



# Four Voices, One Story

*“A Journey of Light and Shadows”*

Luke 2:21-40, Matt 2:1-23

**"Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.**

**(Luke 2:46-50)**

Call to the Word

**"So, when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.**

**(Luke 2:46-50)**

Call to the Word

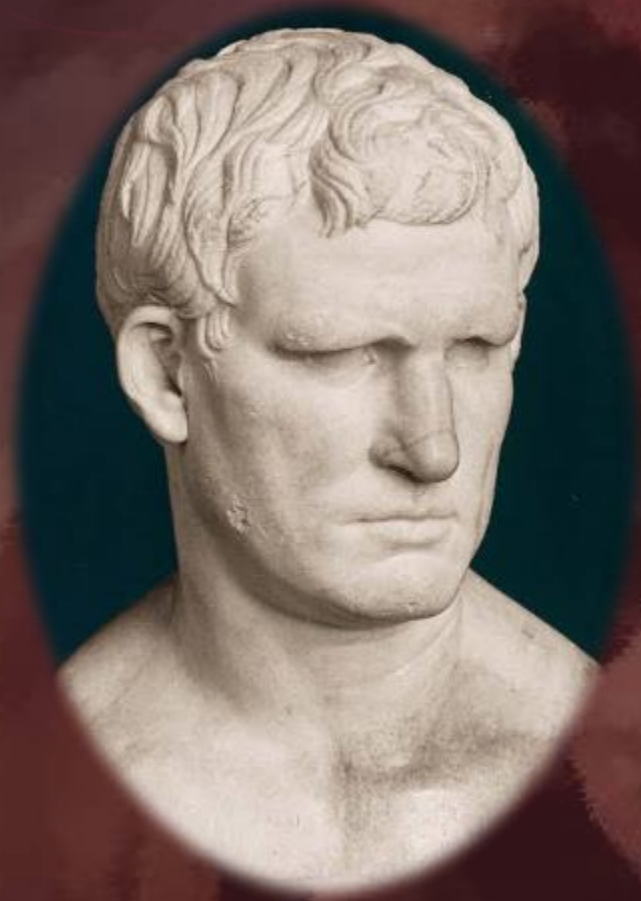


# Introduction



Background

# Archelaus



"This is yet another instance of God stepping in and making things happen for His people. You can trust in a God whose hands steady the universe, even when your world feels unsteady."

Warnings Through a Dream / Mat 2:21-22

# Dreams & Visions

Abimelech (Gen 20:3)

Joseph (Gen 37:5-11)

Pharaoh (Gen 41:1-30)

Jacob (Gen 28:12-15)

Solomon (1King 3:5-15)

Daniel (Daniel 2 & 4)

Joseph (Mat 1:20; 2:13, 19)

Magi (Mat 2:12)

Pilate's Wife (Mat 27:19)



Warnings Through a Dream / Mat 2:21-22

# Dreams & Visions

The Bible is finished, and it tells us everything we need to know. God's Word is our ultimate authority for Christian faith and practice.

Joel 2:28, Jas 1:5



Warnings Through a Dream / Mat 2:21-22



*There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a  
Branch shall grow out of his roots...*

*(Isa 11:1)*

*Branch = 'netzer'*

**The Return to Nazareth / Mat 2:23**

*“There is always some city or village or another whose inhabitants seem to be the butt of every joke and the object of scorn. The people of such places are thought to be low, uncultured, not-very-smart. That is the kind of place Nazareth was.” (Spurgeon)*

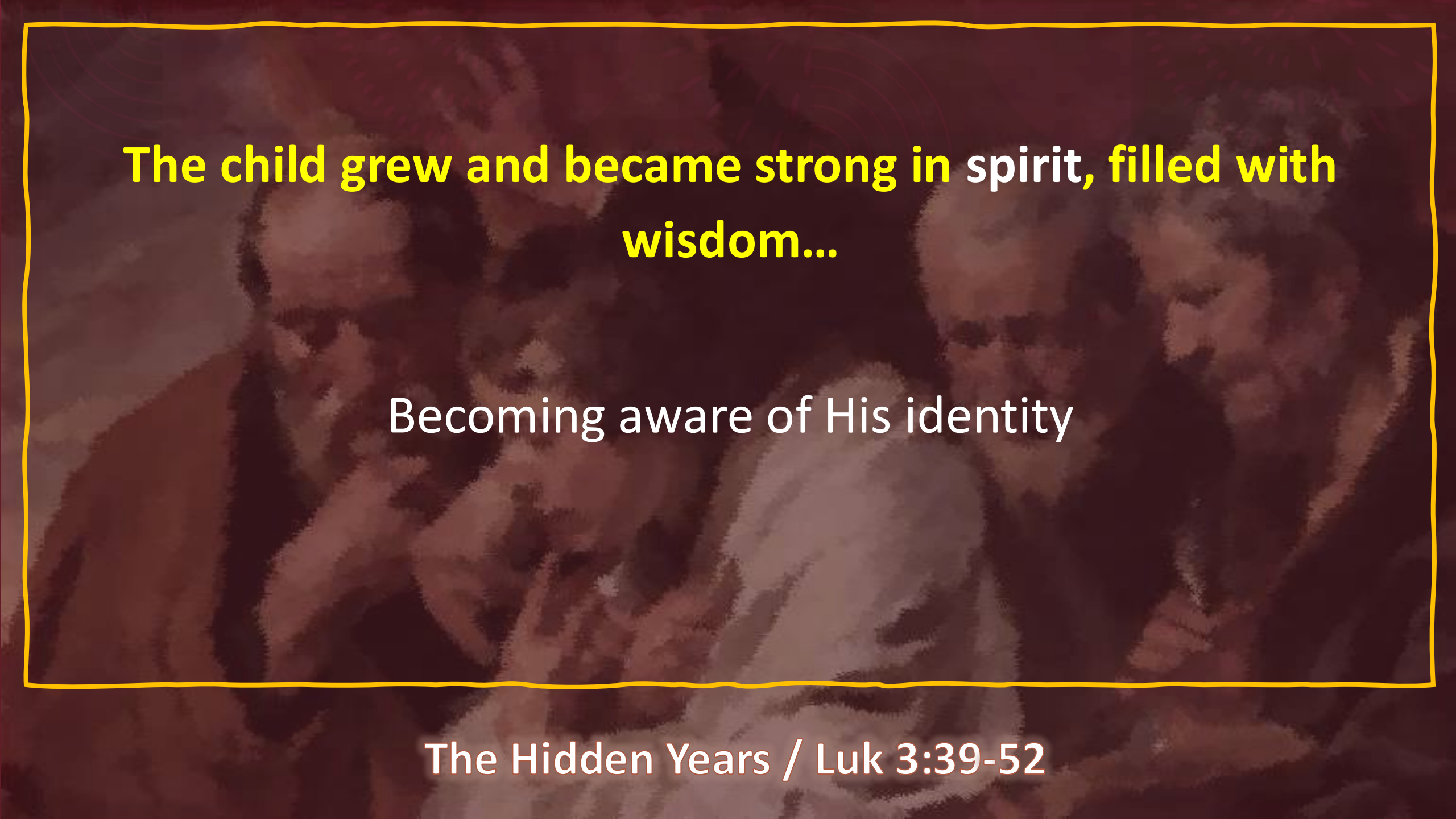
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**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet without sin.***

**Heb 4:15**

***Our Lord is able to empathize with humanity at every stage of life, from the cradle to the grave.***

**The Return to Nazareth / Mat 2:23**



**The child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with  
wisdom...**

Becoming aware of His identity

The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52

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**Wisdom: the ability to judge correctly and to follow the  
best course of action, based on knowledge and  
understanding.**

**The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52**



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**“His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover”**

**Mat 6:31-34**

**Lev 25:18-21**

***Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.***

**The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52**



***"Children are looking for the real deal. It's not enough to believe the right things. Children must see us living out what we believe" Dr. Lawson Murray***

***"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you" Robert Fulghum***

**The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52**

*“(Jesus) was the most unusual of all children, to be sure, in intellectual grasp and power. But it is a mistake to think that children of twelve do not think profoundly concerning the issues of life.” (A.T. Robertson)*

The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52

**“...all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.”**

**(Luk 2:47)**

“astonished”: to be transported beyond oneself with astonishment... awestruck...

The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52

**“...amazed...”**

**v.48**

“bewildered” ... suggests astonishment mixed with anxiety, stimulated by extraordinary events that cannot be explained.

**The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52**



**“...My Father’s business...”**

**v.49**

First Recorded Words of Jesus

The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52

**“...was subject to them...”**

**v.52**

Eph 6:1

Col 3:20

*This is another way Jesus can identify with your children and teens. He obeyed them even when they're freaking out and got it all wrong.*

The Hidden Years / Luk 3:39-52



**What did He know and when did He know it?**

***Php 2:5-6***

Reflections



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