

# A Lost Christ

(Luke 2:41-50)

- Introduction:
1. Can you imagine the sheer panic one would feel if he lost a child in a large city?
  2. This happened to Mary and Joseph when Jesus was just 12 years of age.
  3. Fortunately for Mary and Joseph, they found Jesus after losing him.
  4. The transition I would like to make in this lesson is that Jesus is lost to many people today.
  5. (Job 23:3) Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.

## I. How Do You Keep Yourself From Losing Christ

- A. Don't Take Your Eyes Off Of Him.
1. (Hebrews 12:1-2) Looking unto Jesus.
  2. "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace."
  3. (Matthew 14:29) Peter walking on water.
  4. When you have seen the beauty of Jesus, how could you look to another?
- B. Follow Jesus Closely.
1. The command to "follow me" is said by Jesus more than 20 times in the gospel accounts.
  2. (Matthew 16:24) deny self, take up cross, follow me.
  3. (Matthew 26:58) Peter followed at a distance.
  4. You can't follow Jesus at a distance. You'll lose Him if you try.
  5. Some people are miserable in life.
    - a. They know too much about Jesus to enjoy sin.
    - b. They sin too much to enjoy Jesus.
    - c. It's all or nothing.
  6. (Matthew 13:18-23).
- C. Cleave To Him.
1. (Romans 8:38-39).
  2. Don't allow anything to turn you from the Lord.
  3. (Acts 11:23) "cleave to the Lord."
  4. (Romans 12:9) Abhor evil, cleave to that which is good.

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus can be found in Scripture. Therein, you can learn of his identity, get to know Him, and fall in love with Him.
  2. Once you have done that, keep your eyes on him, follow him closely, and never, ever let go of His hand.