



BETWEEN THE MANGER AND THE CROSS

Series Introduction

For the week of January 4th, 2026

Life

Have you ever had a “Kevin’s Not Here” moment? Meaning, a moment where you realized suddenly that you have forgotten something important? What was that situation like?

This sermon talked about a lot about the “in-between” nature of humanity. Have you ever felt “in-between?” Not quite here, but not quite there? What has that experience been like for you?

Theology

Read Luke 2:41-52. What from the story initially grabs your attention or makes you curious? Why do you think that is?

Luke presents Jesus at age 12, in a posture of learning. What impact does that have on our understanding of both God the Father and Christ the Son?

Why would God choose to enter grow within the boundaries of humanity? How does this key theological takeaway impact our own lives?

In the coming weeks, we will be diving deeper into this story. What sort of questions or thoughts are you interested or excited to discuss in this series?

In Practice

Mary and Joseph raised Jesus with rhythms and practices of faith and community. What sort of New rhythms and practices of faith have you been considering for your own life as we enter this New Year?

Where do you feel pressure to be “further along” than you are right now? How might this passage invite you to be more patient with yourself?



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Week 1-Series Introduction

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Notes:

- Passover was how Israel taught each generation

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