

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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## Occupied with His Father's Affairs, Jesus Identifies Himself as the Divine Son of God Luke 2:41-52

### Review: Remember Luke's purpose in writing his gospel account (vv. 1:1-4)

*Luke 1:1* Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, **2** just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, **3** it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, **4** that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

### Jesus Matured Naturally in His Physical and Spiritual Development

*Luke 2:40* And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

### Jesus Goes "Missing" During a Trip to Jerusalem (vv. 2:41-47)

1. According to custom, Jesus and his family travel to Jerusalem.  
*Luke 2:41* Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42** And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.
2. During their journey home, Mary and Joseph realize Jesus is missing and head back to search for him.  
*Luke 2:43* And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, **44** 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, **45** and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.
3. They discover Jesus participating in rabbinic discussions at the temple, showing wisdom beyond his years.  
*Luke 2:46* After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

## As the Divine Son of God, the Young Jesus Concerns Himself with His Father's Work (vv. 48-51)

1. Mary, shocked and anxious, feels betrayed by her son's actions.

*Luke 2:48* 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."

2. Surprised by his earthly parent's concern, Jesus introduces his divine sonship – and points to his life's purpose.

*Luke 2:49* And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" *50* And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.

Though still not fully understood in this account, Jesus' divine sonship comes into clearer focus throughout his life.

*Luke 10:22* All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

*John 1:14* And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

3. In response to Jesus' words, and his maintained obedience to her, Mary continues to sort out who exactly her son is.

*Luke 2:51* 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.

## Reflection/Discussion

1. This account finds the young Jesus in the temple listening and asking/answering questions surrounding God's word. Do you follow this pattern in your own study and interaction with the Bible?
2. We can spend all our lives processing who Jesus is and what he has done. How can you develop patterns in your life, like Mary did, of contemplation and reflection on the person of Jesus? Remember, as you do, you become more like him (2 Cor. 3:18)!
3. What distractions do you face that can make Jesus become part of the background, rather than the focused person of your life? How can you create space in your busy life to truly ponder what it means that Jesus, the divine Son of God, has come into the world?

## SONGS

"EVERLASTING GOD" - Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

"GOD IS FOR US" - M. Farren, J. Ferguson, T. Kley, J. Reeves, J. Robinson, J Tealy, R. Thompson

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"KING OF KINGS" - Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

## BUDGET

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TOTAL GENERAL NEED 2022: \$ 1,876,836.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS

EXPANSION FUND

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