

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sermon Series: “Matthew’s Messiah.”  
(Christmas/Epiphany)

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Jesus in the Temple...Answering the “What” and “Who” Questions About Jesus

Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 2.40, 47, 52 And the child grew and became strong, filled with **wisdom**. And the **favor** of God was upon him...<sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers...<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and in stature and in **favor** with God and man.*

σοφία (*sophia*): “Wisdom” (“A quality of mind by virtue of which one is able to live well.”) χάρις (*charis*): “Grace”

*Isaiah 11.1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 2.46, 48-51 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions...<sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”<sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*

(v.49):	ἐν	τοῖς	τοῦ	πατρὸς	μου	δεῖ	εἶναι	με
	in	(Things, Affairs)	of the	Father	of me	must	be	I
		(House?)						
		(Business?)						

*Luke 9.22 (Jesus said)... “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”*

*Ephesians 1.7-9 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,<sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ...*

(Answers: Wisdom. Identity).