

A Talk by B. Cobbey Crisler
LUKE, the Researcher (from Transcription Notes) 2:48
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As human parents would, they asked him where he'd been and why, (Verse 48).
Didn't he realize the effect that it had on his parents? 2:49

This is the first public pronouncement we hear from Jesus' lips (in Verse 49),
"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Notice his definition of
his father's business has something to do with church because that's where he is,
in the temple. (It reminds us of Samuel who has also been dedicated to the temple
and was about his father's business.) But do even his human parents comprehend
what he's saying? 2:50

It says in Verse 50, "No, they didn't understand what he meant." They would
have understood it in the ordinary sense. If he were about his human father's busi-
ness, he would be a carpenter. An apprentice working with his father like many of
the young boys did, learned their father's trade. They certainly failed to understand
what he was doing in the temple as far as carpentry is concerned.

Verse 51 shows us that, despite that awareness and foresight of that twelve-year
old boy, he, nevertheless, went home and fulfilled his role as a small boy until he
came to maturity. 2:51

Jesus' opening statement you notice relates himself to God, Father-son rela-
tionship, something that he recognized that early. PS# 3 for 12-21-14 2:52

Verse 52 tells us Jesus "increased in wisdom and vigor, and in favour," or grace,
"with God and man."

Kay Kaysy once pointed out in a talk that when it states that Jesus increased in
favor with God and man, that it implies quite strongly that Jesus grew in both of
the Commandments that he later gives us, love for God and love for man. 3:1-3

Chapter 3, we have some more dating for our opening verses, (1-3). "Fifteenth
year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar," Tiberius was the successor to Augustus. Then
we're also given "Pontius Pilate," as a point of reference. We know that Pontius
Pilate was a procurator and prefect of Judea from A.D. 26 to 36, a ten year period.
Some scholars feel that the appearing of John the Baptist and the inauguration of
the public work of Jesus may be dated with considerable probability in the Fall of