

# A DAY WITHOUT JESUS

(Luke 2:40-45)

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Joseph and Mary accidentally left Jesus behind in Jerusalem and went a day's journey.
- B. In other words, they spent "a day without Jesus."
- C. What a distressing thought: to spend "a day without Jesus."
- D. If "A day without Orange Juice is like a day without Sunshine," what would "A day without Jesus" be like?

## I. ON A DAY WITHOUT JESUS, WE WOULD REALIZE CERTAIN THINGS:

- A. ***How much we take Him for granted:***
  - 1. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." ***Revelation 3:20.***
  - 2. Oftentimes we don't realize how much we need something until it is gone.
  - 3. However, remember: "Seek the LORD while He may be found , Call upon Him while He is near." ***Isaiah 55:6.***
- B. ***We are helpless without Him.***
  - 1. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." -- **John 15:5.**
    - a. The vine is essential to the branches.
    - b. Christ is likewise essential to Christians.
  - 2. Without Him, we are *helpless as:*
    - a. A newborn baby.
    - b. *A child left at the church building or a store.*
- C. We would be ***without our greatest friend.***
  - 1. Have you ever had a situation where a friend stepped in and helped you through difficult times?
  - 2. You've never had a friend greater than Jesus. "*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus.*"
  - 3. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."  
***John 15:13.***
  - 4. He has done more for us than any other person.
- D. We would be ***helpless*** and ***hopeless.***

## II. ON A DAY WITHOUT JESUS, THERE WOULD BE NO FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

### A. *Christ came to forgive sins:*

1. The angel of the Lord told Joseph that his son Jesus would save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21.*
2. The Son of man came to seek and save the lost. *Luke 19:10.*
3. He said his blood was shed for many for the remission of sins, *Matthew 26:26-28.*

### B. *Our salvation can come only through Christ:*

1. We have redemption *through his blood*, even the forgiveness of sins. (*Eph. 1:7*)
2. Repent and be baptized every one of you *in the name of Jesus Christ* for the remission of sins. (*Acts 2:38*)
3. *Neither is there salvation in any other, Acts 4:12.*

### C. *Consider the greatness of this forgiveness:*

1. As far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12)
2. Every sin can be forgiven and forgotten. (Examples: Peter, Paul.)

### D. *What if, FOR ONE DAY, Jesus was not there to forgive your sins?*

1. You would have an enormous fear of dying that day.
2. Knowing Christ is waiting to plead your case is a great comfort.

### E. *What if today were the LAST DAY he would do so?*

## III. HOW WOULD YOU SPEND A DAY WITHOUT JESUS?

### A. Would you even *NOTICE*?

1. Some would not be able to tell a difference.
2. Jesus is not a part of the lives of so many that they would not notice if He was gone.
3. After Delilah had Samson's hair cut, she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" *BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAD DEPARTED FROM HIM. Judges 16:20.*
4. How sad it would be if the Lord departed from us and we didn't know it!

### B. Would you be *AFRAID*?

1. Would you be extra careful in everything you did?
2. Would you have a fear of dying that day?
3. Would you pray for that day to be over so you would again have the benefits that come with serving the Lord?

### C. Would you resolve to obey Him as soon as possible?

## CONCLUSION:

- A. How do I live with Jesus every day?
  - 1. Obey the Gospel.
  - 2. Remain faithful every day.
- B. Realize the folly of spending *EVEN ONE DAY* without Jesus.
- C. Yet, many are spending *EVERY DAY* without Him.
- D. Are you living TODAY WITH Jesus?
- E. Come to Him tonight.

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