

pierced feet.

JESUS IN THE MIDST

Luke 2:46

Intro:

Early life of Jesus was a period of silence.
This is the first record of Jesus' boyhood days, about 12. At this age a young Jew became a son of the law, and began to observe its requirements. One being the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to observe the sacred feast.

Feast of the passover.

Joseph and Mary journeying from Jerusalem.

Turn back to search.

Found in the midst of Hebrew doctors.

We do not know where she searched before but we see from this what Christ was to be. This is the first recorded words of Jesus.

I. Jesus belongs in the midst.

He belonged where Mary and Joseph found him. He was in his father's house. Christ came taking the form of man and therefore belongs in the midst of the nation as well as in human circles.

II. We need Jesus in our midst.

His presence is indispensable as we

1. Need him in an intellectual realm

Schools show our ignorance by refusing Christ. At his birth he attracted the worlds wisest men. Here at the age of twelve he astonishes the Hebrews greatest doctors. Christ gives learning

So. Mary - Dec 25, 1950

life. I recently read of a Baptist College professor teaching a science class in the study of human blood. He closed the hour by writing on the blackboard, "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."

2. We need Jesus in our spiritual realm

We should study systems and theories with ~~Christ~~ Christ. Religious exercise labled Christian needs Christ in the midst.

Organizations no matter how mechanical must have Christ in the midst. *And more - would stand for*
Not enough to make loud professions of our belief as the Pharses.

3. We need ~~Christ~~ Christ in the social realm.

Christ found joy among his friends. Cannan wedding - an invited guest. We do not know who the bride was but the wedding was a success because Jesus was there in the midst.
always a success -

Feast at Levi - tax collector's home was a brilliant social affair.

Home of Lazar social contacts there. Too much social life today is controled by Satan.

Ill: Settlers of Burk. Hills, Mass. Suppose to be a line on the mt. side ~~which~~ above which snakes never traveled. Reputed to be numerous in the lowlands. Concern for safety of homes and children built above the snake line.

Where Jesus can be in our midst -

III. JESUS WILL BE IN THE MIDST WHEN WANTED

Jesus does not force himself but respects the wills of men.

Whenever men recognize this need Christ will come into their midst.

1. He is in the midst where people suffer.

The pool of Bethesda. Stood in the midst of physical wrecks.

On streets, villages he walked in the midst of the sick.

Where death was, Laz.

Calvary among suffering.

2. In the midst of the churches Matt. 18:20

This promise is a great influence to our churches today. This promise should help us to see that there is not room for bickerings.

John 20:19 Into trouble group.

Conditions of his presence has nothing to do with temperal or material status, large or small, rich or poor.

The little old lady who lived on 1500 side of the tract had been trying for months to join a church. She wanted to do. When she approached him fairly dressed to suit some well to do. When she approached him he said "you go home tonight walk over with God. You come back & tell me what he says. When later - that or it - did talk to God about joining - yes, it had a tall with God - & did say don't be discouraged. For 20 yrs. she's been trying to get in that Ch. & have not been accepted either."

3. In midst of the Heavenly Host.

Rev. 1:12-13 & 5:6

John Jasper a great negro preacher once preaching on heaven, giving full reigh to his vivid imagination began calling names of friends, loved ones waiting on the other side. Suddenly he stopped and began to rebuke his own selfishness, addressed himself thus: "John Jasper you ought to be ashamed of

yourself. Jesus has meant so much more to you than all of these, when you get to heaven and wave aside the angels to bring your crown, wave aside loved ones and friends, until you have first bowed at

It don't 1. B. 7. x. ... Do you? Come had