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In His Steps: Walking How Jesus Walked

How Did Jesus Submit to Authority?

Philippians 2:5-8 • Luke 2:39-52

Jesus' submission to authority is at the core of the incarnation.

That is, when "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14),

Jesus Christ demonstrated submission to both God and man.

I. _____ and _____: The submission of Jesus

Christ to His heavenly Father (Phil 2:5-8)

A. To be _____ as a _____ (Jn 1:14, 6:38)

B. To _____ as a _____ (Phil 2:5-8)

II. _____ and _____: The submission of Jesus

Christ to His earthly parents (Lk 2:39-52)

A. To His _____ (50)

B. For His _____ (40, 52)

III. _____ and _____: The submission of

Christians to one another (Eph 5:21; Phil 2:2-5)

For nearly 18 years, Jesus was lost to history. Yet in these 18 years, he made the advances that would shape his character and prepare him for his mission.

Years that may look wasted were actually put to the most important use. Jesus committed these years to submitting to his parents, to advancing in obedience and honor.

This submission was crucial to the other advances he made. Had Jesus spent these years in rebellion against his parents, he could not have advanced in wisdom, in stature, or in favor with God and man. It was within the context of a family—this family—that God would shape him. It was by submitting to parents—these parents—that God would fit him to ministry. The God who had planned the events of his later life had equally planned the context for his childhood, his teens, and his 20s. By submitting to his parents, he was preparing to submit to the will of God to such an extent that he even "humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

- Tim Challies