

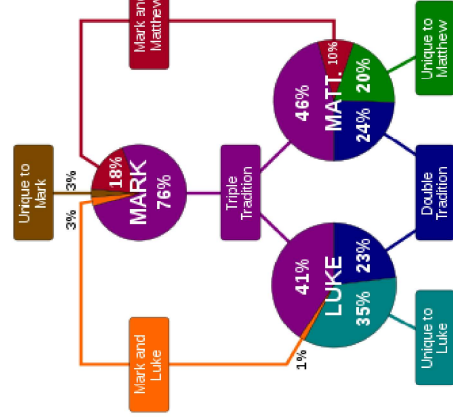
**“Jesus in the Temple”**

**Part 2**

**Luke 2:47-52**

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Relationships between the Synoptic Gospels

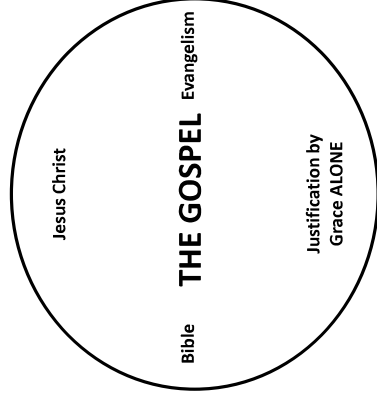


**Luke 2:41-46**

- 41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.
- 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;
- 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it;
- 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.
- 45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him.
- 46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

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#### **Mark 1:25-27**

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”

26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.

27 They were all **amazed**, so that they debated among themselves,

#### **Mark 2:11-12**

11 “I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.”

12 And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all **amazed** and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

#### **Mark 9:15**

15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were **amazed** and began running up to greet Him.

#### **Luke 9:42-43**

42 But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

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#### **Matt 8:26-27**

26 Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

27 The men were **amazed**, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

#### **Matt 9:32-33**

32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him.

33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were **amazed**, and were saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

#### **Matt 12:23**

23 All the crowds were **amazed**, and were saying, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?”

#### **Matt 22:21-22**

21 Then He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”

22 And hearing this, they were **amazed**, and leaving Him, they went away.

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**“understanding”** – σύνεσις - to comprehend, to bring together, the comparing and combining of things, to quickly grasp. The ability to understand concepts and see relationships between them and thus describes comprehension, intelligence, acuteness, wisdom.

- Where did He learn these things?

#### **Isa 50:4**

4 He awakens Me morning by morning,

He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

- They knew Jesus didn’t learn these things at Nazareth Elementary School.

- What this does show is the individual training by God the Father.

- **Note:** This is how important a knowledge of the Old Testament is. We need to study it not remove it from our Bibles.

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### **Matt 13:54**

54 He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were **astonished**, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?"

### **Matt 22:33**

33 When the crowds heard this, they were **astonished** at His teaching.

### **Mark 7:37**

37 They were utterly **astonished**, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

### **Mark 11:18**

18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was **astonished** at His teaching.

### **John 7:14-15**

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach.

15 The Jews then were **astonished**, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?"

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- These are the only words recorded of Jesus over a thirty year period and they tell us who He was and why He came.
- What Jesus is saying here is this, "You should have come here first. You know who My Father is and you know this is His house."
- They had been together for twelve years. They knew a lot about Him.
- But then again no one understood it as He slipped through the crowds in the Temple.
- The break from His parents will not take place for eighteen years, but it is announced here.

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- You gotta love moms. Moms are great. Concerned with the behavior of her son. You can't fault her for that. She is just being a mom.
- **"Your father and I . . ."** How many times have we all heard that phrase? Trust me, no good ever came from that phrase.
- In her mind what could possible justify what her son had done?
- **"anxiously"** – ὀδυνοσ - to be grieved, anxious, very worried, deeply distressed, consumed by grief, intense physical pain, torment. Medical term used by Dr. Luke. Mary and Joseph were beside themselves. Where had He stayed? What had He eaten?

### **Luke 2:34-35**

34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed — 35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul . . ."

**49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"**

- There is no rebellion here.
- Jesus is beginning to make a transition – from His earthly father to His heavenly father. He is sending a major message to His parents that a transition is taking place.
- It goes from "Your father" in verse 48 to "My Father" in verse 49. This is the crux of these 12 verses. This is what it all comes down to. And it comes in the form of 2 questions asked by Jesus.
- **Question #1:** "Why is it that you were looking for Me?" infers that they should have known where He was. If they knew who He was they would know where He was.
- **Question #2:** "Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" tells them who He was.
- These are profound statements.
- This is no one's fault. These are "growing pains."
- But through the growing pains it reveals 2 things about His identity – He is fully God and He is fully human.

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- They were probably a little shell-shocked over this whole incident.
- Think of what Mary had heard:
  1. Mary had heard Elizabeth's Song.
  2. She had sang her own song at the conception of Jesus.
  3. She had heard Zachariah's prophecy at the birth of John.
  4. She had heard the angel's words reported by the shepherd.
  5. She had heard Simeon's proclamation.
  6. She had heard Anna's proclamation.
- All of them contained wonderful words and information about who the Savior is that is born to Mary.
- But you know what? We all are like Mary. We miss and fail to apply much of the spiritual truth we hear.

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**Note:** This is the last we hear of Joseph. Jesus at some point became the "man of the family." He worked as a carpenter, supported His family, and was a faithful son in a thousand ways before He began His ministry.

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"Mary had a lot to think about, a lot to think about. She had to realize that this Son was to be thought of as a Savior, that she had to exchange authority for submission. She had to exchange commanding authority for obeying. She had to exchange responsibility for redemption. She had to exchange wonder over the child for worship of the child."

- Ligon Duncan

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- 1 John 1:1;4:2**
- 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—
- 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

Only by being both deity and humanity, could Jesus Christ bridge the gap between where God is and where we are.