

**Title: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men"**

**Text: Luke 2:52**

### **THE WRITER LUKE'S PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL**

1. "Among us"

*"The things which have been fulfilled among us..." (Luke 1:1)*

- a. Relevant
- b. Applicable

2. The purpose of Luke's Gospel Narrative

*"That you may know the certainty of the things which you have been instructed" (Luke 1:3)*

- a. Knowledge
- b. Conviction
- c. Change

### **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

1. The Lord Jesus progressed as any ordinary human would

2. The growth of the Lord Jesus

- a. Not instantaneous
- b. Not a given
- c. He actively did His part to grow well

### **THE PATTERN OF GROWTH DISPLAYED BY THE LORD JESUS**

1. Two texts are highlighted – Luke 2:40 and Luke 2:52

2. The aspects noted

- a. Wisdom
- b. Strength
- c. Stature
- d. Grace

## HOW THE LORD JESUS GREW

### 1. Consciousness

*“Did you not know I must be about my Father’s business” (Luke 2:49)*

- a. The Lord Jesus was clear on why He remained Jerusalem
- b. In the temple
- c. It was part of His Father’s work

### 2. Conviction

- a. “I must be...”
- b. The Lord Jesus was certain that remaining in the temple was where He wanted to be

### 3. Commitment

- a. He was found sitting in the midst of the teachers in the temple
- b. He listened and asked questions
- c. He was able to understand well and give good answers
  - i. All who heard
  - ii. They were amazed

### 4. The result: He grew

- a. “And Jesus increased” (Luke 2:52)
- b. Better tr. “And Jesus was increasing”
- c. A continued idea
  - i. The growth of the Lord Jesus was a one-off event
  - ii. He continued to grow

### ***Bible Memory Verse***

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