

Promises Made, Promises Kept

SCENE 10

Substitution

Luke 2:39-52

Introduction:

Substitution: *Learning the Lessons of what we **Not** told about the Boyhood of Jesus*

Illustration: *Following in the Footsteps of what we **Are** told about the Boyhood of Jesus*

What we are Not Told, but that is Worthy of Thoughtful Reflection:

When did Jesus become aware of His identity?

How did His deity interact with His humanity?

What was His personality?

What were His gifts & abilities?

What we are Not (directly) Told, but is almost Certainly True & Instructive:

1. He lived an Ordinary life. **Mark 6:1-4**
2. He lived a Hard-working life.
3. He lived a Relational life.
4. He lived a Misunderstood life.
5. He lived a, *humanly*, Unimpressive life.

How these Unreported Years Change Everything:

1. **As Our Substitute** - He was one of Us. **Hebrews 2:9+17**
2. **As Our Intercessor** - He Understands our lives & struggles. **Hebrews 2:18 & 4:14-16**
3. **As Our Example** - He Sanctifies every aspect of ordinary life.

[Next Week] - What we **Are** told about the Boyhood of Jesus and how it provides us with **Guidelines for Life**.

Luke 2:39-52

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Jesus Advances in Wisdom and Favor

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Mark 6:1-4

1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."