

THE BOY WHO IS GOD

Luke 2.41-52 // April 12, 2026

LEAVING GOD BEHIND

Back in this day, Jewish families would travel to Jerusalem every year for the Passover. But they would travel as a caravan with other families, even whole villages and neighboring villages. Here in this story, Luke affirms that Jesus did indeed have a human mother, but that His true Father was not Joseph, but was a Heavenly Father.

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ
is the most important event of human history.**

**But the incarnation of Jesus Christ is the most implausible.
That an almighty and holy God would become a baby for the sake of
sinners is, ultimately, wonderfully beyond our comprehension.**

A HISTORY OF HERESY

**Truly Human, AND Truly Divine.
Two Natures, perfectly united in one Person,
But...without mixture, confusion, division, or separation.**

Philippians 2.5-11

To “empty Himself” means “make void, of no effect, of no reputation.” So, *not* by being emptied of His deity, that would be impossible. The most direct answer is revealed by the next word. How did He empty Himself? The next verse says, “by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

Christ has put on our emotions and our flesh.
-John Calvin

THE GREAT REWARD

**Only God *could* be our redeemer,
but God *should not* be our redeemer.
Only man *should* be our redeemer,
but man *could not* be our redeemer.**

Revelation 5.1-5, 19.11-16, 21.1-7

**Jesus was born so that He could die.
From His youth, indeed even from His birth,
the cross cast its shadow ahead of Him.
His death was central to His mission.**
-John Stott

NOTES:

Announcements:

TOMORROW! Newcomer’s Dessert: If this is your first Sunday or you’ve been attending for six months but just want to get to know us a bit more, our pastors and other leaders in the church would love to answer your questions over dessert on Monday, 4/13 7pm, at the McGinty home. Let us know you’ll be coming so we make sure to have enough of everything: <https://lmcInk.com/ncd>



This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 33.1-5

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 5:7-8

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read Luke 2.41-52. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

This whole past couple weeks with Good Friday and Easter we looked very intently at the work of Jesus. How does the truth of the incarnation and the fact of Jesus being both God and Man drive home some of these truths? How does that amplify the Good News in your own heart and life – that God Himself came down and became one of us for our sake and out of love for us?

Your Life Mission

To "incarnate" means that God "became flesh" and stepped into a physical world of flesh. This is also a model for us, as Jesus was "sent" into a foreign world and entered into it. We also, if we are to be like Him, are to be "sent" into other people's lives and worlds, even if they are foreign to ours. We "step into" their lives and enter into their world of griefs, hurts, and sorrows in order to come alongside them, relate with them, and ultimately, point them to a Savior who can sympathize with them.

Who in your life are you hoping and wanting to "enter into" their life and find ways to come alongside them, ultimately to point them to Jesus? Pray for these people as a Community Group as you close the night praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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