

# Luke 2:51

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

## Analysis

Jesus 'went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them.' Despite His divine identity and temple incident, Jesus submitted to His parents' authority. The Greek 'hypotassomenos' (ὑποτασσόμενος, was subject/submissive) indicates continuous voluntary submission. This demonstrates Jesus' full humanity and His perfect obedience to the law, including the fifth commandment to honor parents. His submission doesn't contradict His divine mission but fulfills it—the Son must learn obedience (Hebrews 5:8) and perfectly keep the law He came to fulfill.

## Historical Context

The phrase 'went down' from Jerusalem to Nazareth reflects geographical reality—Jerusalem sits on high elevation, making travel to Galilee literally a descent. Jesus returned to obscurity for 18 more years (ages 12-30), growing up in Joseph's carpentry trade, living as an ordinary village craftsman. This hidden period demonstrates incarnation's fullness—the eternal Son genuinely lived human experience, submitting to parents, learning a trade, participating in community life. His later ministry's power emerged from these years of faithful, humble living.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' submission to Mary and Joseph after the temple incident demonstrate the compatibility of divine identity with genuine humanity?
2. What does Jesus' return to 18 years of obscurity teach about the importance of faithful living in hidden, ordinary circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ κατέβη μετ' αὐτῆς καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς Ναζαρέτ καὶ  
And he went down with his And came to Nazareth And  
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ἡν̄ ύποτασσόμενος αὐτῆς καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτῆς διετήρει  
was subject his And G3588 mother his kept  
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πάντα τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῆς  
all sayings these in heart his  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 2:19** (Parallel theme): But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**Daniel 7:28** (Parallel theme): Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

**Genesis 37:11** (Parallel theme): And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

**Mark 6:3** (Parallel theme): Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

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