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Luke 2

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was **twelve** years old, they attended the festival as usual.

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After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the

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other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for

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him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were **amazed**

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at his **understanding** and his **answers**.

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been

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frantic, searching for you everywhere.”

“But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

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But they didn't understand what he meant.

How did he do it?

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51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.

How did he do that?!

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“the eternal Son of God chose that all his intrinsic powers, all his attributes, would remain latent within him during the days of his flesh

and that he would become truly human and limit himself to the abilities and powers common to all other human beings.”

(G. Hawthorne)

Luke describes John and Jesus

John Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠΰξανεν καὶ ἔκραταιοῦτο **1:80**

Jesus Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠΰξανεν καὶ ἔκραταιοῦτο **2:40**

“and the child was growing up and
the child was growing strong”

Jesus' humanity was as real as John's

John πνεύματι **1:80** “in spirit”
growing strong (developing) mentally

Jesus πληρούμενον σοφία **2:40**
“filled with wisdom”

“filled with wisdom” explains **how** Jesus
was growing strong mentally

“Being filled with wisdom”

Present tense: steady, uninterrupted

Passive voice: being filled by *someone*

Wisdom: knowledge of, love for and
commitment to the ways of God

“and the grace of God was on him.”

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Luke 2 and 22

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was **obedient** to them. ... “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet **I want your will** to be done, **not mine.**”



Life work:

1. Save the date! Saturday, January 18
2. Pick one: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. Prayerfully read and journal how you see the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus – his birth, childhood, adult life, ministry, death and resurrection.
4. Email carole@nataram.com by Jan 10

But what about us?

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Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed the man from the **dust** of the ground. He **breathed** the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a **living person**.

Ezekiel 37

The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor.

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They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones **become living people again?**”

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“O Sovereign LORD,” I replied,
“you alone know the answer to
that.”

Then he said to me, “Speak a
prophetic message to these
bones and say, ‘Dry bones,

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listen to the word of the LORD!
This is what the Sovereign LORD
says: Look! I am going to put
breath into you and **make you
live again!** I will put flesh and
muscles on you and cover you

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with skin. I will put breath into you, and **you will come to life.**

Then you will know that I am the LORD.””

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9 ... ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! **Breathe** into these dead bodies so they may **live again.**’”

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¹⁰ So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all **came to life** and stood up on their feet

Resurrection Day - John 20

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

John 20

“Peace be with you,” he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, “Peace be with you.

John 20

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

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“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he **breathed** on [more literally, “into”] them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

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Jesus shows us how to live
a fully human, abundant, sent life:

Depending on the Holy Spirit, choosing
daily obedience to the Father, living
intentionally incarnated in the world.