

Date - Sept 20th  
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Series - The Third Act  
Sermon Title - The Precursor

Big Idea: The third act of a movie or play completes the story and/or offers resolutions or answers. It ties together the narrative elements that came earlier. Weaknesses shown in the first act are overcome in the climax of the third act. In the same way, Jesus is the climax of the story of Scripture. Let's dive into His story and see how it impacts all of our stories.

Intro: In Chapter 23 of "The Story" we see the debut of Jesus BUT was there a Precursor?

Precursor - noun. a person or thing that precedes and shows or announces someone or something to come; harbinger. a predecessor or forerunner.

### 1. Jesus' Parents

Luke 2 22And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

39And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

41Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

### 2. Jesus gets left behind

Luke 2:49 "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

50And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.52And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

### 3. Who/What are you the Precursor for?

**Closing** - Noah had a burden from God and he got the gopher wood (aka the 2x4).  
Have you gotten yours?