

## **The Perfect Savior** **Luke 2:39-52**

### **I. The Perfect Man**

1. Is sin essential to humanity?  
If we say yes then God is the creator of sin  
Humans were created in God's image  
Genesis 1:26-27
2. Sin brought a curse upon humans  
Sin is passed on to children – Psalm 51:5
3. We conclude sin is essential to humanity
4. Restoration requires a perfect Savior  
Someone without a sin nature – Virgin born  
Someone who has lived a perfect life

### **II. Perfect Development – 2:39-40**

1. Grew up in a small town – 39  
Luke's record does not include Egypt  
Takes us right to the town of Nazareth  
A humble town in Galilee with no reputation  
Lived with parents, Mary & Joseph  
Normal Jewish family with parents & Children  
Joseph was a carpenter by trade  
Jesus had brothers & sisters – Mark 6:3  
He understands the challenges of family life
2. Normal physical development - 40  
With no sin nature, a body with no abnormalities  
But a body that went through the growth process  
"He increased in stature" – 2:52
3. Intellectual development – 40, 52  
"Increased in wisdom" "filled with wisdom"  
He developed as a true human – with no sin
4. He was strong in character – 40, 52  
Integrity and moral strength  
He pleased God in all that He did – 52  
Honest in all His dealings with others - 52
5. Grace of God was upon Him - 40  
With no sin, nothing between Him & God  
Lived as God intended Adam & Eve to live  
In fellowship with God, under His blessing

### **III. Aware of His Mission – 2:41-51**

1. Luke cites an example from boyhood  
Jesus goes with parents to Passover – 41-42  
He is 12 years old
2. Incident comes after Passover – 43  
Parents decided to go home
3. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem – 43
4. Parents assumed He was in the group – 44
5. Not finding Him they went back – 45  
They searched for Him in the city – 46  
They were obviously concerned
6. Found Him in the Temple – 46-47  
In discussion with the learned men – 46  
Listening to them and asking them questions  
Men were astonished at His understanding – 47

Example of His level of development

7. His mother chastised Him – 48  
Why have you done this to us?  
You caused us a great amount of sorrow  
Was He guilty of disobeying His parents?
8. Response of Jesus – 49  
I must be about My Father's business  
At 12 He is aware that His first duty is to God
9. Parents did not understand – 50  
Although they knew of His ministry for God  
Each had heard from an angel before His birth  
Together they saw events around His birth  
They must prepare for change that is coming  
There will be other things they do not understand
10. As perfect man He is in submission – 51  
Luke assures us of His submission to parents  
Mary begins to store up things in her heart  
Note Luke 2:19

### **IV. Jesus' Development – 2:52**

1. He is the perfect human – 52  
He grew physically – His body developed  
He grew intellectually – increased in wisdom  
He pleased all who knew Him  
Lived in harmony with God & His commands  
Lived in harmony with other humans
2. What about the boyhood legends?  
That He performed miracles for His friends  
That would be out of character for this humble man  
He did miracles in the power of the Holy Spirit  
He did all things to glorify God