

**Series:** Good News of Great Joy  
**Sermon:** The Revelation of the Messiah  
**Scripture:** Luke 2:41-52  
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**Luke 2:41-52 (ESV)**

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.  
<sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.  
<sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,  
<sup>44</sup> 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,  
<sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.  
<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.  
<sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.  
<sup>48</sup> 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."  
<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"  
<sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.  
<sup>51</sup> 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.  
<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- 1. Jesus was raised by devout parents and was a part of a devout extended family and community. (v. 41-45)**
- 2. Jesus displayed an insatiable desire for learning and knowledge. (v. 46-48a)**
- 3. Jesus revealed his "must." (v. 48b-50)**

Luke 4:43 (ESV)

*I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.*

Luke 9:22 (ESV)

*The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

Luke 24:5-7 (ESV)

*Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.*

Luke 24:26 (ESV)

*Was it not necessary that the Christ must suffer these things and enter into his glory?*

Luke 24:44 (ESV)

*These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.*

Luke 11:2 (ESV)

*When you pray, say, "Father" ...*

Galatians 4:6 (ESV)

*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

John 1:12 (ESV)

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

#### **4. Jesus submitted, Mary pondered. (v. 51)**