

THE LOST CHRIST, LK. 2:41-51
TEXT, V. 45, "THEY FOUND HIM NOT"

AND HOW

I. WHERE CHRIST WAS LOST.

1. IN THE CITY - CARELESSLY

2. AT A FEAST - WE MAY LOSE HIM EVEN AT CHRISTMAS -
Take Him for granted.

3. IN A CROWD - EASILY.

A. IT IS EASY TO LOSE CHRIST, OR TO LOSE A SENSE OF HIS PRESENCE

II. WHERE AND HOW HE WAS SOUGHT.

1. IMMEDIATELY

A. THEY RECOGNIZED THEIR LOSS - *windowless home for the blind.*
Didn't think they needed any sunlight

2. SORROWFULLY AND ANXIOUSLY

A. THEY MOURNED FOR THEIR LOSS, v. 48, "sorrowing"

3. WITH PERSEVERENCE

v. 44, "sought" imp. anxious + careful search.

III. HOW AND WHERE HE WAS FOUND.

1. IN THE TEMPLE, v. 46

2. ABOUT HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS - *in my Father's house ...*
in the things of my Father.

3. WHERE THEY HAD LEFT HIM

4. RETRACING THEIR STEPS

A. REPENTANCE OF SIN

B. CONFESSION OF SIN

5. REALLY, THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE LOST -

little boy, "No, I'm not lost; my mommy is."

6. YOU NEED TO GET IN A PENITENT POSITION WHERE CHRIST CAN
FIND YOU.