

## **EPISODE NO. 218**

### **Luke 2:41-52**

#### **When Jesus Was Twelve**

41 Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem to the feast, as they always did. 43 When the feast days were over, they were returning home, but the boy, Jesus, stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know about it. 44 Joseph and Mary traveled for a whole day. They thought that Jesus was with them in the caravan. They began to look for him among their relatives and close friends. 45 But Joseph and Mary didn't find Jesus. So, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there. 46 After three days, they found him. Jesus was sitting in the temple courtyard among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and wise answers. 48 When Jesus' parents saw him, they were very surprised. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you treat us like this!? Listen, your father and I were very worried about you. We were looking everywhere for you!"

49 Jesus asked them, "Why did you have to look for me!? You should have known that I had to be involved with the matters of my Father!" 50 But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.

51 Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth. He always obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all of these things in her heart. 52 Jesus grew taller and continued to learn more and more. People liked him, and he pleased God.