

The Boy Jesus

Luke 2:41-52

- The Birth of Jesus
- The Child Jesus
- The Boy Jesus

Luke 2:40: And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:41: His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Joseph and Mary were faithful Jewish parent living in obedience to the Scriptures.

Passover is the oldest continually celebrated feast in the world.

Jesus is our Passover and was sacrificed for us! (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Luke 2:42: And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

At twelve years old, a Jewish boy would begin to learn his father's trade. Jesus was known as "the carpenters son."

Luke 2:43: When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it.

In verse 41 Joseph and Mary are called Jesus' parents. Here Luke refers to them as Joseph and His mother.

Luke 2:44: But supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Luke 2:45-46: So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Prophetically, this is why Jesus came - as our great High Priest.

Jesus is the **fulfillment** of the temple.

Luke 2:47: And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

That's who Jesus is: He understands and answers.

Luke 2:48: So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

Anxiously - Distressed, tormented, agony

Luke 2:49: And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know [see] that I must be about My Father's business?"

My Father (v. 49) is in **contrast** to your father in v. 48.

Luke 2:50: But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

- **We** who have the Scriptures understand.
- Do **you** understand?

Luke 2:51-52: Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus was subject (obedient) to His parents, to Mary His mother and to Joseph His earthly adoptive father.

Jesus is our **example**:

- baptism
- great commission
- serving others

- Father's business (our text)
- subject (obedient) to His parents

Why is **obedience** to parents so **core** to the Scriptures?

Deuteronomy 21:18 - stubborn and rebellious son

Two tablets of the Law - Christian and Jewish views.

Jesus was not only subject to Joseph and His mother but He we also find Him subject to His Heavenly Father.

Matthew 26

Philippians 2