

Gospel December 26, 2021. Cycle C
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



THEY KEPT THINGS IN THE HEART



AND HE WAS GROWING UP WITH THEM ...

SETTING

Be with each other, family. From home and our experience that of our family, we remember those who gave us life and accompanied our growth. Today our gaze is directed to the Family of Nazareth, we look at ourselves in it, we place ourselves. A simple life, a space that tastes like home. Let's dream and learn from them, from the care, the protection, their faith. Mary and Joseph, leaders in welcoming the things of God, courageous, hopeful and always with the desire to fulfil God's will.

I am silent to transmit that same faith that permeated their lives, in the uncertain horizon and in the open air of lives that allow themselves to be made by the God of promises.

SONG. ¿No sabéis quien soy? - Misión País

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukcr4cPFTEU>

GOSPEL - Luke 2, 41-52

"His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the Passover feast. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the feast as usual and, when they returned, after the days, the child Jesus stayed in Jerusalem, unbeknownst to his parents. But believing that he would be in the caravan, they travelled a day on the road, and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances; but when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. And it happened that, after three days, they found him in the Temple sat in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them; all who heard him were stunned by his intelligence and his answers. When they saw him, they were surprised, and his mother said to him: «Son, why have you made us Look, your father and I, anxious, were looking for you. " He said to them: "And why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand the answer he gave them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and lived subject to them. His mother carefully kept all things in her heart. Jesus progressed in wisdom, in stature and in grace before God and before the mens."

We deepen the Gospel

"He came to his own and his own did not recognize him": thus John speaks in the Prologue of his Gospel. It would seem that the story we read today in the Gospel of Luke is an illustration of what John said. Because this story presents us, at the same time, a manifestation of the mystery of Jesus and the incomprehension of his parents before the attitude of Jesus. That the family went up to Jerusalem for the Passover feast is not a strange fact. The fact that the stay lasted eight days is not either: the two traditional festivals of Easter and of the Unleavened, made only one and, the two meetings lasted, effectively eight days.

But what is strange is what follows: the young Jesus stays in the Temple without worrying about anything and, apparently, without warning his parents. And the parents leave Jerusalem with the whole group, it was what they did every year without checking if Jesus was traveling with them. This separation will last three days, Lucas is careful to specify the number three. When the three meet they do not have the same point of view: Mary affectionately reproaches Jesus. The mother still resents the anguish caused by the disappearance of the son. In addition, he is faced with the sincere, but somewhat strange answer of Jesus: "Why were you looking for me? Don't you know that I must be at my Father's house? "

The manifestation of the mystery of Jesus resides, without any doubt, in the admiration of all, and especially of the doctors of the Law, before the evident light that Jesus inhabits. The manifestation of this mystery is also found in the three

days mentioned by Luke and which, in the Bible, symbolize the time necessary to meet God. Finally, the manifestation of the mystery of Jesus resides in that strange phrase, coming from the mouth of a twelve-year-old young man, accompanied by both of his very human parents: "I must be in my Father's house": there, Jesus affirms himself clearly as the Son of God. Today Jesus says: "I am in my Father's house"... Later he will say: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father".

Today the Gospel suggests to us that Mary herself does not understand quickly. Mary controls herself and questions herself, seeks to understand. "His mother kept all these events in her heart." Today Luke shows us the way to follow: accept, not understand everything and quickly, but rather: let meditation work inside us! Neither more nor less than ours, the faith of Mary is not what is said to be a path of roses!

Clues for Prayer

1. God has a family, what have you learned from God in your family?
2. We remember so many people who have no family
3. What can you do to create a family atmosphere in your environment?

FROM THE HEART, SURRENDER YOUR LIFE?

AMBIENTAL MUSIQUE.

Lauren Daigle - Light Of The World (with lyrics)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olw5uH_fvuw

Grew up with them

Nazareth, time of silence.

Eternal call to listen to God

and to respond as Mary and Joseph did.

A place to look at each other as a family and learn.

Family is a place of blessing.

Having a father and mother is a treasure,

it is the space in which the person is woven.

Mystery of love to lean on.

Place where affection is encouraged

and respect for everything.

Where communication is favoured,

open and sincere.

Space in which to know

and head towards freedom.

Where you live continuously,

the presence of God.
Space in which the person
It is accepted, as it is.
Where each one is sacred.
Where understanding is favoured and listens to it.
Where you can be transparent, without more.
God thinks of us, family.
The family is a place of safety,
in which to settle the roots,
that secure the trunk
and they throw it to life.
Always remains,
place of reference, where to return.
Family, project being built
in the fragility of the person,
In the fabric of various fabrics,
united by deep ties,
of common life, sealed with heart
Nazareth place of joys and difficulties.
Sacred place, of care,
of protection, of teaching.
Proven fidelity.
With the mission to make transparent
God's love.
Walk, shaking other hands,
that carry different stories.
Listening to the voices on the sidewalks
of those who seek meaning.
Weaving fraternal relationships
That take care of life.
Let's take care of this treasure,
Community, family.

SONG. Verónica Sanfilippo - Ha Traído la Esperanza

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYaH2r_AcVE



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