

**Maranatha Fellowship CRC**  
Farmington, NM 87401

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 10:00 AM

**Message Series:** Seeking the Lost: “Being in the Father’s House”  
**Week 1–** The Boy Jesus at the Temple

**Scriptures:** Luke 2:41-52

**Brief Preview:**

Luke, a gentile physician, builds his gospel narrative around a historical, chronological presentation of Jesus' life. Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus Christ as the Perfect Man who came to seek and save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe His claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose Him will only be satisfied once the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the Resurrection ensures that His ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue in the person of His disciples once they have been equipped with His power.

**Outline:**

- I. Introduction (Luke 2:1-3)
  - i. The boy Jesus in the temple
  - ii. Bringing a balance: Setting the Priority Straight
  
- II. Jesus goes up with his parents to Jerusalem at the Feast of the Passover, v. 41-42
  - i. Jewish annual custom – Passover
    - i. Twelve years old children – fast
    - ii. Thirteen years old, having been from infancy, by their circumcision – they begin to be the sons of the commandment – a son of the covenant.
  - ii. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, unknown to them.
    - i. His parents didn’t return until the feast was over, and Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem
    - ii. His parents traveled for a day without any suspicion that he was left behind.
    - iii. When they didn't find him, they went back.
    - iv. After three days, they found him, and his mother asks him privately about it, v. 48
  
- D. Being in the Father’s House, v. 50
  - i. Identifying with Jesus
  - ii. The main question
  - iii. Jesus reveals to us the way of God
  - iv. Jesus did surprising things
  - v. Jesus was found among the teachers in the temple: listening, asking questions, and giving replies.
  - vi. Some practical implications
  
- III. Returning to Nazareth and being subject to his parents, v. 51
  - i. Mary ponders
  - ii. She treasures these things in her heart
  - iii. Some practical implications
  
- IV. Conclusion: Growing in physical stature and favor of God and men, v. 52
  - i. He improved and progressed and was thought well of
  - ii. Jesus had a unique call and relationship with God the Father: Jesus' sign, authority, and patience
  - iii. Some practical implications

**Questions and Answers** (Refer to Luke 2:41-52, NIV for answers)

1. Every year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of (v. 41)
  - A. Passover B. Tabernacle C. the Pentecost D. only A E. None
2. When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents (v. 42):
  - A. Went up to the Festival, according to the customs B. Went down to the Festival of Tabernacle C. Only A D. None
3. After the Festival was over, while his parents were returning home (v. 43-44):
  - A. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it
  - B. They thought that he was in their company
  - C. They traveled on for a day.
  - D. Then, they began looking for among their relatives and friends
  - E. All of the above.
4. When the parents of Jesus didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him: (Refer to Luke 2:45) and Mark True (T) or False (F)
5. After three days, they found him in the temple courts (Luke 2:46). What was he doing? Mark True (T) or False (F)
  - A. Sitting among the teachers. T F
  - B. Listening to them. T F
  - C. Jesus was asking questions to the teachers T F
  - D. Jesus was teaching the teachers T F
6. Everyone who heard Jesus was understanding, and his \_\_\_\_\_. (Refer to Luke 2:47)
  - A. Answers B. questions C. only A E. None
7. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him (Luke 2:48):
  - A. "Son, why have you treated us like this?"
  - B. "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." C. Both answers are correct
8. What was Jesus's answer? Did the parents understand his response? (Refer to Luke 2:49-50)
  - A. "Why are you searching for me?" "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" B. Yes or No
9. Then, Jesus went down to Nazareth with his parents and (Refer to Luke 2:51-52)
  - A. Obedient B. grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and men. C. Both answers are correct D. None
10. Take home lesson today (Choose all that apply to you)
  - A. Jesus had a unique call in His life and relationship with the Father; it's important that I understand this matter
  - B. Jesus came to seek and save the lost; I would like to have a great relationship with Jesus
  - C. It's not just about doing ministry but also crucial to attend church regularly, sit and listen
  - D. We have two families: biological (home) and spiritual (church)
  - E. Be patient and wait for God's timing for his call in your life to start your personal ministry
  - F. Bring a balance between God's service and your personal work. E. Set your priorities straight G. Be Creative!