

# WHEN JESUS WAS/IS LOST

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## INTRODUCTION

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**TEXT:** *“and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him” (2:41-51).*

**A. THE SETTING:**

1. The announcement of the birth of Jesus. (8-20).
2. His parents, as was their custom went to Jerusalem every year for the feast of Passover.
  - a. Three major feasts for the Jews each year.
  - b. Most could not come to Jerusalem for all.
  - c. But as many as could came to the Feast of the Passover.
  - d. A little about the Feast of the Passover.
  - e. The size of the city of Jerusalem grew 3 to 4 times normal.

**B. Was This Jesus' First.**

1. Don't really know.
2. But since it says his parents came every year, perhaps He did too.

**C. HOW THEY “LOST JESUS”.**

1. Travel was hard and long.
  2. Usually traveled in groups, family and others were for companion and security.
  3. They were traveling in a sizeable group.
  4. Nothing really unusual that they thought Jesus to be among relatives within the group.
  5. Not until evening that He was missed.
  6. One day travel - One day back - Found Jesus the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.
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## IS JESUS LOST?

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**A. WHY JESUS GETS “LOST” IN OUR LIVES.**

1. There are many who are living their life without the Savior.
2. Jesus has no part and no place in their life. They do not miss Him.

**B. FOR SOME IT IS BECAUSE THEY NEVER KNEW HIM.**

1. Have never been taught.
2. Have never been with or in Christ. They do not miss Him.

**C. FOR OTHERS, JESUS HAS BEEN LOST.**

1. They begin their journey with Jesus.
2. But at the close of the day...
3. When life begins to get dark.
4. They then look for Jesus and He is missing. Somewhere along the way they “lost” Him.

**D. For Our Lesson We Want To Consider Some Of The Things; Reasons; That Jesus become “lost” in our life.**

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## JESUS IS LOST WHEN

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### A. PEOPLE GO WHERE JESUS WILL NOT GO.

1. The obvious places of wickedness.
2. You can't go where sin is loved and practiced and expect Jesus to be a part of your company.
3. We need to ask: *"If I go there, or do this, will Jesus go with me?"*
4. When People Go To:
  - a. Places that within themselves are not wrong...
  - b. The timing is bad
  - c. If Jesus is with the saints when they gather to worship God...People who go elsewhere.... "lose" Jesus.

### B. WHEN WE GO OUR OWN WAY:

1. Jesus invites us to "come and follow me."
2. We lose Jesus when we go our own way.
3. Many otherwise good people lose Jesus, simple because they do not follow the path that Jesus has taken.

### C. WHEN WE DO NOT FOLLOW OR STAY IN HIS TEACHINGS.

1. *"This people honoreth me with their lips; But their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men."* (Matt. 15:8,9).
  2. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say..."
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## THE SAD AND SERIOUS

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### A. JESUS WAS MISSING FOR A TIME (DAY) BEFORE IT WAS NOTICED

1. Isn't that the way it is in the lives of many people today.
2. Jesus is not in their lives, but they haven't missed Him. At least not yet.

### B. JESUS WAS MISSED WHEN THEY BEGAN TO LOOK FOR HIM.

1. As long as it is "day" in life - no problems...people don't bother to look for Jesus.
  2. When darkness comes - problems, sickness, or death, then they look for Jesus, and find Him Missing From Their Life!
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## WHERE WAS /IS JESUS

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A. *“And he said unto them, How is it that you sought me; knew you not that I must be in my Father’s House.”* (v. 49).

1. The many times that Jesus told His disciples, and us that He came to do the will of Him that sent him.
2. Jesus could always be found in the Father’s House, doing the will of God.

B. CAN WE ALWAYS BE FOUND “IN OUR FATHERS HOUSE?”

1. Are we busy doing the Will of God.
2. If we are not in the service of God - then Jesus is lost to us.

C. WE MUST BE WHERE JESUS IS!

1. Unless we join Him..
  2. Go where He goes
  3. He will become lost to us!!
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## CONCLUSION

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A. THE RESULTS OF LOSING JESUS FROM OUR LIVES.

1. Imagine how miserable His Parents were when they realized that Jesus was missing.
2. When Jesus is lost, left out of our life. We are the ones that will be most miserable.

B. THE INVITATION OF JESUS.

1. “Come unto me....
  2. In the end those that are separated from Jesus are the ones “Lost”.
  3. *“And as he was going forth into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good save one, even God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother, And he said unto him, Teacher, all these things have I observed from my youth. And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and com e, follow me. But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.”* (Mark 10:17-22).
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