

Jesus, Where are You? Luke 2:41-52



Luke 2

- **Luke 2:42-45** - 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. 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.

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- **Luke 2:46-48** - 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. ⁴⁸ And when his parents^[g] 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.”

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- **Luke 2:49-52** - 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. 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.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Why Was Jesus Lost?

He was lost because of **NEGLIGENCE**.

God Warns Us About Neglect

- **Psalm 119:4** - You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.
- **2 Chronicles 29:11** - My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense.

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- **Neglect was one of the first problems mentioned among members of the early Church.**
- **Acts 6:1** - Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.
- **Many parents today neglect to warn their children about societal dangers, thus loosing them to sin and Satan.**
- **Ephesians 6:4** - And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

God Warns Us About Neglect

- **Church Members**
- **Deuteronomy 6:12** — . . . Beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- **Neglect can cause one to lose his soul.**
- **Hebrews 2:3** -“How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.”

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He was lost because of SUPPOSITION.

Supposition Placed Paul in Danger

- **Acts 21:27-29** - Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

SUPPOSITION – Honest and Sincere

- Many suppose that any “religious” way is all right with God so long as one is honest and sincere.

John 3:5 - Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Taken Captive by False Suppositions

- **Many brethren make are taken captive by false suppositions.**
 1. They suppose it is okay to forsake worship services.
 2. They suppose it is okay to willfully pass up the Lord's Supper.
 3. They suppose they have plenty of time before settling down to take the Bible seriously.

Why Was Jesus Lost?

He was lost because they LOOKED IN THE
WRONG PLACE.

Looking in the Wrong Place

- **Many are looking in the wrong Religions and so-called churches.**
- **Luke 13:24** – to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Jesus Can Be Found

- **Jesus tells us that He CAN be found, and he tells us HOW and WHERE to look.**
- **Matthew 7:7** - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- **John 5:39** — You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** — Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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- **Romans 1:15-17** - So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”
- **Hebrews 11:6** — But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Jesus Came to Save the Lost

- **Matthew 18:11** - For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.
 1. Man is not going to be lost if he does not believe the gospel.
 2. Man is not going to be lost if he does not repent of his sins.
 3. Man is not going to be lost if he does not confess Christ.
 4. Man is not going to be lost if he is not baptized (immersed) in water for the remission of his sins.
- Man is not going to be lost if he is unfaithful to Christ.
- **Do you know why? BECAUSE HE IS ALREADY LOST, that's why, and the gospel of Christ is the only power in this world to make a lost man a saved man.**

Ask and Walk

- **Jeremiah 6:16** – “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see, **And ASK for the old paths**, where the **good way** is, **And WALK** in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”