

Have you Seen Jesus?

Luke 2:41-52

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Intro. [A] We are not aware of many details concerning the early childhood of Jesus.

1. This is as it should be lest we idolize incidents.
2. There are two institutions of general interest.
3. They are His home and the temple/synagogue.

[B] In these verses, as recorded by Luke, we see Him as a 12 year old man.

1. His Bar mitzvah is over, BAR = Son + Mitzvah = law.
2. He has become responsible to the law.

[C] This is not a figure of speech.

1. It is not a parable, or metaphor, or type.
2. It is an historical event.
3. We may use it to bring attention to certain interesting parallels.

I. The Obedience of Joseph And Mary.

[A] They observed Passover faithfully.

- Vs. 41
1. They went to Jerusalem, 70 miles distant.
- Vs. 42
2. When Jesus was 12 years old He went with them.

[B] Passover was an annual observance.

1. It was designed ^{to commemorate} their Egyptian experience.
2. The lamb prefigured the lamb of God.
3. Did Jesus recognize this type?
4. If He did He was at this time conscience of the necessity of His death.

III. They Found Him In The Temple.

A. The three days of separation.

- Vs. 46a
1. The first day, a day of unawareness.
 2. The second day, a day of going back.
 3. The third day, a day of searching.
 4. They found Him in the temple.

B. What they found Him doing.

- Vs. 46b
1. "sitting in the midst of the doctors..." "teachers"
 2. "... both hearing them, and asking them questions"

C. His teachers were astonished at His answers.

- Vs. 47
1. "ἐξίστημι" = "to stand aside from", "to go away from", "yield", "to be out of one's wits!"
 2. "understanding" = σύνεσις = quickness of comprehension, the intelligent, penetrating consideration which precedes decision and action. Reflective thought.
 3. "answers" = ἀποκρίσις = "a separating from", a decision based on careful thought.
 4. Jesus was not in the temple bellowing and bullying His elders. His conversation was quiet and thoughtful. They would not forget this young man!

IV. The Amazement of Mary And Joseph.

A. "And when they saw him, they were amazed..."

- Vs. 48a
1. ἐκλήσσω = "to be exceedingly struck in mind".
 2. Parents are often surprised at the intelligence of their children!

B. What they said to Jesus.

- Vs. 48b
1. Son, why have you done this to us?
"dealt" = ποιέω = "to make or to do." Spoken of any external act obvious to the senses, completed action