

His Father's Business

- I. Luke 2:41-42 Visit to Jerusalem.
 - a. Thirteenth birthday became "a Son of the Law."
 - b. Became responsible for keeping the Law.
 - c. Usually taken to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Trip was on foot. Remember Jesus was not a frail weak boy – Luke 2:40
 - d. Trip went through Samaria very close to Jacob's well
 - i. Passed between Mt. Gerizim – blessing and Mt. Ebal cursing.
 - ii. Valley of Ajalon- where Joshua commanded sun and moon to stop.
 - iii. Ruins of Bethel where Jacob saw ladder.
 - e. In Jerusalem would visit temple – Jesus would enter in only as far as the court of women.
 - i. Sign over inner court in Greek – "Let no foreigners enter within the screen and enclosure around the holy place. Whosoever is taken in so doing will himself be the cause of the death that overtakes him."
- II. Luke 2:43-42
 - a. Verse 45 – we can imagine their anxiety. "What if something had happened to Him?"
 - b. His life takes a dramatic turn as He prepares Himself.
 - c. Next eighteen years were silent. Worked in family carpenter shop.
 - i. Grew up.
 - ii. Studied scriptures- "increased in... wisdom."