

Luke 2:38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerasalem.
39 And after they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, mey returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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After Circumcision, Redemption, Purification the Magi (*Mic 5:2*), the migration to Egypt murder of babies in Bethlehem (*Jer 31:15*) the return from Egypt (*Hos 11:1*) decision to go to Nazareth ("the prophets") upon him.

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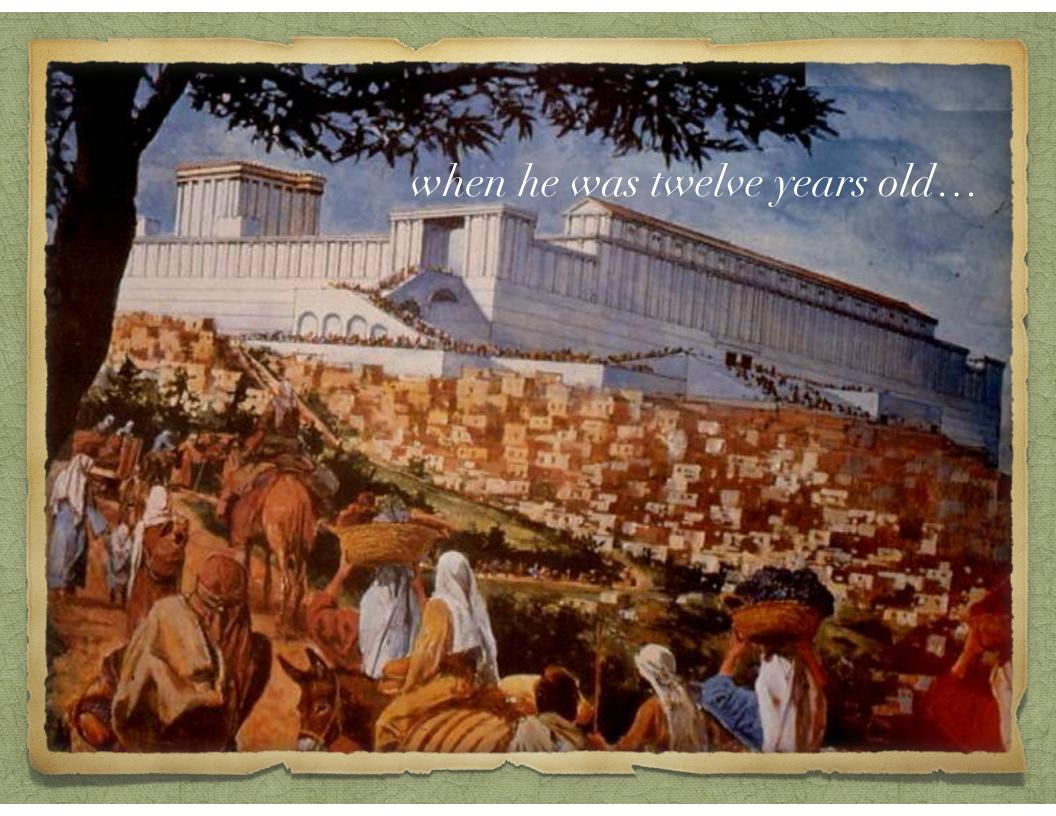
... and the favor (Grace) of God was on Him.

Scripture does not give us any biography ... it writes the history of God's purposes and dealings, and man comes in so far as he is affected by them or reflects them. Scripture traces the track of light in its progress; and objects come into view as the light falls on them. Hence the immense gaps in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Paul, where 30 or 40 years are filled by one sentence."

Alfred Edersheim



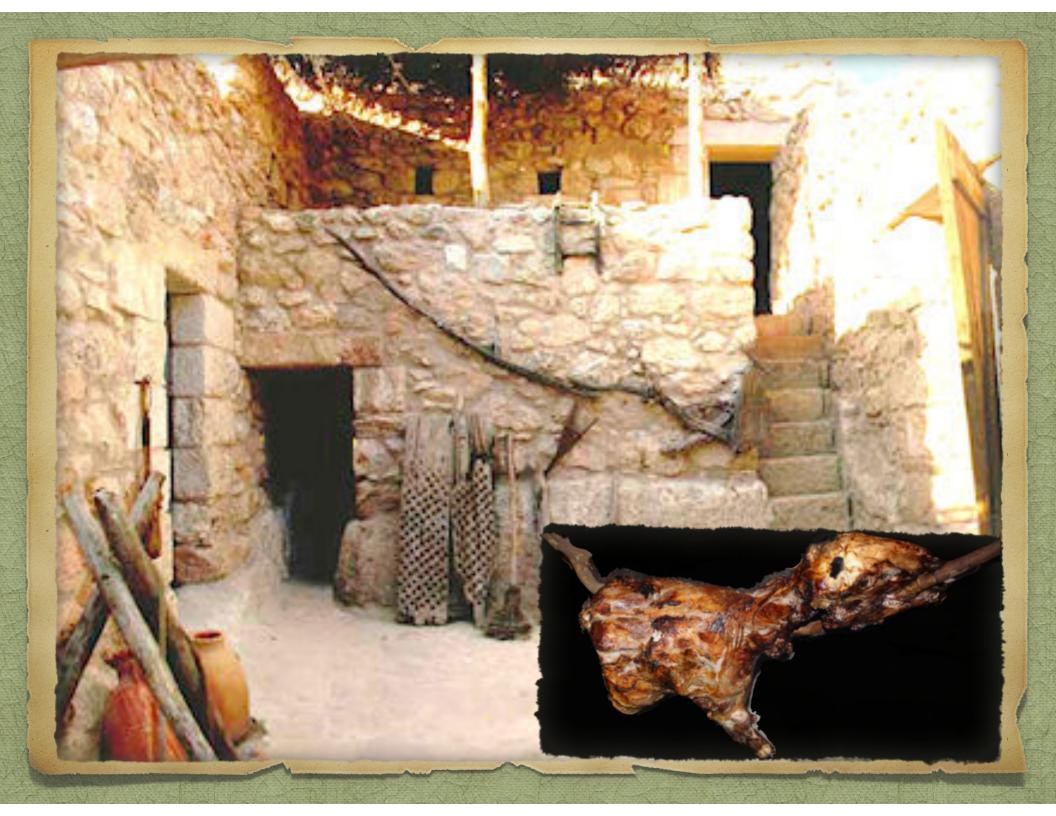
Luke 2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.





When the time for sacrifice of the lambs arrived, a long blast of the shofar signaled the Levites to begin chanting Psalms 113-118. The gates to the inner court were opened, and the first crowd of Israelites with their lambs ready rushed in. Within minutes, the clean and spotless courtyard around the altar was stained red with blood. Gutters flowed with red. The base of the altar seemed to bleed, even gush forth as basin after basin of blood was splashed against it in quick succession.





Luke 2:43-49 And when the feast ended, as they were returning, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.

And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. Luke 2:51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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