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Luke 2:33-35 - Simeon and Anna's testimony are very similar

- V. 34 Fall and rise of many in Israel They are waiting for the messiah to come.
 Connection to Isaiah 8:14-15
- **V. 36** Marriage for 7 years and widowed for 84 years high commitment and always at the temple.
 - o The time Anna spends at the temple shows her faithfulness
 - o Anna is waiting on the redemption of Israel Isaiah 52:9 (redeemed Jerusalem)
 - She is connecting redemption of Jerusalem that will come through the messiah
- Why do you need 2? Because the Bible says you need 2 witnesses to confirm something

Luke 2:41

- Jesus and his family were devout Jews
 - Tabernacles, Pentecost, and Passover are the required festivals and Jesus went to all of them – very Jewish family
- V. 43 You never travel alone on the last trek from Jericho to Jerusalem because of the robbers and rocky roads
 - Nazareth population = 2-300
 - Insignificant town
 - They all traveled together as a town probably 200 people traveling back and they lost Jesus amongst all the relatives and people.
 - Jerusalem to Nazareth is a 4-5 day walk and after a day of walking, Mary and Joseph have to turn around after realizing Jesus is gone.
 - Takes them about 3 days to find Jesus sitting among the teachers talking theology. Jesus was talking to them for 3 days.
 - He was listening and asking "questions." Verse 47 reveals Jesus is asking and answering questions (answering question by asking questions that marveled/astounded people).
 - A good rabbi can be asked a question, internalize it, then come back with another question. Very difficult to do and takes a lot of knowledge/understanding.
 - Jesus' Questions Peter do you love me? Who do you say that I am? Are there not 12 hours in a day? Why do you call me good (they only called 1 person good, God)? Why have you forsaken me?
 - Why does it say he was 12? He was about to become a man. A son of the commandments. 12 is also the time boys begin traveling with the men and not their mom and the women.
 - Solomon's Portico where the teaching happened in the synagogue

- V. 48

- Insight: Jesus first words were a question and Satan's first words were a question.
- Question is in regard to their seeking, "why are you seeking me?" And the question he is asking us is, are you seeking me.

- Making a statement that I am right where I should be, in my father's house.
- Mary treasured these things in her heart:
 - Mary is taking in all the things Jesus is saying and is utterly proud to see Jesus schooling the teachers, preachers, scribes, and Pharisees.
 - o Jesus had to, as a man, learn the scriptures, they were not just innately with him.
 - When Jesus quotes the scriptures, he can do it because he spent the time learning and memorizing.
- 4 Things Going on in the Life of Jesus Pray this over your kids and self
 - Wisdom Grew Intellect
 - Stature Grew Physically
 - Favor with God Grew Spiritually
 - o Favor with Man Grew Socially

Side Notes

- Pin Prick theologians = people who take a pen and insert it into the Talmud and they would be able to recite it from memory.
- Robby: I could be wrong in what I am teaching, but the point is to study for yourself and wrestle with it, question it, poke holes in it.
- Sunday Sermon: The soils are a progression of your Christian life to go from hardness of heart to good fleshly heart. The soils are the condition of the heart of disciples.
- Josephus says 3-4 million people (may be exaggerating and it would be closer to a million)
- The first step in Bible study is observing it and seeing all these things despite not knowing what it means yet.
- When Jesus was young, they looked for Jesus and after 3 days found him. Later in his life, Jesus died on the cross and after 3 days his disciples looked for him and couldn't find him.

Bomb Shells

- When did Jesus know who he was?
- How does the age of accountability and Bar Mitzvah compare?