



Jesus: A Man Like

No Other

Luke 2:39-52
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The Big Idea: From the infant Jesus to the next time we see him 12 years have passed. He is both **God** and **man** at age 12, just as he was in the manger and will be on the Cross. Even at 12, Jesus is a man like no other – fully submitted to fulfill the **mission** His Father has sent him to do.

LUKE 2:39-52 (ESV) ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child *grew* and *became strong, filled with wisdom*. And the *favor of God was upon him*.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, *as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind* in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, *searching for him*. ⁴⁶After three days they *found him in the temple*, sitting among the teachers, *listening* to them and *asking them questions*. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were *amazed at his understanding and his answers*.

⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, *they were astonished*. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And *he went down with them* and came to Nazareth and *was submissive to them*. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and in **stature** and in **favor with God** and **man**.

What We Learn About God in This Scripture:

1. Jesus was both **extraordinary** and **ordinary** at the same time.
2. Jesus is the **incarnate** and **eternal** Son of God. He was no less God at age 12 than He was in the manger or at age 30.
3. Jesus' incarnation (God's Son coming in flesh to us as a man) was the result of the Father's plan for our **redemption**. Alistair Begg: This was a "covenant between the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in which the Son agrees to complete the task assigned by the Father."
4. Jesus' whole life then becomes being about the "Father's business" or the "things of the Father." When, on the Cross, Jesus says, "It is **finished**", He is declaring that the mission the Father sent Him to do has been fully **accomplished!**
 - In Acts 17 Paul says "God is not far from any of us," that He is seeking our salvation, that only in Christ can we "live and move and have our being", but he also says in verse 30, God "commands all people everywhere to repent." That is the necessary step before faith. **Repent** and **believe**.

Jesus did not come to save people who are convinced they have their lives together. He came for those who know the darkness of their own heart and the confusion of their own mind. Jesus said it is the "sick" who know they need a physician while the "well" will never ask for healing.
