



New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
WOW Bible Study  
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GROW 24!

## MISSING JESUS

Luke 2:41-52

**INTRODUCTION:** IN THIS BRAND NEW YEAR SO MANY STARTED WITH HIGH ASPIRATIONS AND MADE RESOLUTIONS FOR THINGS THEY WANTED TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, ALREADY SO MANY HAVE GIVEN UP BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THAT CHANGE DOES NOT COME BY A CALENDAR, BUT CHANGE COMES BY STAYING IN STEP WITH CHRIST!

**TONIGHT'S TAKE-AWAY:** DON'T ATTEMPT TO MAKE THIS JOURNEY WITHOUT JESUS!

LUKE 2:40; 52- "THE SILENT YEARS OF THE SAVIOR"

**FAMILY HABITS:** THEY WENT TO THE RIGHT PLACE VS. 41-42

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8: LOVE PERSONALLY, LEARN INWARDLY, LEAD DILIGENTLY

IN THE TEXT THEY WERE MISSING JESUS! IT'S POSSIBLE TO BE MISSING JESUS EVEN THOUGH:

- A. ONE IS RELIGIOUS
- B. ONE IS IN RELATIONSHIP

### HOW WERE THEY MISSING JESUS?

- I. THEY TOOK HIS PRESENCE FOR GRANTED VS. 44A
  - IT'S A DANGEROUS DILEMMA TO ASSUME THE LORD IS WITH YOU WHEN HE IS NO WHERE TO BE FOUND!  
JUDGES 16:20
- II. THEY FAILED TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY VS. 44B
  - WE CANNOT DEPEND ON OTHERS TO DO FOR US WHAT ONLY GOD CAN!
- III. THEY FORGOT HIS PRIORITY VS. 49

### PRIORITY PASSAGES:

PLACE: MATTHEW 21:13

PEOPLE LUKE 19:10

PASSION: JOHN 4:34

PURPOSE: MATTHEW 28:18-20

HOW WERE THEY ABLE TO RECONNECT WITH JESUS?

- A. THEY RECOGNIZED HE WAS MISSING VS. 45A
- B. THEY RETURNED TO WHERE THEY LAST SAW HIM VS. 45B

### MODEL OF GROWTH VS. 52

1. INTELLECTUALLY "WISDOM"
2. PHYSICALLY "STATURE"
3. SPIRITUALLY "FAVOR WITH GOD"
4. SOCIALLY "FAVOR WITH MAN"

**PASTORAL EMPHASIS: GET YOUR VALENTINE'S BALL TICKETS!**

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The New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church exists to "Make disciples that Make a Difference!"