

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the feast, according to the custom.

⁴³ After the feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

EXODUS 12



Your **lamb** shall be without blemish, a male a year old... and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. *This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations,* as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

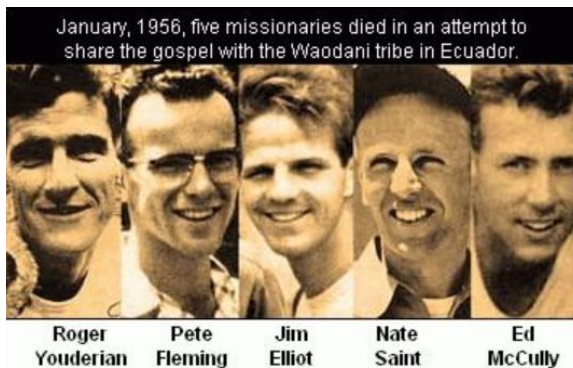
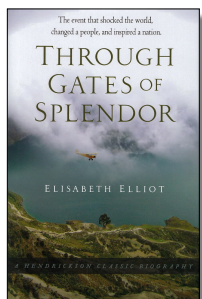


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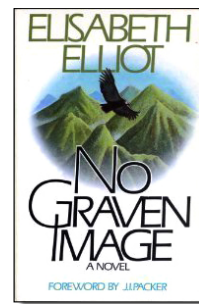
Everyone who heard him was **amazed** at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were **astonished**.
-Luke 2:47-48

This is who I am. I'm the Son of God. I'm the unique Son of God. There's no one else like me. So you can either reject him or you can accept him, but you can't fit him into a pantheon with all of these other religious teachers. And that's just the way he disturbs the people who don't believe in him.

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January, 1956, five missionaries died in an attempt to share the gospel with the Waodani tribe in Ecuador.



"I dethrone him if I demand that he act in ways that satisfy my ideas"... "God is God. Because he is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to."

1. Don't be surprised when you find yourself confused by Jesus.

If you find yourself confused about what God is doing, you're in good company. The people at the temple who didn't know Him were amazed and people who did know Him (His parents) were astonished. You can live at peace by focusing on what you do know about God and trusting that He is working out everything else for His good purposes.

2. Jesus demonstrates that being committed to His Father didn't mean He ignored others.

"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them." -Luke 2:49-51

2. Jesus demonstrates that being committed to His Father didn't mean He ignored others.

Even though his parents didn't understand what Jesus was saying or doing, He loved them and remained committed to them.

3. We should follow Mary's example.

But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
-Luke 2:51

3. We should follow Mary's example.

Even though Mary didn't understand what Jesus was up to she didn't become demanding or disillusioned, but demonstrated patience and a willingness to play her part in the unfolding drama of having the Savior of the world at the center of her life.

Do this in remembrance of me...

