

The Perfect Child – Luke 2:41-52
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Introduction

- What is special about the words of Jesus which we find in this morning's passage?
- What do his words reveal?

i Humanity

- What do **v40** and **v52** tell us about?
- How does Jesus develop according to **v40**?
- How does he develop according to **v52**?
- What does this show us about our Lord?
- Did Jesus consist of a divine soul within a human body?
- Did Jesus' divine nature interfere with his human nature?
- Did his human nature interfere with his divine nature?
- As man, did Jesus have a sinful nature?
- For what three reasons (though these are not the only three reasons) is it very important that we fully understand that Jesus was (and is) a genuine human being?
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
- How should we respond to such a Saviour?

ii Identity

- Which verse gives the punch-line of our passage?
- What is good about Mary and Joseph going together to Jerusalem in **v41-42**?
- What can you learn from this if you are married?

- How could Mary and Joseph have failed to notice that Jesus was not with them in **v43-45**?
- What do they find Jesus doing in **v46-47**?
- Does Jesus deserve Mary's rebuke in **v48**?
- What does **v49** show about Jesus?
- Do you accept Jesus testimony about himself?
- If not, what must you do?
- If you are a Christian, what are some of the things which the Bible says about your identity as a man or woman in Christ?
- Why does it matter that we know our true identity in Christ?
- How practically can you remind yourself of your true identity in Christ?

iii Priority

- Where is the one place Jesus had to be (still in **v49**)?
- What was Jesus' highest priority?
- What must be the highest priority of your life?
- When you are faced with a dilemma about some action, what sorts of questions should you ask yourself?
- What will be the result for Carey of our making our relationship with God our highest priority?

Conclusion

- How do Mary and Joseph have to learn about Jesus (**v50**)?
- What does Mary do in **v51**?
- What can you learn from her example?