

Diligently Seeking Jesus

(IS JESUS REALLY WITH YOU?)



Luke 2:41-52

Luke 2:41-50 (NKJV)

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.

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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.

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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.

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The Setting



- ♦ MARY & JOSEPH “WENT TO JERUSALEM EVERY YEAR AT THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER” - (41) - - - Faithfully kept the Law - Ex 23:15-17; Dt 16:1-16.
- ♦ “WHEN HE WAS 12” - (42) - - - “At which age he was known as a son of the law, and came under obligation to observe the ordinances personally.” - (VWS)

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- ◆ “WHEN THEY HAD FINISHED THE DAYS” - (43) - - - The feast lasted 7 days, (Ex 23:15; Dt 16:3)
- ◆ “THE BOY JESUS LINGERED BEHIND IN JERUSALEM. AND JOSEPH AND HIS MOTHER DID NOT KNOW IT” - (43) - - - Some 3 million Jews would attend the passover feast. (Josephus - Antt. VI. 9. 3)

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- ◆ “BUT SUPPOSING HIM TO HAVE BEEN IN THE COMPANY, THEY WENT A DAY'S JOURNEY,” - (44)
- On these sacred journeys, whole villages and districts travelled in groups together -
- They THOUGHT Jesus was with them, but He was not ...

Is Jesus With Me?



They honestly thought Jesus was with them -
but He was NOT! - (Lk 2:44)

They made a SERIOUS search for Jesus &
realized He was NOT there - (Luke 2:44,45)

Is Jesus With Me?



The could not find Him until they went to
where He was - (Luke 2:45)

They Kept seeking Jesus until they found
Him! - (Luke 2:46-50)

Many Are Traveling Life's Road SUPPOSING Jesus Is With Them When He Is Not!



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I'm a Christian, but I have my own ideas about Jesus. For example, I don't believe Jesus is judgmental, and I sure don't think God will send decent people to hell. I don't believe God minds if I do things I enjoy, like cursing, drinking, or having sex with people.



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I do not NEED to go to church to be a Christian - Jesus knows where I am, and I sure wouldn't try to tell other people what they should believe, and do, ... like all the religious hypocrites do. I know God loves me and accepts me just the way I am!

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So you believe in a Jesus who - - - think about it, - - - agrees with you in every way? And He sees everyone who disagrees with you as “judgmental hypocrites?”



What does that tell you????

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But that's the thing. They're just your ideas. You've constructed a Jesus in your mind, but he is not the real, Biblical Jesus.

Your REAL God
is? . . .

I'm sorry - - -

What's your
name again?




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2 Corinthians 11:4 (NKJV)


⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!



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- ◆ THE DANGER OF IGNORANCE
- HOSEA 4:6; 2 PET 3:16
- ◆ THE DANGER OF DECEPTION -
2 THES 2:10-12; GAL 6:7-9
- ◆ THE DANGER OF SELF
RIGHTEOUSNESS - LUKE 18:9-14
- ◆ THE DANGER OF APATHY, -
REVELATION 3:14-17; —
DOUBLE MINDED, JAMES 1:8;
MAT 6:24

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- ◆ LIVING AN IMMORAL LIFE – (1 COR. 6:9-11; GAL 5:19-21)
- ◆ LIVING A WORLDLY LIFE – (2 COR. 6:14-7:1; 1 JOHN 2:15-17)
- ◆ NOT IN CHRIST – (ROM. 6:3-6; GAL 3:26,27; EPH 1:3)
- ◆ LIVING DISOBEDIENTLY – (JOHN 15:9,10; HEB 5:8,9; 1 JOHN 2:3; 2 JOHN 1:9,10)
- ◆ LIVING AN UNFRUITFUL LIFE – (JOHN 15:1-9; MAT 25:14-30)

Many Are Seeking Jesus In All The Wrong Places

44 and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

My parents were ...
One church is NO better
than another ...
I know what I feel ...
We are under grace ...



- ◆ IN FAMILY TRADITION? – (MAT 10:37; PHIL 3:7-9)
- ◆ IN DENOMINATIONALISM? – (1 COR. 1:10-13; MAT 15:7-9)
- ◆ IN EMOTIONALISM? – (PROV 14:12; MAT 7:21-23)
- ◆ IN FREEDOM FROM HIS AUTHORITY? – (COL 3:17; ROM 3:27-30; ROM 8:2; GAL 6:2; JAMES 1:21-25)

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- ◆ HOW MUCH EFFORT ARE YOU PUTTING INTO FINDING JESUS? – (PROV 8:17; MAT 7:7,8; ACTS 17:11,27,28; JOHN 20:30,31)
- ◆ DON'T GO ON SUPPOSING JESUS IS WITH YOU - BE SURE! – (LUKE 9:23-25; ROM 6:3-6; 1 JOHN 2:3-5)
- ◆ ARE YOU WILLING TO GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO JERUSALEM? – (IS 2:3; ACTS 2; 17:11; 2 TIM 3:16,17)

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- ✦ JESUS IS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURES – (JOHN 5:39; 20:30,31)
- ✦ JESUS IS FOUND WHEN WE BY FAITH OBEY HIM! – (LUKE 9:23-25; ROM 6:3-6, 16,17; 1 JOHN 2:3-5)
- ✦ JESUS CONTINUES WITH US IF WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIM! – (JOHN 8:31,32; 15:9,10; ACTS 2:42; 1 JOHN 1:9,10)

Is Jesus With YOU?



It is VERY possible to suppose Jesus is with us
when He is NOT! - (Lk 2:44)

Will we make an HONEST & SERIOUS
investigation & be certain? - (Lk 2:44,45)

Is Jesus With YOU?

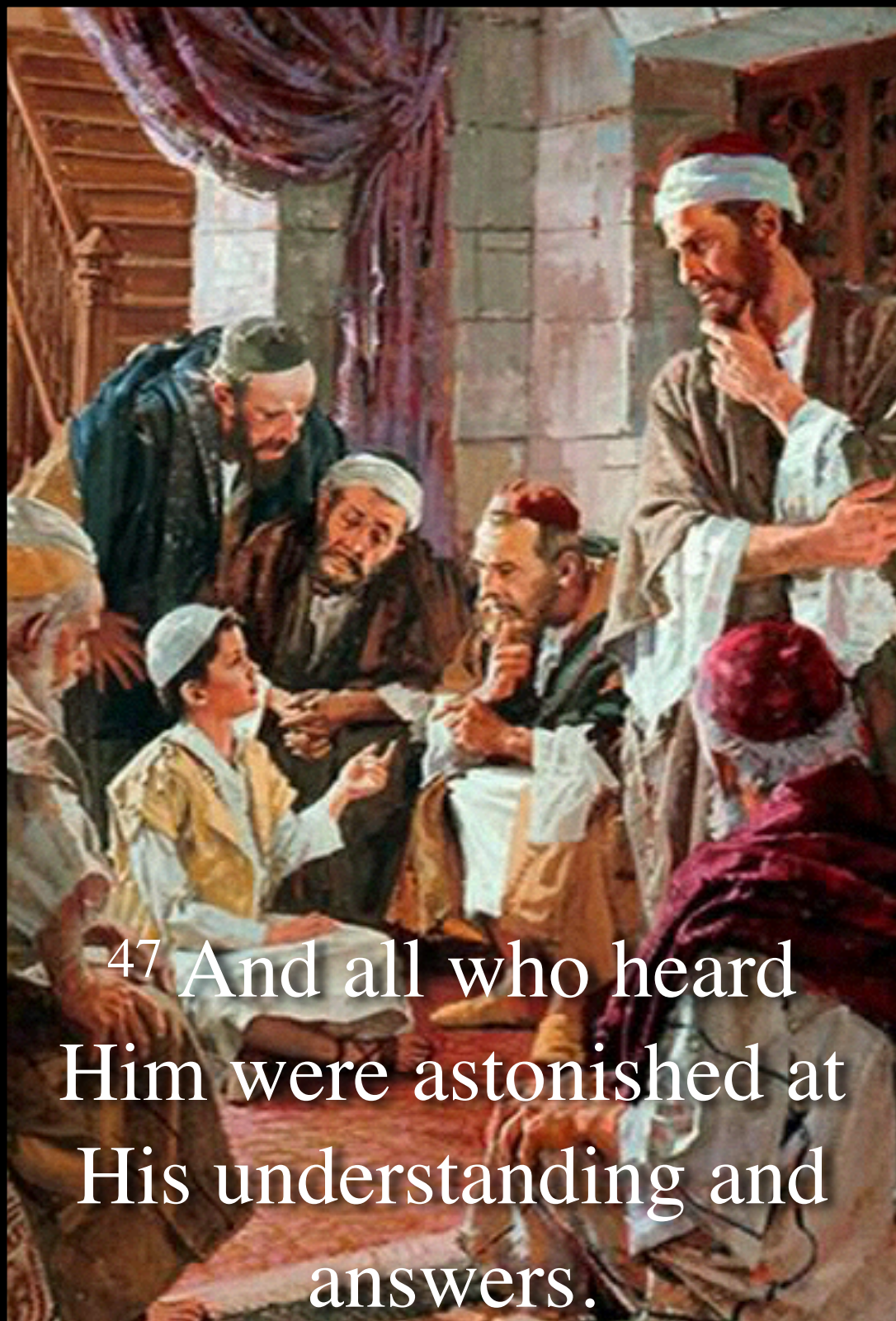


Are WE looking for Jesus where He is not? - (2:44)

Will WE KEEP seeking Jesus until we find Him! - (2:45,46)

Are we TRULY seeking Jesus where He can be found? –
(2:46-50)

Is Jesus With YOU?



- ◆ DO YOU BELIEVE?
(ROM 10:17; ACT 2:37)
- ◆ HAVE YOU CONFESSED?
(ROM 10:9,10)
- ◆ HAVE YOU REPENTED?
(ACTS 2:38; 17:30)
- ◆ HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED
INTO JESUS CHRIST?
(ACTS 2:38; ROM. 6:3,4)
- ◆ ARE YOU ABIDING IN THE
DOCTRINE OF JESUS?
(ACTS 2:42; 2 JOHN 1:9)

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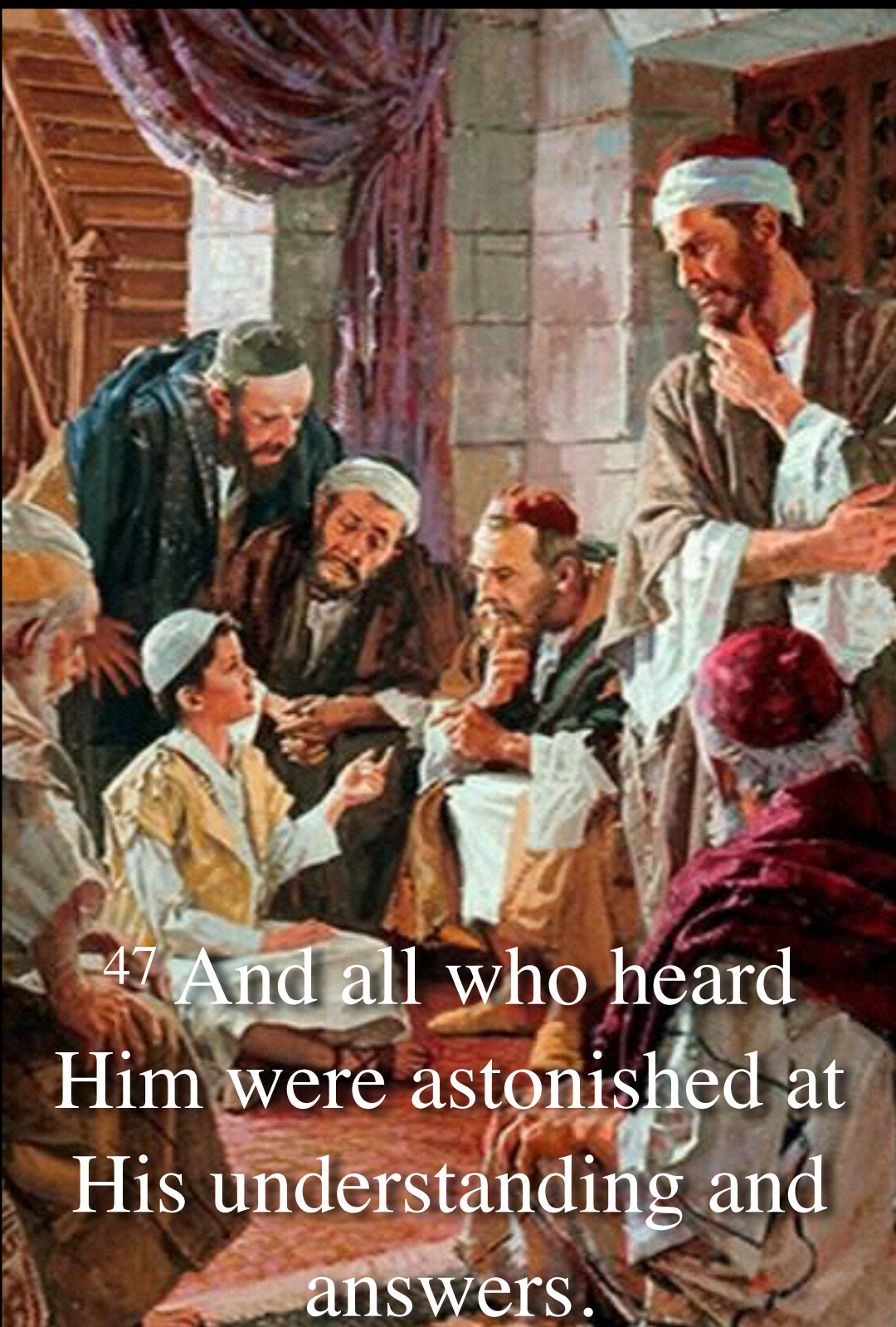
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Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶ “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? ⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.

Luke 6:46-49

And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. ⁴⁹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”