

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1)	06 Dec 2020	Luke 1:1-25	Planned
2)	13 Dec	Luke 1:26-80	Conceived
3)	20 Dec	Luke 2:1-19	Proclaimed
4)	27 Dec	Luke 2:20-40	Anticipated
5)	03 Jan 2021	Luke 2:41-52	Matured
6)	10 Jan	Luke 3:1-38	Prepared
7)	17 Jan	Luke 6:27-49	Compassionate
8)	24 Jan	Luke 4:1-44	Rejected
9)	31 Jan	Luke 5:1-16; 27-39	Followed
10)	07 Feb	Luke 5:17-26	Forgives
11)	14 Feb	Luke 6:1-26	Reigns
12)	21 Feb	Luke 7:1-50	Loved
13)	28 Feb	Luke 9:1-62	Unashamed

**INTRODUCTION**

- Remember, the purpose of the Gospel of Luke was to convince Theophilus of the facts of his faith → Jesus was God in the flesh
- The life of Jesus was planned out before time began, and Luke gives us a few glimpses of what occurred behind the scenes and in Jesus' formative years – but not everything.
- Jesus, when just 12 years old, opted to stay behind in Jerusalem on one Passover trip, and Mary & Joseph spent 3 days looking for their Son, finding Him sitting in the midst of the Temple teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Passage	Comments
2:41-50	<p><b>Jesus, 12 years old, Baffles the Religious Elite</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did Jesus cheat the system and use His innate God-knowledge to “amaze” His listeners? Or, did Jesus apply himself to study and application while at home?</li> <li>In all probability, Jesus did what every mentally-abled kid has the ability to do – He applied Himself to learning.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sound Wisdom Initially Comes from Mom and Dad .....Prov 4:1-5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, &amp; Abednego get their godly wisdom and knowledge, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had the ability to serve, and were found to be 10x better than their fellow students? .....Daniel 1:4, 20</li> <li>♦ <b>Consider this.</b> When they were carted away to Babylon (pre-teen years), they were too young to even be in the Temple to learn from the Priests and Scribes.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ They learned the basics from their Mom's and Dad's at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>Same with Jesus when He stumped the Temple Priests and Scribes when just 12 years old. For the most part, He learned about God, not from church, but from His earthly Mom and Dad.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ For Him to acquire the wisdom to astound His teachers meant He took His schooling seriously, and He intently listened and learned .....Ps 119:99</li> </ul> </li> <li>v5. For those of us short on the wisdom scale, our responsibility is to acquire, absorb, catch, &amp; learn all the wisdom &amp; understanding we can while we can. This is intentional and often involves a willingness to do 3 things: Sit Down, Shut Up, &amp; Listen ....Ps 46:10</li> </ul>
2:51-52	<p><b>Jesus Grew in Favor with God and with People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v51. Jesus, the Creator – who knew more than His earthly mom &amp; dad, subjected Himself to them</li> <li>Being God, Jesus knows everything, BUT He never experienced pain, loss, or temptation like a human</li> <li>He had to become human to learn those things..WHY?</li> <li>He “learned obedience from his sufferings” .....Heb 5:8</li> <li>v52. There is no reason for each of us not to grow in favor with God and people on a continuing basis</li> <li>If we have behavioral issues, now's the time to fix them. Fix them early, not later in life.</li> <li>It's never too late to start living by God's principles</li> </ul>

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Apocrypha stories of Jesus as a youth	<p>Apocrypha books are of dubious nature and sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are presented, not as factual incidences, but out of fanciful curiosity:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus brings life to a dried fish</li> <li>Jesus breathes life into birds fashioned from clay</li> <li>Jesus curses a boy who falls dead, and his parents become blind</li> <li>Jesus turns some boys into goats, but eventually restores the boys to their former selves</li> <li>Jesus resurrects a childhood friend</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**Did Jesus Ever Sin?**

- Was Jesus disrespectful to His Mom & Dad when He deliberately chose to stay behind in Jerusalem at age 12? ..... Luke 2:42-52
  - ♦ NO, simply because Scripture says no sin was found in Him (1Peter 2:22).
  - ♦ **Did Jesus scare his parents half-to-death?** YES – like most pre-teens and teenagers can do at times.
  - ♦ Luke doesn't give us all the details, but Jesus went down with his parents and was subject to them (as he had always been).

**Also consider the following incidences:**

- Was Jesus disrespectful to the Greek woman looking for a healing by giving her the silent treatment? ..... Mat 15:22-28
  - ♦ NO. The Lord's silent treatment was His way to prompt her to show her true faith by acknowledging Him as Master/Lord.
- Was Jesus disrespectful and could be accused of speaking evil of those in leadership when He called the Scribes and Sadducees, Priests and Pharisees vipers & hypocrites (Mat 3:7), evil and adulterous (Mat 12:39), and fools and blind men (Mat 23:17)?
  - ♦ NO. Jesus bluntly spoke the truth; and as a result of His love for them, many of them eventually got saved ..... Acts 6:7
- Did Jesus sin by cracking a whip in church and chasing people out of it? (John 2:14-18)
  - ♦ NO. He was in His full right since it was His Father's House

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- We may not be the perfect kids that Jesus was, and we may not have had the perfect parents who loved God with all their ability, but we have no excuse not to move forward for Christ and to grow in favor with God and with our neighbors, in-laws, and co-workers

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 3:1-38.** We are introduced to John the Baptist and some great counseling from him, and we see the lineage of Jesus on Mary's side (Matthat → Nathan → King David → Seth → Adam).

"NO WONDER YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR BIBLE! YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T TAKE YOU TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH WEEK!"

