

JERUSALEM TO NAZARETH (AND BACK AGAIN)

Luke 2:41-52

Fellowship
CHURCH



Emmaus
(possible locations)

Jerusalem

The Boy Jesus

- Legends of the boy Jesus
 - Originated in the second & third centuries
 - Spread through false gospels
- The Biblical account of the boy Jesus
 - Recorded by Luke
 - Eyewitness source
 - Mary was the source of this account

The Boy Jesus

- What does Luke teach us through this account?
 - Luke focuses on Jesus's humanity
 - Jesus experienced the normal stages of human development

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LUKE 2:41-42

According to Custom

- Joseph & Mary were faithful lawkeepers
 - Attended Passover every year
 - Did all the Law required as parents
 - Luke 2:22-39
 - Set a positive example for Jesus

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According to Custom

- The age of Jesus
 - “Son of the Commandment”
 - Personally accountable to the Law

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LUKE 2:41-42

And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 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, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

LUKE 2:43-45

The Journey Back to Nazareth

- A day's journey
 - 20 miles
 - 8-10 hours on foot
- The caravan
 - Mutual support & protection
 - All-day, non-stop traveling
 - Women & children in front
 - Men & older boys in back

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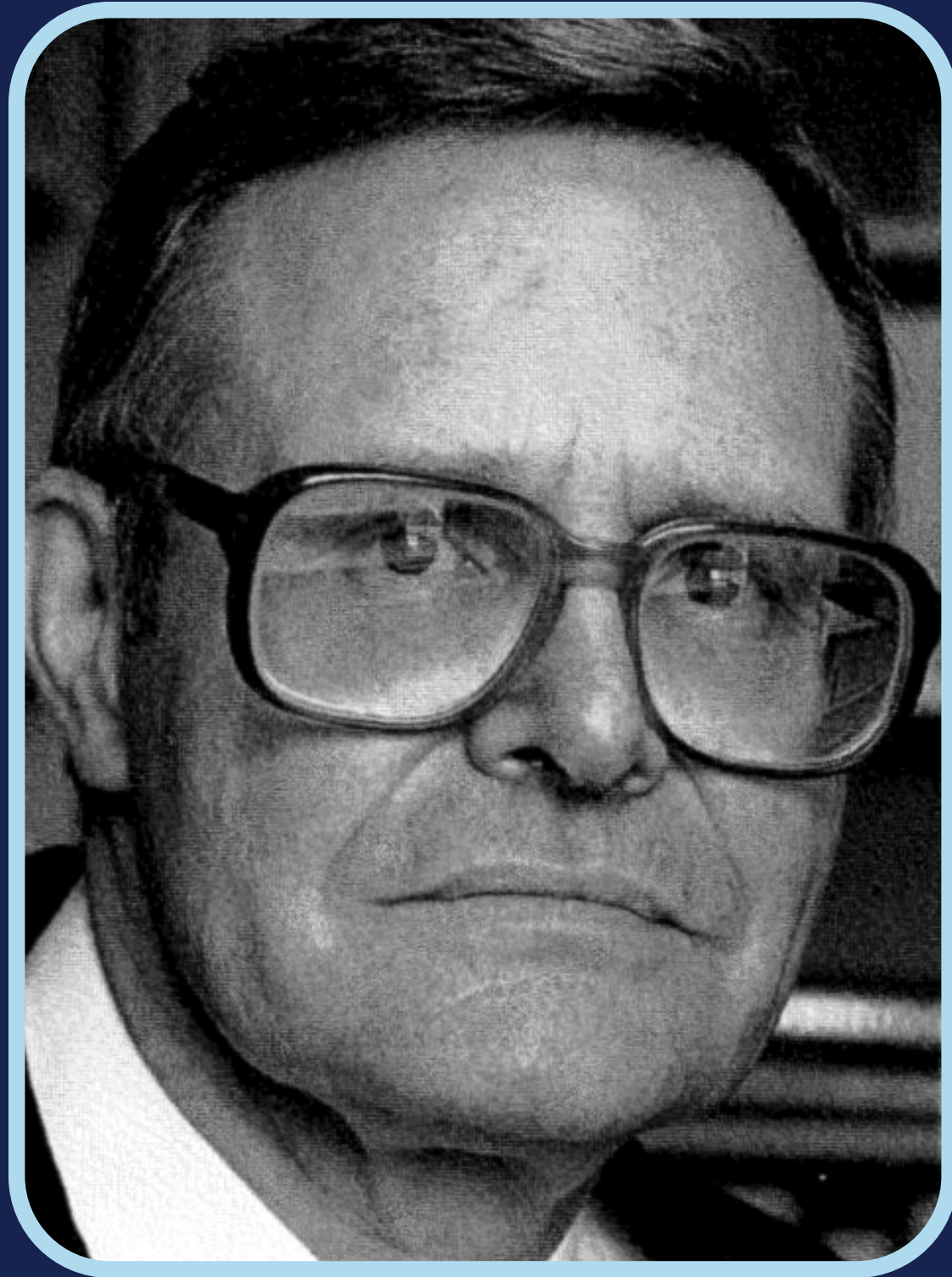
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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And 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." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

LUKE 2:46-49

Returning to Jerusalem

- After three days, in the temple
 - Among teachers
 - The temple was the center of learning
- Faith like a child
 - Listening and asking questions
 - His wisdom & understanding amazed them



J. Julius Scott, Jr.

“Study of the law was the focus of Jewish society as a whole. It was a lifelong commitment for all men. It began with the very young... that they may be versed in the commandments.”

JEWISH BACKGROUNDS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Returning to Jerusalem

- Mary's reaction
 - Great distress

DISTRESS

ὀδυνάω

1. to cause intense pain
 2. to be in anguish, be tormented
 3. to torment or distress one's self
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Returning to Jerusalem

- Mary's reaction
 - Great distress
 - "Why have you treated us so?"
- Jesus's response
 - "Why were you looking for me?"
 - He understands who he is
 - He knows who his Father is
 - He knows what his mission is

And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 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. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

LUKE 2:50-52

The Journey Back to Nazareth... with Jesus

- His parents did not understand
 - A theme of Jesus's future ministry
- Jesus submitted to his parents
 - Fulfillment of the Law
 - 5th commandment

Are you willing to
adjust for Jesus?
