



# 9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

## Lesson 14: About our Father's Business: Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:41-52

### I. Quick Recall

- Magi visit Joseph/Mary/Jesus in some house somewhere - Nazareth?
- Jesus is not a “baby” but a “child” as the Greek states
- He’s somewhere around 2 years old
- Gentile “magicians” fall and worship Him

### II. Matthew 2:13-15

A. v.13 – “they” are the magi

1. Why Egypt?

- a. To fulfill prophesy
- b. Practical – Joseph wasn’t a shepherd or a farmer – packed his tool belt and headed out
- c. Plenty of Jews living in Egypt (i.e., the Septuagint LXX)

2. “is going to” is a tense of “is fixin’ to”

### III. vv.16-18

A. v.16 – Herod knew what age to look for

1. v.7b – Magi told Herod when the star appeared

2. Text can be interpreted two ways: “2 years old” or “2 years and under”

- There are no extrabiblical sources for the killing – killing +/- 20 boys not big historical news

### IV. vv.19-23

A. v. 19 - Joseph’s other dreams happen this way

B. v.20 - “are dead” is plural – Who else was there?

C. v.21 – note they went to the land of Israel - They were headed back to Judea, most likely Bethlehem

D. v.22

1. Archelaus was one of Herod's three sons (that lived) to be heirs of his kingdom

- Archelaus took Judea but was cruel and Jewish leaders appealed to Augustus Caesar who put Pontius Pilate in to take his place
- Herod Antipas seen as not as evil

2. Doesn't say an angel told him in this dream – understood?

E. v.23 – More fulfillment of prophesy - God's protection was always there

## V. Luke 2:41-52; vv.41-45

A. v.41 - Shows Joseph and Mary's devoutness - Also shows a foreshadowing of the final Passover of the Crucifixion

B. v.42 – Before His *bar mitzvah* at age 13 He was teaching

C. v.43 – Feast lasted 7 days

## VI. vv. 46-47

A. Don't read too much into the three days in the temple

1. A 20-25 mile walk with a group is most likely – kids playing as they went

- Day 1: Go 25 miles see He's not there
- Day 2: Back to Jerusalem
- Day 3: Found in the temple

B. v.46 - Jesus was both listening and asking

- Among the *didaskalos* - the scholarly teachers

C. v.47 – Who were “the all” that heard Him? Just the teachers? Could there be others?

#### D. Glory Box Questions:

1. Where were James and Jude and the sisters?
2. Where did He stay?
3. If He stayed “In His Father’s House” maybe in a dorm room?
4. Who would have heard Simeon and Anna some 12 years before and seen this Boy every year at the temple (at least 3 times a year)
5. Nick’s crazy Lazarus theory

#### VII. vv.48-50

A. v.48 – Note Mary says “your father and I” - Why was she astonished?

B. v.49 - What did Mary not get? Like the disciples?

- Gabriel, Simeon, Anna, Magi, Joseph’s dreams – What else did they need?

C. v.50 - What did they not understand?

#### VIII. vv.51-52

#### Lesson Thoughts:

- Even when we are “about our Father’s business” doesn’t mean there won’t be Herods after us and threats from an Archelaus
- We may have to make trips to Egypt
- It may take “astonishment” and “amazement” for us to see the Father’s business

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