

# Christmas Questions

## An Invasive Question

Message 5

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### ► Outline

*But they didn't understand what He meant.*

**Luke 2:50 (NLT)**

### Understanding Jesus...

1. Jesus (*often*) comes in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 2:41-42. C/R: Genesis 3:8-9; 11:31-12:4; John 10:1-4)

2. Jesus (*usually*) acts \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 2:43-45. C/R: Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 10:39)

3. Jesus (*always*) remains \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 2:46-49. C/R: Psalm 24:7; Isaiah 40:28-31; Luke 9:51; Hebrews 1:1-4; Revelation 19:11-16)

**Answers:** 1. quietly 2. unexpectedly 3. faithful

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

#### Conversation Starter

What does it mean to be successful?

#### Opening in Prayer

May God fill you with hope and anticipation of knowing Him more in the coming year than ever before. Spend some time in silence. Ask God to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

#### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 2:41-52](#).

1. Jesus amazed religious leaders with His understanding and responses to their questions. What do you think that was like for Jesus since He was only 12 years old?
2. What does Jesus know about His life mission that Mary does not yet understand?
3. Can you relate at all with the experience of Mary and Joseph in this passage? If so, how?
4. When was the last time you were gripped with fear, doubt or confusion? How did you navigate through that situation?
5. What does this story teach you about Jesus?
6. In what ways do you think Jesus continued to grow and mature? Does that surprise you? Why or why not?

7. What does it mean to belong to God?
8. What specific things do you think Mary stored in her heart?
9. How can you apply this story in your own life?

Christianity is the process of more of me belonging to more of God.

Dallas Willard

#### Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then make this your prayer:

***God, I believe You are good. I trust You with...***

Today and throughout the week name specific situations and relationships in your life, and practice releasing these things into God's hands. May God use this time to help you experience His goodness, comfort and strength.

#### Memory Verse

*The beginning of wisdom is this:*

*Get wisdom.*

*Though it cost all you have,  
get understanding.*

[Proverbs 4:7 \(NIV\)](#)

#### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Genesis 2:4-14](#)

Day 4: [Luke 10:21-24](#)

Day 2: [Genesis 2:15-25](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 24:1-10](#)

Day 3: [Luke 9:57-62](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, January 5, we'll begin a 2-part series studying Paul's letter to Titus. The series is titled *Devoted* and should be a great start to 2020! To prepare for this first message, read [Titus 1:1-4](#); [3:1-8](#).



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