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MOVING ON FROM BETHLEHEM—3
“It was Confirmed with a Missing Boy”
Luke 2:41-51

Introduction _____

This account of Jesus’ absence is unique in a number of ways:

1. First, we must remember that this is the only inspired, biblically recorded incident in the youthful years of Jesus.
2. In this text are recorded the first words of our Lord Jesus.
3. This is the last time Joseph is every mentioned in the life of the Lord Jesus.
4. The actions of the Lord Jesus, in the minds of His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph appeared to be wrong.

I. FIRST, CONSIDER THE DISTANCE THAT WAS DEMANDED (Luke 2:41-42).

- A. First, notice the object of the trip—to OBEY (2:41).
- B. Secondly, consider the objective of the trip—to OFFER (2:42).

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II. SECONDLY, NOTICE THE DISAPPERANCE THEY DECLARED (Luke 2:43-46a).

- A. First, notice them leaving without Jesus (2:43-45).
 1. First, this leaving involved a supposition (2:44).
 2. Their leaving without Jesus included a separation (2:44b).
- B. Secondly, note them _____ for the Lord Jesus (2:44b-45).
 1. It involved a _____ (2:45a).
 2. It included a _____ (2:45b-46).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE DISCOVERY THAT WAS _____ (Luke 2:45-47).

IV. FOURTHLY, NOTE THE DECLARATION THAT WAS _____ (Luke 2:48-51).

JUST WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

Several ways this account can be explained (some of VERY, VERY wrong):

1. The first option is simple to take this as an interesting _____.

2. The second option (but unacceptable) is to understand that Jesus was _____ to remain back in Jerusalem.
3. A third option is to view Jesus as a kind of “_____” Messiah.
4. The 4th option is that Jesus’ parents were _____.
5. The 5th option is that Jesus was _____ in what he did, and that His parents were _____ in rebuking Him.

3.

THE BIG QUESTIONS ARE, WHY?

- Why did He stay in Jerusalem?

Note some reasons:

1. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem to _____.
2. It appears that Jesus remained in Jerusalem to learn from the teachers in the temple those things that His parents could not _____ Him.
3. Jesus remained on in Jerusalem because He would not have been given _____ to stay there.
4. Finally, and most importantly, Jesus did not ask permission to say on because He was _____.

- Why did the Holy Spirit inspire Luke to record only this event in the life of the childhood of Jesus?

4.

1. This passage _____ the HUMANITY and DEITY of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. This passage reminds us of the _____ of growth.
3. This passage reminds us of the relationship between _____ and _____.
4. This passage reminds us of the relationship between _____ and _____.

CONCLUSION: JUST HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE RELATE TO MY OWN PERSONAL LIFE?

1. Noting should hinder us from access to those things, which contribute to our spiritual _____.
2. It is extremely difficult for those who believe in the divine and human to _____ the two without sacrificing the one or the other.