

“The Beloved Son”

Jesus’ Infancy, Adolescence, and Preparation for Ministry

Luke 2:39-3:23

Jesus is the second Person of the Godhead. But he is also fully and completely human “with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin” (*Confession* 8.2). This means he grew up like any normal child, yet without displaying selfishness, ungodly anger, or any other childish sins. He was in perfect harmony with “my Father” (2:49), living daily in his favor. Disciples of Jesus, look at the Father-Son relationship to understand how God is *your* Father! You live ____ his favor even as his pleasure in you _____ when you manifest your “true colors” as his son or daughter!

I. Jesus the _____ - The _____ of God was Upon The _____ Jesus. (v 39-40)

1. Luke _____ the Bethlehem massacre and the _____ to Egypt.
2. God favored Jesus because He was _____ (2 Co. 5:21; He. 4:13)!
3. Understand “_____” (carij) in a vital distinction. Define _____.
4. Application: rest in the _____ election of your Father.

II. Jesus the _____ – He _____ in Favor With God. (v 41-52)

1. Jesus _____ his relationship with the God of Abraham & David.
2. Verse 52 again speaks of ‘favor,’ now in a _____ way.
3. As he _____ God & Neighbor, they were increasingly _____.
4. There were _____ dimensions in Jesus’ growth (mind, body, _____).
5. Application: _____ to grow in doctrine, _____, and relationships.

III. Jesus the _____ One– He is _____ - _____ to the Father. (v 3:15-23)

1. The Most High (1:32) identifies his _____ Son in the context of _____.
2. Even Jesus needed the _____ for his work. His Father found _____ in him.
3. He was now _____ to the work to which God has called him..

IV. Jesus the One Worthy of _____ (1 Corinthians 11:1)

1. Application: Strive to _____ your Father long term: Submit – Serve – Sing.
2. Live contentedly in the grace (new _____) conferred in your baptism.
3. Look _____ to Christ your federal head. He obeyed for you (Rom. 5:17-21)!