


The Child Jesus
Increases in Wisdom
and Grace

Luke 2:39 - 52


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Mary and Joseph are Faithful to
the Law

- **Luke 2:39**

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.




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- **Luke 2:40**

And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.


- **Luke 2:52**

And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

 **Faithful and Exemplary Jewish Believers**


■ **Luke 2:41 - 42**

And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;

 **Jesus is Inadvertently Left Behind**


■ **Luke 2:43, 44**

and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it, but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

 **Twelve Year Old Jesus in the Temple**

■ **Luke 2:45, 46**


And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him. And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.



Jesus Amazes With His Knowledge
of the Law and its Implications

■ **Luke 2:47, 48**


And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You."



God's Purposes Take Priority
Over Jesus' Parents

■ **Luke 2:49, 50**


And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.



Though Mary Did Not Understand,
She Treasured What She Saw Until
Later When Understanding Came


■ **Luke 2:51, 52**

And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.




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
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- **Luke 4:43**
But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."
- **Luke 17:25**
But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.




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
- **Luke 24:44**
Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."


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
- **Luke 21:9**
 "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."


 God's End Times Plans are Necessary


- **Acts 3:21**
 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.
- **Revelation 1:1**
 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,


 It is Necessary That Salvation is Only Found in Christ


- **Acts 4:12**
 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
- **Acts 16:30b**
 he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

 Necessity also Includes Moral Responsibility


- **Luke 18:1**
Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,
- **Acts 5:29**
But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "We must obey God rather than men."

 Understanding comes to disciples when God opens their minds.

- **Luke 9:44, 45**
"Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they might not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

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- **Luke 24:45 - 47**
Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

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■ **2John 1:9** (NKJV)

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.