

## **“The Promise Of God”**

### **The Identity Crisis!**

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- I. Luke’s preface and the introduction of John and Jesus (1.1—2.52)
  - A. Preface: Luke carefully builds on precedent (1.1-4)
  - B. Infancy narrative: forerunner and fulfillment (1:5–2:40)
  - C. Jesus’ revelation of his self-understanding (2:41–52)

### **The Situation, Luke 2.41-42**

Luke like to “summarize” what has been written, see Luke 1.80; 2.40, for examples. When you read Acts you’ll find “growth” summaries of the church!

### **The Problem, Luke 2.43-45**

Passover: Ex. 12:1–28; 23:15; Lev. 23:4–8; Num. 28:16–25; Deut. 16:16; 18:1–8

### **The Search, Luke 2.46-47**

### **The Perplexity, Luke 2.48**

### **The Point, Luke 2.49**

“it is necessary” (had to be, Luke 2.49) — about My Father’s things! And: Luke 4.43 — to preach the kingdom of God; 9.22 — to suffer, die, and be raised; 13.33 — he must go to Jerusalem; 17.25 — to suffer; 19.5 — to remain with Zacchaeus; 22.37 — to be reckoned with criminals; 24.7 — to suffer, die, and be raised; 24.26 — to suffer and come into glory; 24.44 — that Scripture about him be fulfilled!

Luke 2.49 — The difficulty with this verse is there’s an ellipse, a word is left out and to be supplied by the reader. We could well translate Jesus’ question: “Did you not know that I had to be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of My Father? While the KJV and NKJV supply “business,” this is rather broad regarding answering Mary’s question and her pain. It is better to understand this idiom to point to being in someone’s house, as translated in the NASB, ESV, NIV.

### **The Predicament, Luke 2.50**

### **The Resolution, Luke 2.51**

### **The Summary, Luke 2.52**