

Message #12 | “He Was Submissive to Them” | Luke 2:41-52
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WARMING UP

1. What was the most captivating experience for you in the last month/year? Why?

DIGGING IN

2. *Why is Jesus so captivating? **His ordinariness grips me** (2:41-45).* What was Jesus’ life like before his public ministry began? How much/what do we know about those 30 years? What is it exactly about his human ordinariness that makes Jesus so captivating? What does Hebrews 4:15 contribute to this discussion?
3. *Why is Jesus so captivating? **His insightfulness amazes me** (2:46-47).* Put yourself in the story. What might it have been like to sit with Jesus and the religious teachers, listening to him ask questions and provide answers? Use your imagination. How can you have a similar experience today? When was the last time you were significantly amazed as you sat (metaphorically speaking) at Jesus’ feet?
4. *Why is Jesus so captivating? **His otherness stuns me** (2:48-50).* What do we mean by his “otherness”? What is the theological term for this? How is Jesus’ otherness revealed in these verses? Jesus’ ordinariness and his otherness must be held in tension. Which do you find easier to embrace? Which is harder? Why? Pastor Todd said, “If you haven’t wrestled with who Jesus is at some level, at some point in your journey, I’m concerned that you haven’t fully appreciated what it means to be a Christ follower.” Thoughts?
5. *Why is Jesus so captivating? **His submissiveness draws me** (2:51-52).* Can you think of someone in your life whose humble, submissive spirit was attractive to you? How so? What is particularly compelling about Jesus’ submissiveness? Why? Look up the following passages for additional insights: Luke 22:42; John 5:19, 30; 6:38; 12:49-50; 14:31; 1 Corinthians 15:27-28; Philippians 2:5-8.

BREAKING OUT

6. To what degree are you captivated by Jesus at this moment? Give yourself a score from 1-10. What or who (if anything/ anyone) is captivating your heart more than him? What can you do to allow Jesus to captivate your heart afresh? Pray fervently for one another in this regard.

This Is My Bible

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I am who it says I am. *Matthew 5:16*

I can do what it says I can do. *Philippians 4:13*

I am going where it says I will go. *John 14:3*

God's Word is milk for my soul. *1 Peter 2:2*

God's Word is seed for my faith. *Luke 8:11*

God's Word is light for my path. *Psalms 119:105*

God's Word is power for my victory. *Hebrews 4:12*

God's Word is freedom for my life. *John 8:32*

When I read God's Word, it brings me joy. *Jeremiah 15:16*

When I study God's Word, it keeps me from shame. *2 Timothy 2:15*

When I memorize God's Word, it purifies my heart. *Psalms 119:11*

When I quote God's Word, it defeats my enemies. *Ephesians 6:10, 17*

When I meditate on God's Word, it brings me success. *Joshua 1:8*

When I abide in God's Word, it gives me confidence. *John 15:7*

I am a Bible-believing follower of Jesus Christ!