

Eighteen Years Spent at Nazareth

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Commentary:

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I. Jesus returned to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary and was subject and respectful of them until “his hour” came to begin his ministry in earnest.

A. This is quite different from many adolescents of our day!

B. Jesus set children and teenagers of today a superb example.

II. Mary, as many a mother before and after has done, kept all these sayings in her heart!

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I. Another eighteen years would pass before Christ’s ministry would begin.

II. During this interval Jesus grew:

- A. mentally
- B. physically
- C. spiritually
- D. socially.

III. May we grow as Jesus grew, healthy in all aspects of our development.

IV. Jesus was truly God and truly man, a mystery we cannot fully understand, but a fact we accept with all the faithful of the ages past, present and future!

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Questions

1. These eighteen years began when Jesus was _____ years of age and ended when he was _____ years of age.

2. These years begin with Jesus in _____ at the _____ and end with the beginning of his public _____.

3. Jesus, although he was divine, was _____ to Mary and Joseph. _____ treasured all these things in her _____.

4. Jesus grew in _____ and _____, and in favor with _____ and _____.

5. As disciples we are to grow in _____ and _____, and in favor with _____ and _____.

6. To what extent do you feel you have advanced in these qualities? Remember: One hundred percent is perfection.

Characteristics

Percentages

7. Adolescents are to be _____ and _____ of their parents as was Jesus.

8. Mary, as mothers before and after have done,
“ _____
in her _____.”

9. Jesus was truly _____ and truly _____, a
_____ we cannot fully understand.

10. We accept the humanity and deity of Jesus with all the
_____ of ages _____, _____ and
future.

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