

JAN 9TH 2005: THE FIRST WORDS: LUKE 2: 41-51

If you have watched many current affairs.....a kind of format they follow
 They begin with the story.....Then to a couple of key or expert witnesses..
 Then often....to the major person....victim.....final comments

In luke 2..... a similar format used

In v1-7 we are given a simple account of the birth
 Then in 8-20 we meet a key witness....statement of the Angel of the Lord
 Then in 21-39.....account from an expert witness....the prophet Simeon

And finally in 41-52 a little more of the story.....with the child Jesus having final say

And the whole chapter leaves you with the impression
 That this child Jesus is extra special.....and the world...one day....hear a lot more about

What Jesus has to say himself....is of course.....of the utmost importance
 They are the first reported words of Jesus in Luke's Gospel
 Spoken by him...just 12 years.....in front of the teachers...in Temple

The events...led up to incident....centred around family's annual trip.....Passover
 Jesus as a 12.....at a particular stage in growth Jewish manhood
 At 13....would become ::: **At 12 not quite there**.....but close enough to be treated diff

He would receive special teaching at.....He would no longer be compelled to travel
 with the women.....but could choose to travel....men.

It was these two aspects that led to this trip becoming....in the eyes of Mary and Joseph
 A near disaster.

Jesusallowed access to the teachers in the Temple.....saw them as a source of info
 about the God whom He knew in His heart was His Father
 And the plans that God had set out in His Word for the times to come

He had a thirst for that knowledge....way beyond His human years
 And He knew that it was right...that it should be satisfied
 and He felt that His earthly parents....would know that too**SO He stayed**

Mary and Joseph had not even considered...that this initial contact **TEACHERS**....
 Would have such an impact on....

They both just presumed....following the final opp to be at the Temple....
 Jesus had utilised His new freedom to choose with whom He would travel -→
 And had chosen the other

So it wasn't until they had travelled home for a whole day.....that they discovered..
 And then after searching.....they returned to Jerusalem....where finally they found
 Him.....impressing.....

It is Mary who speaks.....and she rebukes him
*....v48 Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously
 searching for you.*

In the Greek it is not the word for son.....but the word teknon...child....mature

Its not quite as warm as Son...In fact I think the MESSAGE is closer ...has Mary saying
*Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half
 out of our minds looking for you*

It's a translation.....also brings out the anxiety.....

It is at this point Jesus utters.....his first recorded words
 He says to Mary and Joseph....v49.....

**The literal greek reads:- Why is it that you sought me? Did you not know that in the
 things of the Father of me, it is necessary for me to be?**

The things of my Father, I now have to be involved in....
 So it has been translated.....I must be about my Father's business.....**OR**

Taking the things.....to refer to...things taking place in the Temple...esp the teaching...
 Translated.....Be in my father's house

There are two import things to note:→

1. Mary talked about your Father.....But Jesus reveals an understanding of God as
2. Jesus emphasises a desire even then....to fulfil the mission given Him by.....

So in this sole contact with the childhood of Jesus........We discover that
 At 12 years old Jesus is aware of who He is.....and what He is on earth to do.

But there is something else.....take from this account

For what Jesus had Himself as a 12 year old.....He has since offered to mankind

Through His death and resurrection...He offers us a relationship with God.....as Father
 And a reason for living.....that will give us eternal satisfaction

John 1:10-13.....

Celebrities are a big thing in our Society

This terrible disaster.....Made all people aware of the frailty of our lives
 What Substansive thing can this life give us.....that could compare eternal security
 Of being a child of God

1 John 3:1-2.....

Do you know today in your heartthat you are a child of God
 Who you are in God's sight.....Or have you yet to put your life,,,,hands of Jesus

And if you know ..then what does that mean to you today???

Then as well as Knowing who He was.....Jesus also knew.....why He was here

Sometimes a disaster.....makes us focus anew on the question....Why are we here ?

For the child of God the answer is clear::::Eph 2:10 says

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This is the childs.....r prime reason for living

We cannot rejoice in our relationship with God.....and put living for Him last

We need to be available for Him first.....Are we ????

Phil 2:14-16....

Shining like starsDo we ????

Holding out the word of life.....Are we ?????

Today we have here...an opportunity....to revisit our position as children

But in so doing.....we need to say once again to the Lord.....Here I am wholly available