

Sunday School Live Lesson

July 6, 2025

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

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Questions for Us Today

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How do you honor the fact that Jesus is Lord?

How do you honor the fact that Jesus is in your life?

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Objective

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To understand how this passage of Scripture took place in the temple – and why.

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1. Bibliography

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2. Points of Information: Luke

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Luke

Luke was not one of the Twelve Disciples. Instead, he traveled and ministered with the Apostle Paul.

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Since Luke was a physician (per a comment by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 4:14), this Gospel illustrates his attention to detail – particularly on medical conditions.

Points of Information – Luke

The Gospel According to Luke has a genealogy of Jesus. Luke 3:23-39.

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Unlike the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew (which lists Jesus' ancestors from Abraham forward), the Lukan version traces the lineage of Jesus back to Adam.

Points of Information – Luke

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The Gospel according to Luke, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, is one of the three Synoptic Gospels – along with those of Matthew and Mark. These Gospels closely match one another in content and sequence. Yet, large segments of the Lukan Gospel are unique.

Points of Information – Luke

The Gospel According to Luke speaks prominently about a number of women: Mary (mother of Jesus), Elisabeth (mother of John the Baptist), Lydia (a woman of noteworthy stature who came to believe in the Lord), Priscilla (a co-minister with the Apostle Paul and her husband Aquila), Candace (the queen whom the Ethiopian eunuch reported to) and others.

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In the beginning Verses of the 2nd Chapter of the Gospel According to Luke, the writer describes how Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to satisfy a required census.

There in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Baby Jesus.

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The 2nd Chapter goes on to tell of the visitation by shepherds (directed by angels) and how they praised God for having seen the Baby Messiah.

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In this Chapter, Luke tells how Joseph and Mary had Jesus circumcised and took Him to the Temple for the required purification rites.

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Two people in particular witnessed the presence of Baby Jesus in the temple:
1) Simeon and 2) Anna.

Thereafter, Jesus grew up healthy and strong with wisdom and the Grace of God.

Luke 2:41 (NIV)

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

Luke 2:42

When He was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

Luke 2:43

After the festival was over, while His parents were returning home, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

Luke 2:44

Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends.

Luke 2:45

When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

Luke 2:46

After three days, they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:47

Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Luke 2:48

When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.”

Luke 2:49

“Why were you searching for me?” He asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in My Father’s house?” NIV

[“... I must be about My Father’s business?” KJV]

Luke 2:50

But they did not understand what He was saying to them.

Luke 2:51

Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man.

Remember this:

Let us remember the fact that Jesus had a dual nature here on earth:

100% God / Divine: He was / is our Sovereign, all knowing Lord.

100% Man / Human: Except for sin, He experienced what we do as humans.

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