

INI-SDG

In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

12.27.2009 Christmas 2 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

Children's Sermon: Christmas means? Why church? When stop?

Greeting: May the blessings of Christ's birth be with you all! Amen.

Intro: One of my least favorite things to see: "To be continued..."
=Conflict or climax has not been resolved - (I don't like to wait)
=Surprised aren't more movies based on Bible (plenty conflict)

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⁴²**And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;**

⁴³**and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it,**

⁴⁴**but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.**

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⁴⁹**And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"**

⁵⁰**But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.**

⁵¹**And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.**

⁵²**And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**

Prayer: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight oh Lord, our Strength and Deliverer.

Background: Luke 2 – Jesus' birth/ 8 days circumcision, Simeon, Anna, skips wise men – speaks of this Jerusalem trip 12 years later

THEME: CHRISTMAS – TO BE CONTINUED...

1. Continued in the life of Jesus Christ

Why was His family there? **V41-42** =Exodus/Passover 1500 yrs ago

-Customary only? = "practice" keeping OT law (**Lev 23:1-5**)

-No... Joseph/Mary desired to be obedient to the Lord

Conflict - Were Joseph/Mary negligent? **V43-44**

-“caravan” mistake (scary thing/feeling guilt) **V48** “anxious”

-**V46** 1 day of travel, 1 day to return, 1 day search = 3 days

Conflict - **V48-49** Was Jesus disobedient? (gentle rebuke)

-Parents learning... Jesus -*no ordinary boy*

-**V46-47** Jesus was joining discussion (questions/answers!)

-Wedding at Cana (**John 2:3-5**) Mary kept learning... **V51**

-Jesus directed by a greater will (**John 5:30**)

V52 = “kept increasing” –or “advance, progress, grow” (**2 Cor 8:9**)

-Carrying out His “motion picture” (carpenter 18 more yrs)

-active/passive obedience -God's plot/plan salvation

-Luke 2 only? Obedience to God and men even as child!

-Life. (**Phil 2:8**) like familiar Luke 2 (shows the God-man)

Christmas -To be continued? Unresolved climax? Cliffhanger?

(**John 19:30**) It is finished. -death resolved in resurrection

-From work of manger to cross, our conflict (sin) is resolved!

THEME: CHRISTMAS – TO BE CONTINUED...

2. Continued in the life of a Christian

YOUR Motion Picture... God's plot/plan for your salvation!

Why did you/family celebrate Christmas? 1st Christmas 2000+ yrs

-Customary only? Or “practice” Father's business (Word)?

Have we been negligent with our learning? (**1 Cor 8:2**)

Confirmation = “Confirm” you've learned the basics (**1 Tim 4:13-16**)

-To be continued? YES! Beyond Christmas~ (**Phil 4:8-9**)

-Make diligent use of Gospel – In Word and Sacraments!

-Continued till curtain call, till the credits roll~ (**Ps 71:17-18**)

Except the credits list is very short... it ALL goes to our Triune God

-Credit-He gives reason joy/celebrate Christmas (**Gal 4:3-5**)

-Waiting for our hero to return – deliver (take us home)

From fall into sin = God's plan...to resolve God/Man conflict–was!

-Continued/finished in the life, death, resurrection of Jesus

-His plan for you this Christmas? **V46,52** To be continued...

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