

“Home Alone- Lost in Jerusalem”

Luke 2:41-52

I. They travel to Jerusalem (v.41-42):

a. Their going every year to Jerusalem for Passover, shows Joseph & Mary’s on-going commitment to the _____. This particular year, Jesus gets to go with them as he is now 12, which was the custom.

b. **Passover**- a one day feast followed by the week-long Feast of Unleavened Bread.

i. 3 major feasts per year:

1. **Feast of Unleavened Bread**- Commemorating The Exodus from captivity in _____

2. **Feast of The Harvest** (*Weeks, First Fruits*)- Expression of thanks for all the _____ the Lord provided

3. **Feast of Ingathering** (*Tabernacle, Booths*)- Thanksgiving for the _____ harvest
- all of these would have a social and religiously unifying effect on the nation. (**Ex.23:14-17**)

ii. This was also an opportunity for the men to _____ the Lord to protect their landholdings while on their pilgrimage to the Tabernacle. This was also often done with extended _____ or friends, as it was always safer and built unity. Note: it is good to be in situations where we are _____ to trust Him.

II. **Jesus stays behind** (V.43-52):

a. Unlike the other gospels, this lone biblical insight into the youth of Jesus portrays Him as a typical boy, in a typical family. This is probably why His own home town people couldn’t _____ Him when he declared to be the Messiah- (**Luke 4:19-30**). *“Isn’t this Joseph’s kid?”*

b. Jesus stays behind but his parents were unaware of it. It was common for kids, cousins and family friends to _____ and mingle while traveling.

> This was the ultimate *Home Alone situation, except instead of Kevin McAllister lost in New York at Christmas*, this just happened to be the Son of God Himself. (*what were those 2-3 nights sleep like for Joseph & Mary, knowing they had lost the Son of God?*) (ILL) [Video]

c. Remember, the Temple was the closest thing to God’s presence on earth so naturally, Jesus, _____ to be with His heavenly family, would have naturally gravitated towards there. *“Didn’t you know I would be in my Father’s house?”*

d. Jesus dared to sit with the PHD’s (*didaskalos*- teachers) of God’s law in the temple, listening to them & asking (key) questions. These doctors were amazed at His understanding & answers. _____ **is this kid??** **Ans.-** God in human form, and he’s interviewing you on your understanding of God, Faith and His Word. (**Eccles. 5:1-2**)

e. This brings us smack in the face of the incarnation again- the ultimate paradox- **100% Man, 100% God:**

1. **Heb. 4:15** (Man)

2. **Phil. 2:6-8; Is. 9:6** (God)

a. It _____ to be God who came. Only God is sinless, therefore only God could be the ultimate, spotless payment for our sins (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**).

b. His rising from the dead after he was crucified, _____ who He is- which means, our faith is not in vain (**1 Cor. 15:17**).

3. Yet here we see that He limited Himself, so he could be human and even _____ as a child (**Phil. 2:7; Luke 2:52**) What??