

{42} Luke

(39) And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.ⁱ

(40) And the Child grew, and grew strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him.

(41) Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.^j

(42) And when He was twelve years old,^k they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

(43) And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother did not know *it*.

(44) But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintances.

(45) And when they did not find Him, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

(46) And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors {of the law}, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

(47) And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

(48) And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said to Him, Son, why have You dealt with us in this way? indeed, Your father and I have sought You sorrowing.

(49) And He said to them, **How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?**

(50) And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them.

(51) And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

(52) And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Chapter 3

(1) Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

(2) Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests,^a the word of God came to John the son of Zachariah in the wilderness.

2:39ⁱ – note: when Mary's purification according to the Law of Moses was completed 40 days after Jesus' birth (Lev. 12:1-8), the family returned to Nazareth.

See note on Matthew 2:6. The shepherds came the night of Jesus' birth. The wise men according to tradition came when Jesus was twelve days old. This fits with Luke's account of Mary and Joseph returning to Nazareth after her days of purification. See note: "The Magi and The Date of Jesus' Birth" at www.TheWordNotes.com

2:41^j – Lev. 23:14, 17; Ex. 34:22-24 – the Jews were required to appear before the Lord three times a year – Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles – if they were too poor or lived too far away then they went at the Passover

2:42^k – a Jewish boy was considered a man at age 12.

3:2^a - Annas and Caiaphas high priests - Caiaphas is the son-in-law of Annas - we believe that Annas had been the high priest and then gave the title to his son-in-law, but out of respect both are still referred to as high priests - see John 18:13; Acts 4:6

