

LUKE – LESSON 4

I. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES (2:21-52).

A. Jesus circumcised on His eighth day (v. 21)

B. Jesus presented in the temple (v. 22-39).

1. Jesus redeemed according to the law when days of purification are completed (v. 22-24; cf. Exodus 13:1,2; Num. 3:11-13; 18:16; Lev. 12:1-8).
2. Simeon prophesies and thanks God for seeing in Jesus the consolation of Israel and the light to the Gentiles (v. 25- 35).
 - a. Jesus' parents in wonderment
 - b. Mary told of the child's destiny and His effect upon Israel.
3. Anna thanks God for seeing in Jesus Jerusalem's redemption (v. 36-38).
4. Jesus and parents return to Nazareth (v. 39; cf. Matt. 2:1-23).

C. Jesus continues to grow in physical strength and spiritual wisdom (v. 40).

1. Gods favor is upon Him.

D. Jesus, at the age of twelve travels to Jerusalem with parents for Passover feast (v. 41-50).

1. After returning for home Jesus' parents realize Jesus's absence – return to Jerusalem to find Him.
2. Parents find Jesus in temple in midst of teachers who marvel at His questions and answers.
3. Jesus reminds His mother of His mission – “my Father's business.”

E. Jesus returns to Nazareth with parents (v. 51-52).

1. Jesus submits to parents.
2. Jesus grows in wisdom and stature.
3. Jesus grows in favor with God and men.

QUESTIONS:

1. What *two actions* occurred on Jesus' eighth day of physical life?
2. Coming to Jerusalem to offer the sacrifices for “purification” occurred after (a) 31 days (b) 40 days (c) 80 days of Jesus' birth.
3. Who needed to be “purified?”

4. What does the sacrifice offered by Jesus' parents say about their monetary status at this time in Jerusalem?
5. Explain why Jesus needed to be presented before the Lord and "redeemed?"
6. Explain what Simeon was looking for?
7. What had the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon?
8. In Jesus, Simeon saw the Lord's _____ which He prepared for _____.
9. Simeon saw these things in Jesus by his own insight (T) (F)
10. What *three facts* did Simeon prophesy concerning the future of the child Jesus?
11. What do you know about Anna that contradicts the "ten lost tribes of Israel" doctrine of some Premillennialists?
12. For what reason did the prophetess Anna give thanks to God?
13. Anna was at least _____ years old.
Has she lost her spiritual enthusiasm and vigor?
14. What processes took place in Jesus when He and His family returned to Nazareth?
15. What was significant of Jesus coming to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover at the age of twelve?
16. Why was the twelve- year- old Jesus not missed by His parents as they journeyed back to Nazareth?

17. Where did the parents of Jesus find Him when they returned to Jerusalem?
18. What amazed the Jewish teachers about Jesus?
19. What did Jesus say when His sorrowing parents questioned Him?
Did His parents understand His statement?
20. Jesus went back with His parents to Nazareth and He was _____
unto _____.
21. As a young child, Jesus advanced in _____ and _____.
22. God's favor and men's favor can come upon the same person at the same time. (T) (F)