

**A Very Classic Christmas****Jesus is the Son of God**

Luke 2:41-52

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” **Hebrews 1:1-4**

**Jesus is the Son of Man and the Son of God Born to Save the World**

“Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 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, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazing at his understanding and his answers. 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.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 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. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.” **Luke 2:41-52**

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“Every time we relax and think we’ve really understood him, he will be up ahead, or perhaps staying behind while we go on without thinking. Discipleship always involves the unexpected.” **N.T. Wright**

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**I. The Son of God Loved His Earthly Family**

“And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them...” **Luke 2:51a**

“The fact that he was God’s Son made him the perfect son of his human parents. The real man of God does not despise earthly ties; just because he is God’s man he discharges human duties with supreme fidelity.” **W. Barclay**

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.” **Exodus 20:12 (5<sup>th</sup> Commandment)**

**II. The Son of God Grew in Grace**

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.” **Luke 2:52**

“Jesus was not simply God disguised as a man. He had both a perfect divine nature and a genuine human nature that matured as he grew.” **Tony Evans**

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“I do not think of Christ as God alone, or man alone, but both together. For I know He was hungry, and I know that with five loaves He fed 5,000. I know He was thirsty, and I know that He turned water into wine. I know he was carried in a ship, and I know that He walked on the sea, I know that He died, and I know that He raised the dead. I know that He was set before Pilate, and I know that He sits with the Father on His throne. I know that He was worshipped by angels, and I know that He was rejected by the Jews. And truly some of these I ascribe to the human, and others to the divine nature. For by reason of this He is said to have been both God & man.” **John Chrysostom**

Jesus is the Son of Man, and the Son of God which means this: He understands your life, your needs, and your pains because he is the Son of Man. But, he can do something about them all because he is the Son of God!

Invite the Son of God into your life tonight and he will come to you.

**Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:**

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