

# Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

## *“His Focus”*

(Luke 2:41-52)

- Introduction:
1. Wouldn't you like to know more about Jesus and his boyhood?
  2. God saw fit to only record his birth, and the next time we see him, he is 12 years old.
  3. In this lesson, I want to demonstrate how focused Jesus was, and encourage us to follow his example.

### I. The Incarnation of Jesus

- A. There is a great mystery in the incarnation of Jesus.
- B. Incarnation simply means that God became flesh in the person of Jesus.
- C. (Luke 2:52).
- D. (Philippians 2:5-8).
- E. Ills. 1851, John Everett Millais painting, “Christ in the House of His Parents.”

### II. The Focus of Jesus

- A. As a boy.
  1. (Luke 2:41-52).
  2. Two questions about this account.
    - a. Why would Jesus worry his parents as he did?
    - b. Why would Jesus speak to his mother in what seems to be such a dismissive fashion?
  3. What we do know is that by the age of 12, he was aware of his mission.
- B. In his ministry.
  1. (John 4:34) – My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.
  2. (John 6:38) – I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.
- C. At his death.
  1. (John 19:30).
  2. Jesus' dying words revealed his focus.

- Conclusion:
1. The point of this lesson is not simply historical.
  2. The point is to challenge all of us to follow Jesus' in this aspect of life as well as the others.
  3. We need greater focus.
    - a. We spend too much time thinking about temporal things and not enough on spiritual things.
    - b. We spend more thought planning vacations than we do preparing for our meeting with God.
  4. These things must change for our good and for the good of the world.