

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service. *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted. *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary." *Please silence cell phones." *Please no talking during offertory service *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

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ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAYSCHOOL.....9:15AM.....SIS BEVERLY DURST

.....CALL TO WORSHIP.....

MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....11:30AM.....MUSICIANS

SCRIPTURE.....OFFICERS

PRAYER.....OFFICERS

SELECTION.....

OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

SELECTION.....

THE SPOKEN WORD..... PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR

Message: "YOU AND I HAVE A SPIRITUAL ASSIGNMENT"

Scripture: Luke 2:41-45;49

TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS
CALLED..... PULPIT

ALTAR CALL.....PULPIT

BENEDICTION.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR

RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today:

John 1:43-51

FROM THE PASTOR: We will be closed to the end of the year because of COVID.

The Trustees are in the offices on Mondays from 10:30am until 1:00pm if you want to drop off your tithes and offerings.

Communion Sunday, January 3, 2021, from 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting resumes January 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:

**Audio / Visual Assistant ~ Praise Team Members
Staff Support with Setting Up**

Those who are seriously interested please see
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?” Luke 2:41-45; 49

Joseph and Mary returned to Jerusalem, seeking their son Jesus. As we would expect from diligent and godly parents, they took the effort to find their son. Let us keep in mind this child was not your ordinary 12-year-old boy. Jesus was destined for great things but would also encounter difficult moments. In this chapter there is a promise and a warning from a prophet name Simeon, who stated, “behold, this child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed,” and a testimony by a prophetess name Anna that revealed, “coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

Jesus parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. Attendance at the major feasts was commanded in Exodus 23:17 and Deuteronomy 16:16. It was customary for the faithful of Galilee to make these pilgrimages at feast time in large groups. It would not be difficult to lose track of a young boy with such a large group of travelers. We should not accuse

Joseph and Mary of child neglect. But Mary must have felt badly enough, losing the Messiah.

Sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions: For three days, a twelve-year-old Jesus discussed God’s Word and astonished His listeners with His understanding and answers. For the Passover season it was the custom for the Sanhedrin to meet in public in the Temple court to discuss, in the presence of all who would listen, religious and theological questions. When we realize the impressive intellectual insight and analysis of Jewish Rabbis, this is impressive. This is something like a middle-school child discussing physics with a rocket scientist. Jesus did have a unique advantage, having a special relationship with the writer of God’s Word.

Jesus made a statement that probably caused Joseph and Mary to shiver. “I must be about My Father’s business.” In that day, there was nothing more natural than a son taking up his father’s business. Jesus did follow in Joseph’s footsteps as a carpenter, but His words here show that He was at least beginning to understand His unique relationship to His Father. It is impossible to say when, in the context of the self-imposed limitations of His humanity, Jesus realized who He was and what He was sent to do, but it was early, and probably not when it began, but when He began to realize His mission, and yes, “YOU AND I HAVE A SPIRITUAL ASSIGNMENT”