

The Danger of Losing Jesus

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

Introduction:

- (1) Our text is **only** found in Luke.
- (2) Luke is the **only** Gentile writer of a Gospel (and the **only** physician to author a book of the Bible—actually **two** books).
- (3) The **only** record of any event in the life of Christ between His birth and launching His public ministry is in our text.

I. WHAT Was Lost?

Fellowship, not Relationship

(He was still their “son” and they his “parents”; but they **physically** lost Him.)

II. WHO Lost Jesus? 2:41,43—“parents”

(The very ones you would least expect)

III. WHERE Did They Lose Him? 2:41

- In Jerusalem
- At the Feast of Passover (i.e. “at church”)

IV. HOW Did They Lose Him? 2:44—“traveled on for a day”

(You don’t have to commit gross sins to lose Jesus.)

V. What Was DONE When They Lost Him? 2:45-46

- **Immediately**—“back to Jerusalem”—2:45
- **Persistently**—“after three days”—2:46

VI. WHERE Did They Find Him? 2:46b—“in the temple courts”

(They found Him when they went right back to where they lost Him.)

Conclusion:

If you are in danger of losing Jesus, **He** hasn’t moved, for He said, “I will never leave you.”