach them.
2. Is there any area where you are not living under divine mandate?
3. What will you do in 2026 to know the Bible better so you can grow in wisdom?
4. Get to know God better by pondering Hebrews 1:1–4; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:6.