

## Christology

### Lesson 4

#### Study Notes

#### The Early Years & His Humanity

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**Text: Luke 2:40** *And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.*

**Luke 2:52** *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

*Introduction: The Scriptures gives us very little detail about the years of Christ's life from His birth until the day of His baptism by John the Baptist. The apocryphal Gospels tell much about the Lord's school days and His behavior before His teachers and play-mates; but none of this is recorded by the Four Gospel accounts. The apocryphal accounts present a child who is sullen and uses miracles for entertainment rather than doing the will of God. Where the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_, we do well not to try to add to the early years of Christ.*

#### I. His Circumcision.

**Luke 2:21-24** *And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; 23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) 24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.*

A. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lev 12:1-4** *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.*

B. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lev 12:6-8** *And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: 7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female. 8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.*

#### II. His Dedication.

**Exodus 13:2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.**

**Numbers 3:13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.**

Note: Here is some interesting information about God giving Moses' instruction on \_\_\_\_\_. A baby's blood is saturated with antitoxins or disease-fighting elements which it receives from its mother before birth. For the first week an infant is protected against \_\_\_\_\_. Also in the blood is a "blood-clotting ability" which increases rapidly the first week and reaches its normal concentration about the beginning of the second week of life. Since the disease-fighting antibodies begin to decrease after the first week, operations after that time are attended with infection. But since the infant's blood-clotting ability does not reach its normal number until the end of the first week, operations before that time are attended with the danger of hemorrhage. Hence the safest time for surgery is at the very point where both the disease-fighting qualities and blood-clotting ability are at their highest point---the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

### III. His Visit by the Wise Men.

**Matthew 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.**

**Matthew 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**

Wise men were originally the priestly caste among the \_\_\_\_\_ and Babylonians. Tradition claims there were three royal visitors who were also \_\_\_\_\_. However, there is no real historical evidence to verify this. The Bible reason for their visit would excite Herod and cause the death of many children two years of age and under.

**Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.**

**Matthew 2:16-18 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.**

### IV. His Parents.

**Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.**

A. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**

**7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

A Jewish child's education began in his \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ were his first teachers. Apostle Paul testifies that Timothy's faith was an inheritance from his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice, and that from infancy he had known the sacred Scriptures.

At the age of \_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ years a Jewish boy was sent to the elementary school, called, because of the material of instruction was the Book of the Law, the House of the Book. It was attached to the Synagogue. Since every village had a Synagogue, every village had a school.

B. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.**

**Matthew 2:19-23 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. 21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.**

C. His \_\_\_\_\_ to His Parents.

**Luke 2:48-51 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.**

Here Jesus is 12 years of age; in Judaism when a boy becomes of age (puberty) there is a bar mitzvah ritual. Where it is believed that the father is no longer held accountable for his son's sins; but the boy becomes responsible for his own actions.

#### V. The Humanity of Christ.

Mankind has a three-fold nature, he has a body, soul, and spirit. The Bible will reference each of these qualities in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. His body.

**Matthew 26:12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.**

B. His soul.

**Matthew 26:38** Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

C. His spirit.

**Luke 23:46** And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

VI. His Humanity Is Seen in the Following.

A. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

B. He \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:2** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

C. He \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 19:28** After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

D. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 4:6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

E. He \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 8:24** And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

F. He \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 10:21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

G. He had \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 9:36** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

H. He was angered and grieved.

**Mark 3:5** And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

I. He wept. **John 11:35.** Jesus wept.

J. He suffered. **1Peter 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;