

Message Notes

The boy Jesus in the Temple

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "This is model behavior!"

Today's Message

The Passover Lamb:

The boy Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

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Treasured these things...

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Gospel Application:

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Luke 2:41-52

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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.44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day.

Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 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." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked.

"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Deuteronomy 16:16

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1 Corinthians 5:7b

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Luke 2:17-19

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.





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Last Week's Message:
"Hope Incarnate":
The Dedication of Jesus
Luke 2:21-40

Today's Message:
"The Passover Lamb":
The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Luke 2:41-52

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Going to Jerusalem for the Passover

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What is the Passover?

Exodus 12:3,7,12-14

³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family... ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

Exodus 12:3,7,12-14

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Why are they going to Jerusalem?

Deuteronomy 16:16

¹⁶Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.

Palestine

• Nazareth

Jerusalem

• Bethlehem



Returning Home?

Luke 2:43-45

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Why does Jesus stay behind?

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His parents went how long before noticing he was missing!?

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Jesus Remains in the Temple

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So...why did Jesus stay behind?

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin.

Jesus obedient to his parents

Luke 2:51-52

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Family Drama

Luke 2:48

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The first recorded words of Jesus

Luke 2:49-50

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Jesus called the temple where he stood his “Father’s house,” and in doing so he asserted that God was his Father and that he stood in unique relationship to God – that he had a relationship to God that no other human has ever had. There is no parallel in the Old Testament for the phrase “my father” in speaking of God. Rather, some equivalent was used... (Jesus) now knew that he was the Son of God – the Messiah – God become man. Eighteen years later, when Jesus began his public ministry, his awareness of God as his Father would become a trademark of his ministry.



To catch the idea of how radical this self-understanding was, we need to understand that in the huge library of the Old Testament's thirty-nine books, God is only referred to as Father fourteen times – and then rather impersonally. In those fourteen references “Father” is always used in reference to the nation, not to individuals. God was referred to as Abraham's Father, but Abraham did not speak of God as “my Father.” But when Jesus came on the scene, he addressed God as his Father and never used any other term. In all his prayers he addressed God as Father. The Gospels record his using Father more than sixty times in reference to God.



~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word.

But they did not understand...

Luke 2:49-50

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Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb

1 Corinthians 5:7b

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Return to Nazareth

We've seen this from Mary before....

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“Remembering rightly
redeems rejoicing.”
~ Matt Chandler



Gospel of Luke Application:

Do you recognize Jesus as the Son of God?

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Do you recognize Jesus as God's Passover Lamb so that your sin might be "passed over"?

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Do you recognize Jesus as God's Passover Lamb so that your sin might be "passed over"?

Like Mary, will you respond by treasuring these things in your heart?

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