

Luke 2:52

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Analysis

This summary of Jesus' childhood emphasizes His full humanity and normal development in four dimensions: intellectual (wisdom), physical (stature), spiritual (favor with God), and social (favor with man). The Greek word 'prokoptō' (increased) suggests steady progress and advancement, demonstrating that even in His sinless humanity, Christ experienced genuine human growth and learning. This verse bridges the gap between Jesus' childhood temple visit and His adult ministry, affirming His perfect preparation for His messianic mission while honoring His parents in submission.

Historical Context

Luke uniquely records details of Jesus' childhood, likely received from Mary herself (Luke 2:19, 51). This period of approximately 18 years receives only this one verse of coverage, emphasizing the normalcy of Jesus' upbringing in Nazareth while preparing for His ministry that would begin around age 30.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' pattern of growth in all dimensions challenge you to pursue holistic spiritual development?
2. What does Jesus' submission to His earthly parents during these silent years teach about the relationship between obedience and spiritual maturity?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	Ἰησοῦς	προέκοπτεν	σοφίᾳ	καὶ	ἡλικίᾳ	καὶ	χάριτι
And	Jesus	increased	in wisdom	And	stature	And	in favour
G2532	G2424	G4298	G4678	G2532	G2244	G2532	G5485
παρὰ	θεῷ	καὶ	ἀνθρώποις				
with	God	And	man				
G3844	G2316	G2532	G444				

Additional Cross-References

Luke 2:40 (References God): And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

1 Samuel 2:26 (Parallel theme): And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

Romans 14:18 (References God): For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Luke 1:80 (Parallel theme): And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.