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“Looking for Jesus in All the Wrong Places”

Luke 2:40-52

12-Year-Old Jesus

Luke employs clear parallels to the story of Samuel (e.g. the songs of Hannah and Mary)

Compare Luke 2:52 with 1 Samuel 2:26

Each distinguished by a miracle birth who contrasts to the religious establishment

Samuel as unique in Israel's story as one who embodied prophet, priest, and king

The Lord let none of Samuel's words “fall to the ground”: 1 Samuel 3:19

Looking for Jesus in the Wrong Places

Heading home after the Passover Celebration with the Nazareth caravan

Discovered missing a day into the journey home: Luke 2:43-45

A day back to Jerusalem, a day looking for Him: three days Jesus is missing: 2:46

Anybody else notice the ring of “three days”?

And now a metaphor arises: looking for Jesus in the wrong places

Looking for Jesus among your own group

How different tribes claim dubs on Jesus

Jesus' surprising words to the Roman Centurion in Luke 7:9

Looking for Jesus in the places He has been

It is easy for us to assume that past events predict future events

The interesting ping pong story of Nehushtan (Numbers 21:4-9; 2 Kings 18:4; John 3:14-15)

Where Is Jesus to Be Found?

In My Father's house?

Did you not know it was necessary that I be in the --- of My Father? Luke 2:49

And the “the” points to a **plural** referent

In the *things/affairs* of My Father

We encounter Jesus wherever the Father is working: see John 5:19

But how do we find out where that is? Look for the wind.

We are **carried there by posture** instead of **making our way with pickaxes and pitchforks**

The first phrases of the Lord's Prayer unlocks the posture:

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven