



SERMON OF THE WEEK



PREACH JESUS!

He is the Reason for Every Season
"The Powerful Provision!"

Luke 2:41-52 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

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THE POWERFUL PROVISION IS...

1. CULTURALLY _____ - Luke 2:41-42 NKJV

† **Passover** - 1 of 3 annual festivals, Jewish men required to keep in Jerusalem (Others: **Pentecost** and **Tabernacles**)

† **Pilgrims** required to practice the Passover for 7 days
Exo. 12:15; Lev. 23:8; Deut. 16:3

- Required to stay at least two days
Exo. 23:14-17; 34:23; Deut. 16:16; 1 Sam 1:7, 1:21; 2:19

† **Age 12**, a boy was *prepared* for his entry to the religious community at **age 13**, according to several historical Jewish traditions.

† First sign of His (Jesus) **divine heritage**.

† **God doesn't save us to separate us from our cultural** - 1 Chronicles 12:32 NKJV

† **God has made provision for us to be Responsive to our Cultural by Christ example and the power of the Holy Spirit...**

2. CULTURALLY _____ - Luke 2:43-50 NKJV

† They would have been traveling in a large caravan, with other pilgrims.

† They therefore went for a whole day's journey (about 20-25 miles).

† The three days consisted of:

- 1st day - outward journey
- 2nd day - return to Jerusalem
- 3rd day - the search for him

† Found him... in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

- "Question" (Greek: *eperotao*) meaning to ask for, request or interrogate...
- Hebrews 5:8 NKJV - He sought to be relatable by Q & A

† **The Mistake the Church often makes in reaching our Culture, the assumption we know what it is and what they need, without —listening to them and asking them questions!**

† **1 Corinthians 9:19-22 - To be effective in reaching our current culture with the issues it is facing we are going have be more Like Jesus, and take some time listen and question!!!**

3. CULTURALLY _____ - Luke 2:51-52 NKJV

† This event was an unveiling of Jesus' relationship with his Father (Col. 3:20).

† Nevertheless, the incident has shown, that Jesus' obedience to his parents lies within a more fundamental relationship to God.

† The whole birth story closes with a note of Jesus' continued growth to manhood.

† "Increase" (Greek: *prokopto*) means 'to progress, advance.

Original sense: to make one's way forward by chopping away obstacles.

Wisdom and stature - maturity associated with increasing age (Eph. 3:16; 4:13).

† "Favor" (Greek: *charis* ...[grace]) with both God and man

- 1 Samuel 2:26 NKJV
- Luke 2:40 NKJV

† Jesus next appears - as One ready to be consecrated to his task.

† **He is Our Powerful Provision for Our Salvation and Deliverance!!!**

† **He is our Provision for whatever we need not matter where we are!**
