

Jesus at the Temple

Luke 2:40 – 52

Unit 19, Session 5

I. Where we have been.

In the first 5 lessons of this quarter, we have studied the life of Jesus Christ before the start of his public ministry.

Unit 19: Jesus Comes into the World

Session 1: Jesus is the last Adam. Jesus who is the last Adam, was born to overcome what the first Adam brought into the world through his transgression. (Romans 5:12-21)

Session 2: John the Baptist, the Herald, is Born. God appointed John the Baptist to be the herald of the Most High and to prepare the people for Jesus' arrival. (Luke 1:59-79)

Session 3: Jesus, the Deliverer, is Born. Mary trusted God and worshipped Him for His gracious provision of Jesus, the promised King, Savior, and Servant. (Luke 1:26-33; 1:51-55; 2:4-7)

Session 4: Jesus is Dedicated. When Joseph and Mary dedicated Jesus, Simeon & Anna praised God because they recognized Jesus was God's provision to bring salvation. (Luke 2:21-38)

Today's Lesson - Session 5: Jesus at the Temple. Even as a child, Jesus prioritized the work His Father had given Him to do.

II. Where we are going.

The next 5 lessons we will study together the launching of Jesus Christ' public ministry.

Unit 20: Jesus Begins His Ministry

Session 1: Jesus is Baptized. Jesus was baptized by John, not as a sign of repentance like the people but to fulfill all righteousness and show that he fully obeyed the Father. (Mt. 3:1-17)

(Easter Session) Alive with Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is good news that changes lives and is the source of our hope for eternal life. (I Cor. 15:1-22)

Session 2: Jesus is Tempted. The devil tempted Jesus three times, but Jesus overcame each temptation by the Word of God and succeeded where the first Adam had failed. (Lk. 4:1-13)

Session 3: John Points to Jesus. John humbly pointed others to Jesus, the One who laid down His life to give life to those who believe. (Jn. 1:29-34; 3:25-36)

Session 4: Jesus Calls His Disciples. When Jesus called His disciples, He called them to follow His example of intentionally seeking the lost. (Luke 5:3-11; 5:27-32)

A Note on Simeon & Anna from last week's lesson

There was much evil then in the church, yet God left not himself without witness. Anna always dwelt in, or at least attended at, the temple. She was always in a praying spirit; gave herself to prayer, and in all things she served God. Those to whom Christ is made known, have great reason to thank the Lord. She taught others concerning him. Let the example of the venerable saints, Simeon and Anna, give courage to those whose hoary heads are, like theirs, a crown of glory, being found in the way of righteousness. ~ Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

Let's not forget class that besides John the Baptist – who was the forerunner of Christ, God had been silent to his people for 400 years. Yet, God highlights two individuals, Simeon & Anna **who were senior saints**, who had served the coming savior their entire lives and had hoped to personally see Christ. They were prayer warriors, they participated in fasting, Anna was 84 years old at the time she encountered Christ, she faithfully worshipped in the temple, were powerful witnesses to other temple worshippers and spoke of the redemption to come. May we be found as faithful throughout our years as Simeon and Anna!

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Introduction

This lesson briefly summarizes Jesus early life highlighting his encounter with the teachers of the law at the temple in Jerusalem when he was only 12 years old.

Jesus' faithfulness to His heavenly Father's mission was evident early on in His life. Even as a child, Jesus prioritized the work His Father had given Him to do. In Luke 2:40-52, we are told that as Jesus grew, He increased in wisdom and in stature. From an early age, Jesus demonstrated wisdom concerning His Father's law, he prioritized His Father's work, and He evidenced favor with God and with people. Each step of His earthly life prepared Him to implement the eternal mission His Father had given him: to live a life of complete obedience, die on the cross for our sins, and rise again in victory. Because we belong to God in Christ, we strive to grow in wisdom and obedience as we join with Jesus in being about our Father's work.

Class Question - What are some ways Jesus may have grown in wisdom and stature?

Jesus being fully God yet fully man, grew up through all the stages of human life that we did.

- His conception => baby born => toddler => young boy => young man => man on a mission. Jesus went through the same issues in same stages as we did.

Point 1: Jesus demonstrates wisdom in God's law.

Read Luke 2:40-47

His parents traveled from Nazareth in a large caravan to Jerusalem to celebrate the **Passover Feast** which was a 1-day festival, that was immediately followed by a weeklong feast called the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**.

Read 1st & 2nd paragraph

We all know the story. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem and was found at least 3 days later.

1. What was Jesus not doing that normal kids may do if separated from their parents?
2. What was Jesus doing at the temple?
 - a. Sitting, Listening & Asking Questions
3. How did other teachers of the law react to Jesus?
 - a. Were amazed at his understanding & answers

Point 2: Jesus prioritizes His Father's Work

Read Luke 2:48-50

Read 1st & 2nd paragraph

1. The Tale of Two Fathers.
 - a. Mary told Jesus 'your father and I' have been looking for you.
 - b. Jesus replied, 'I must be in my Father's house'.
 - c. Jesus was at home in the temple. The temple was His Father's house. Jesus was fully God and fully man.
2. Jesus reminded them about his Mission (Redemption those who are Lost in Sin) through obedience to His heavenly Father.

Question:

- Have you been redeemed through the blood of the Lamb?
- If so, are we faithful the mission God the Father has given us?

Point 3: Jesus increases in favor with God and man.

Read Luke 2:51, 52

1. Jesus was obedient and submitted to his earthly parents.
2. Mary treasured up each experience with Jesus.
3. As Jesus transitioned into adulthood, he increased in wisdom throughout the years, and gained favor with God and man.

Conclusion:

- Have we been redeemed? Are we about his work and calling in our lives?
- Is there evidence of spiritual growth in our lives? Are we an encouragement to others?