

Joy to the World: When Jesus Goes Missing

Luke 2:39-52

I. Faithful Parenting (vv.39-42)

Exodus 12:12-14, 17 – [12] *For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. [14] “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast...[17] And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever.”*

- [Q] How can you be more intentional about arranging your family around the Word and ways of God?

II. (Did You Say) Faithful Parenting? (vv.43-45)

III. Amazement & Astonishment (vv.46-48)

Matthew 7:28-29 – [28] *And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [29] for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

- [Q] Are you continually amazed by the words of Jesus, or are you just used to them?

Psalm 119:18 – [18] *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

IV. Revelation (v.49)

“When God asks you a question, it’s never to give him information, it’s to give you information.” – Tim Keller

Genesis 3:9-13 – [9] But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” [10] And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” [11] He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” [12] The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” [13] Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

- Jesus reveals two important things here:

1) His understanding of the uniqueness of his relationship to the Father

John 10:30 – [30] “I and the Father are one.”

2) His awareness of his mission from the Father

Matthew 1:21 – [21] She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

V. Response to the Revelation (vv.50-51)

- [Q] What is Jesus calling you to consider anew about him in your heart today?

VI. Growth in Obscurity (vv.51-52)

1 Samuel 2:26 – [26] Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

- [Q] If Jesus calls you to a life or a season of life that requires full-time, faithful obscurity, will you be okay with that?
- [Q] Will you grow like Jesus, or shrivel up and burn out from your ambition to do great and noticeable things?

John 20:1-2 – [1] Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2] So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”