

The Lost Jesus - The Christ **Luke 2:42-46**

Many of us have lost something at one time or another
Value determines how determined we are to find it - penny/dollar
Text speaks of Jesus being lost from his parents. Possible to lose Christ today for same reasons was lost on this occasion.

Three reasons Jesus was lost on this occasion. Notice Jesus was not lost to himself, but to others: to those concerned about him

He Was Lost Because Of Negligence

Lost to his parents: those who should not have lost him

Not because of wickedness or wrong doing on their part

Not because they could not know where he was

Not because of a lack of love, but because they were negligent.

Neglect has always been a problem with men and God warns about it - Psalms 119:4; 2Chronicles 29:11; Deuteronomy 6:12

Neglect was one of the first sins in the church - Acts 6:1

Parents of today neglect to warn and teach their children - Ephesians 6:1,4

Lord's people, who should be last to lose him, do so because of neglect. - Hebrews 2:3

He Was Lost Because Of Supposition

Jesus' parents supposed him to have been in the company

Supposition often leads people astray (Illustrate)

Take wrong road supposing it to be right

People killed with supposed "unloaded" guns

Supposition is frequently found in religion

Got Paul in trouble in Jerusalem - Acts 21:28-29

Supposition brings division, partyism, & strife - 1Corinthians 1:10-18; 3:1-9; John 17:20-21

Many today suppose any way is right if one is honest & sincere: not so - 1John 2:3-6

Christ is lost to many church members because they suppose they are pleasing him while they grow very little & do very little in his service - 2Peter 3:17-18; 1Corinthians 15:58

He Was Lost Because Of Looking In The Wrong Place

They sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances

They did not find him till they went back to where they had lost him.

Many today looking for Christ among their kinsfolk & acquaintances - Luke 13:24

Today we must go to where Christ is, not where we think he is

Jesus is found in word of God; in fact He is the Word - John 20:30-31; John 1:1-3,14

Jesus tells us He can be found and where to look for him - John 5:39; 2Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 1:16

We can't see Jesus literally but must accept Him by faith - Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Must first realize something is lost

Day's journey not knowing son lost

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