

Theme: We have need of a savior who is both God and Man – who can stand in our place and bear the penalty of sin. Luke demonstrates, in the life and calling of Jesus, that he is both God and man, in one person – because God *is* His Father. There we, too, find perfect rest and contentment.

Background/introduction:

- How is this going to work? God/man in one Person? Human parents to raise him?
- The selective nature of “biographies”; you can’t include everything
- Summary statements bracket the passage

I. A Growing Boy

- A. Jesus’ physical development – grew in stature
 - infant to adult (see language in Luke 2)
 - dependent child to independent adult
- B. Jesus’ intellectual development – grew in wisdom
 - No infinite wisdom/knowledge at birth
 - Was taught things he didn’t know. **He would learn *wisdom!***
- C. Accepting our weaknesses and limitations
 - 1. **Submitted His divine attributes fully to the Father’s**
 - He would “learn” many things
 - John 4:1; Hebrews 5:8
 - 2. Still had wisdom and insight that only God could give
 - Luke 9:47; John 13:3; John 18:4
 - The favor of God was upon Him.**
- D. Without sin
 - perfect obedience
 - sinless application of wisdom could put it all into practice.

Luke picks out one defining moment in His childhood to illustrate the tension.

II. “I Thought He Was With *You*”

- A. Annual trip to Jerusalem
 - 12 years old – special trip. Preparation for coming year.
- B. Jesus stays behind (43)
 - Disobedience? No indication of it. Just child-like innocence
 - Parents confident that he would be where he should be.
- C. Assumptions
 - It could happen to any of us.
 - An anxious search

D. Astonishment! (48)

1. He was right at home.
 - In the temple courts
 - Asking/answering questions
2. People listening were amazed.
3. Parents in amazement (47,48)
4. A real mom! (48)
 - a. A mother's rebuke – releasing the tension
 - teknon – “son” (affection and rebuke)
 - caused “great distress”
 - b. Who *is* this Child?

III. With *His* Father (49)

- A. How could you *not* know?
 - Not disobedient
 - He wouldn't be anywhere else.
 - In favor with God
- B. Jesus knew who He was! He is God's Son.
 1. His claim to deity
 2. His unique relationship with the eternal God of Israel!
- C. With “*My Father!*” - **Changing the world “as we know it”!**
 1. Not just “the” father, or “our” father – But *My Father!*
 2. Call God *Your* Father?? Considered blasphemy to do so.
 3. “My Father” in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 3:4 & 19; Psalm 89:26; 1 Chronicles 22:10; 2 Samuel 7:13-14)
 - a. It's God's promise that He'd raise up one who is called His Son
 - That *One* has come at last!
 - b. Through that *One*, we too, may call Him “Father”
 - Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6
 - Not the unique Son, but true, adopted “sons and daughters”

IV. In Perfect Submission

- A. Jesus
 - In submission to His Father
 - In submission to Mary and Joseph
 - He *learned* obedience
- B. Our Submission
- C. Our Hope