



## Week 8

**Sermon Series:** Songs of the Savior

**Sermon Title:** The Savior Grows

**Sermon Text:** Luke 2:41-52

**Group Week of:** May 14, 2023

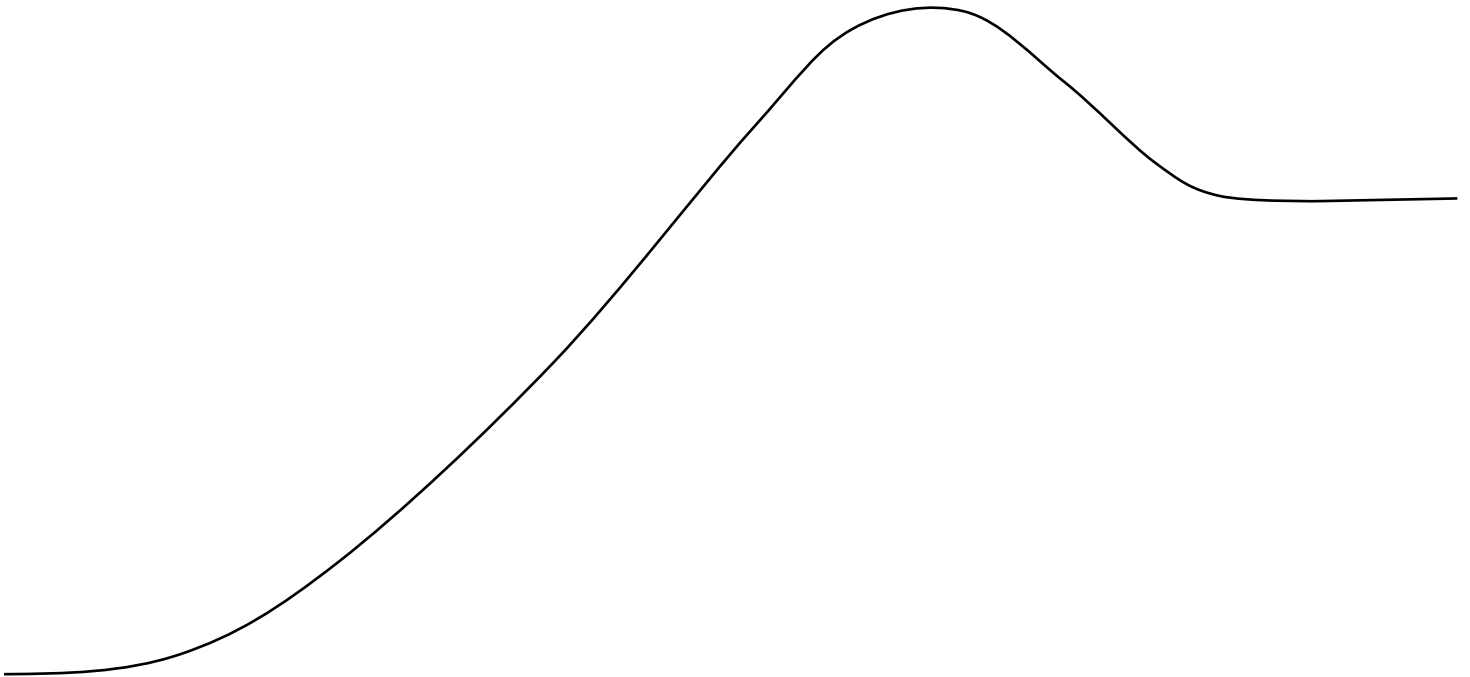
**Sermon Date:** May 21, 2023

## Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

<b>Day 1</b>	Jesus the Man – Hebrews 2:9-18
<b>Day 2</b>	Jesus Growing – Hebrews 5:1-10
<b>Day 3</b>	Festivals – Exodus 23:14-17
<b>Day 4</b>	Passover – Exodus 12:1-30
<b>Day 5</b>	Father's House – John 2:13-25

### Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the story arc below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson(s) of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when He says, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house"?
- 3) What does it mean to grow in "favor" with God and man?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In the Jewish calendar, there were three week-long feasts: Passover, Weeks (Early Harvest or Pentecost), and Booths (Tabernacle or Late Harvest). Each year in March, May, and October, they were instructed to take a week off work to feast with their families and be with God. Unfortunately, Israel rarely followed these commands. What do you think Israel would have gained if they had obeyed God's command to participate in these feasts?
  
- 2) What does your typical vacation look like? If you could adopt any practices from the Jewish calendar, what would you incorporate into your yearly vacation plans? What do you think would come of this? Is there anything stopping you from making those changes now?
  
- 3) Jesus spent three days and two nights in the city of Jerusalem without His parents. Who provided for Him during His brief bout of homelessness? How is it that Jesus was not scared into fleeing to find His parents?
  
- 4) Trusting God for provision, working hard to provide for your family, and doing what He has called you to do (and saying no to what He hasn't called you to do) is a difficult balance to maintain. How do you navigate the tension of hard work and trusting God to provide? Is there ever a time to work in a way that won't bring provision and trust God to provide for your means?
  
- 5) Jesus' childhood is a mystery for many of us. We wonder if or when Jesus knew that He was the Messiah, or what it would be like to be fully God and know everything but also be fully man and need to grow in knowledge and wisdom. What do you think it means that Jesus grew in each of the following:
  - i. Wisdom:
  - ii. Stature:
  - iii. Favor with God:
  - iv. Favor with Man:
  
- 6) In Hebrews 5:8-9, it says, *"Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered<sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."* Though Jesus is the "Son", He nevertheless had to learn obedience—Meaning He learned to obey God at higher and higher costs until He became the perfect sacrifice. Because of this, He is our "source of salvation" and a High Priest who can "empathize with our weakness" (Hebrews 4:15). How does knowing that Jesus *grew* affect the way that you pray and ask for grace and mercy in your time of need (Hebrews 4:16)?