

His Life as the Son of Man

JESUS

From
Birth to Baptism

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Do You Really Know Jesus

WORKBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The revelations of Jesus' Missing Years detail the answers of many questions left unresolved in the Holy Bible: the dates of Gabriel's visitations to Elizabeth (the mother of John the Baptist) and Mary (the mother of Jesus), the exact date and time of his birth, his life as a child escaping to Alexandria, the specifics of his upbringing, his first "talk" with God, the death of his earthly father, Joseph, and his subsequent becoming the head of his family consisting of his mother and 8 brothers and sisters - detailing his triumphs and struggles; his graciousness in rejecting the marriage proposal of Rebecca when he was at the tender age of 19, the disappointment of his mother in his refusal to become "King of the Jews", and so much more! Truly a revelatory account of Jesus' life as the **son of Man** while living here on earth! A review fully included in The Birth of Jesus Workbook. It is a workbook surely to benefit - young and old alike - in gaining a far more in-depth understanding of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Enjoy!

SECTION I

Workbook Story

DO YOU REALLY KNOW JESUS?

Do You Really Know Jesus -- was an olive-skinned man born in Bethlehem, August 21, 7 B.C. at High Noon.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- that Joseph, the father of Jesus (Joshua ben Joseph), was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, although he carried many non-Jewish racial strains which had been added to his ancestral tree from time to time by female lines of his progenitors -- going back to the day of Abraham.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a descendant of a long line of noble ancestors embracing many of the most remarkable men in the racial history of our planet. Hardly to be regarded as a Jewess, in culture and belief she was not a Jew, but in hereditary endowment she was more representative of Syrian, Hittite, Phoenician, Greek, and Egyptian stocks, her racial inheritance being more liberal than that of Joseph.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- that Joseph and Mary

e married in the month of March, 8 B.C. and thei
e was not far from the high hill in the northerl
t of Nazareth, some distance from the villag
ing, which was in the eastern section of the town.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- that one evening abou
down, about the middle of November, 8 B.C., befor
eph had returned home, Gabriel appeared to Mary b
side of a low table while she was at work in he
areth home and, after she had recovered her
posure, said: "I come at the bidding of one who is
Master and whom you shall love and nurture. To you,
y, I bring glad tidings when I announce that the
ception within you is ordained by heaven, and that
due time you will become the mother of a son; you
ll call him Joshua, and he shall inaugurate the
gdom of heaven on earth and among men. Speak not of
s matter save to Joseph and to Elizabeth, your
swoman, to whom I have also appeared, and who shall
sently also bear a son, whose name shall be John
e Baptist), and who will prepare the way for th
sage of deliverance which your son shall proclaim t
with great power and deep conviction. And doubt no
word, Mary, for this home has been chosen as the
tal habitat of the child of destiny. My benediction
ts upon you, the power of the Most Highs will
ngthen you, and the Lord of all the earth shall
rshadow you."

e: Gabriel's announcement to Mary was made the day following the conception of Jesus and was the only event of supernatural occurrence connected with her entire experience of carrying and bearing the child in virginity.

Do You Really Know Jesus - that Joseph did not become reconciled to the idea that Mary was to become the mother of an extraordinary child until after he had experienced a very impressive dream. In this dream an illustrious celestial messenger appeared to him and, among other things, said: "Joseph, I appear by command of Him who now reigns on high, and I am directed to instruct you concerning the son whom Mary shall bear, who shall become a great light in the world. In him there will be life, and his life shall become the light of all mankind. He shall first come to his own people, but they will hardly receive him; but to as many as will receive him, to them will he reveal that they are children of God."

After this experience Joseph never again wholly doubted Mary's story of Gabriel's visit and of the promise that the unborn child was to become a divine messenger to the world.

e: In all these visitations nothing was said about

house of David. Nothing was ever intimated about us' becoming a "deliverer of the Jews," not even that he was to be the long-expected Messiah. Jesus was such a Messiah as the Jews had anticipated, but he the "world's deliverer." His mission was to all races and peoples, not any one group. Most of the so-called Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament were expected to apply to Jesus long after his life had been lived on earth.

For centuries the Hebrew prophets had proclaimed the coming of a deliverer, and these promises had been construed by successive generations as referring to a Jewish ruler who would sit upon the throne of David, by the reputed miraculous methods of Moses succeed to establish the Jews in Palestine as a powerful nation, free from all foreign domination. But Jesus himself onetime publicly denied any connection with the royal house of David. The early followers of Jesus all too often succumbed to the temptation to make the olden prophetic utterances appear to find fulfillment in the life of their Lord and Master.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Within two weeks of his birth both Zacharias and Elizabeth (the parents of John the Baptist, born March 25, 7 B.C.) had become possessed with the sincere conviction that Jesus was expected to become the Jewish deliverer, the Messiah, and that their son John was to be his chief of aides, his

ht-hand man of destiny; and that Jesus' mother, Mary, held these same ideas. It was thus not difficult to convince Joseph to remain in Bethlehem, the City of David, so that Jesus might grow up to become the Messiah, the successor of David on the throne of all Israel. Accordingly, they remained in Bethlehem more than a year, Joseph meantime working some at his carpenter's trade.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- No shepherds nor any other human beings came to pay homage to (Jesus) the Messiah of Bethlehem until the day of the arrival of the Magi, certain priests from Ur (the so-called "three wise men"), who were sent down from Jerusalem by Zacharias. These priests from Mesopotamia had been told sometime before by a strange teacher of their country that he had had a dream in which he was informed that "the light of life" was about to appear on earth as a babe and among the Jews. And thus, went these three teachers looking for this "light of life." After many weeks of futile search in Jerusalem, they were about to return to Ur when Zacharias met them and disclosed his belief that Jesus was the object of their quest and sent them on to Bethlehem, where they found the babe and left their gifts with Mary. Jesus was almost three weeks old at the time of their visit.

12: These "wise men" saw no star to guide them to

hlehem. The beautiful legend of the star of Bethlehem originated in this way: Jesus was born August 6 at noon, 7 B.C. On May 29, 7 B.C., there occurred an extraordinary planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation Pisces. And it is a remarkable astronomical fact that similar conjunctions occurred on September 29 and December 5 of the same year. Upon the basis of these extraordinary but wholly natural events, the well-meaning zealots of the succeeding generation constructed the appealing legend of the star of Bethlehem and the adoring Magi led by the star to the manger, where they beheld and worshiped the newborn babe. Oriental and near-Oriental minds are prone to flight in fairy stories, and they are continually inventing such beautiful myths about the lives of their religious leaders and political heroes. In the absence of printing, when most human knowledge was passed by word of mouth from one generation to another, it was very easy for myths to become traditions and for traditions eventually to become accepted as facts.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- All through Jesus' early years as a helpless infant, Mary maintained a vigilant and constant watch for fear anything which might harm all her child, would not jeopardize his welfare in any way interfere with his future mission on earth. His mother was ever more devoted to her child. Only a affectionate mother can know the burden that Mar

ried in her heart for the safety of her son during these years of infancy and early childhood.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- About the middle of December, 6 B.C., when Jesus was a little over one year of age, Herod, King of Judea, after unsuccessfully inquiring diligently of the three wise men about what had been reported to him about the new "King of the Jews" and thereafter more than a year searching for him, ordered the massacre of all boy babies under two years old in Bethlehem to make sure Jesus was not destroyed. Zacharias, learning of the order, in turn dispatched a messenger to Joseph; and the night before the massacre Joseph and Mary departed from Bethlehem with Jesus in hand for Alexandria in Egypt.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Throughout the two years of their sojourn at Alexandria, Jesus enjoyed good health and continued to grow normally. Aside from a few friends and relatives no one was told about Jesus' being a "child of promise." Owing to the uncertainties and anxieties of their sojourn in Bethlehem, Mary did not wean the babe until they had arrived safely in Alexandria, where the family was able to settle down to a normal life.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus was about three years and two months old at the time of their return to

areth. He stood all the family's travels very well
er his birth and was in excellent health and full of
ldish glee and excitement at having premises of his
to run about in and to enjoy. But he greatly missed
association of his Alexandrian playmates.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus' entire fourth
r was a period of normal physical development and of
sual mental activity. Meantime he had formed a very
se attachment for a neighbor boy about his own age
ed Jacob. Jesus and Jacob were always happy in their
y, and they grew up to be great friends and loyal
mpanions. April 2, 3 B.C., in the early morning
rs, the second child, James was born. Jesus was
illed by the thought of having a baby brother, and
would stand around by the hour just to observe th
y's early activities.

It was midsummer of this same year that Joseph buil
mall workshop close to the village spring and near
caravan tarrying lot. He had as associates two of
brothers and several other mechanics, whom he sent
to work while he remained at the shop making yokes
plows and doing other woodwork. He also did some
k in leather and with rope and canvas. And Jesus,
he grew up, when not in school, spent his time about
ally between helping his mother with home duties and
ching his father work at the shop, meanwhile
tening to the conversation and gossip of the caravan

ductors and passengers from the four corners of the
th.

In July of this year, one month before Jesus was
r years old, an outbreak of malignant intestinal
uble spread over all Nazareth from contact with the
avan travelers. Mary became so alarmed by the
ger of Jesus being exposed to this epidemic of
ease that she bundled up both her children and fled
the country home of her brother, several miles south
Nazareth on the Megiddo road near Sarid. They did
return to Nazareth for more than two months; Jesus
atly enjoyed this, his first experience on a farm.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus was five years
in August of 2 B.C.; therefore, referred to as his
th (calendar) year of life on earth. In this year,
ittle more than one month before his fifth birthday
iversary, Jesus was made very happy by the coming o
sister Miriam, who was born on the night of Jul
2 B.C. The evening following, Jesus had a long tal
h his father concerning the manner in which variou
ups of living things are born into the world as
arate individuals. For Joseph never failed to do
full duty in taking pains and spending time
wering the boy's numerous questions.

The most valuable part of Jesus' early education

secured from his parents in answer to his thoughtful and searching inquiries. From the time he was five years old until he was ten, he was one continuous question mark. While Joseph and Mary could always answer his questions, they never failed to discuss his inquiries and in every other possible way to assist him in his efforts to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem which his alert mind had suggested. And Jesus greatly enjoyed his little brother and his baby sister and was of great help to Mary in their care. Jesus appeared to be a well-near perfect child physically and continued to make normal progress mentally and emotionally. He experienced a mild digestive upset, his first minor illness, in the latter part of this, his fifth (lendar) year.

Do You Really Know Jesus... It was the custom of Galilean Jesus for the mother to bear the responsibility for a child's training until the fifth birthday, and then, if the child were a boy, to hold the father responsible for the lad's education from that time on. Thus, accordingly, August 21, 2 B.C., on Jesus' fifth birthday, Mary formally turned him over to Joseph for further instruction.

Though Joseph was now assuming the direct responsibility for Jesus' intellectual and religious

cation, his mother still interested herself in his training. She taught him to know and care for the trees and flowers growing about the garden walls which completely surrounded the home plot. She also provided the roof of the house (the summer bedroom) shallow boxes of sand in which Jesus worked out maps and did much of his early practice at writing Aramaic, Greek, later on, Hebrew, for in time he learned to read, write, and speak, fluently, all three languages.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Before Jesus was six years of age, in the early summer of 1 B.C., Zacharias and Elizabeth and their son John came to visit them. Jesus and John had a happy time during this, their first visit within their memories. While their parents talked over many things, including the future plans for their sons, the lads played with blocks in the sand outside of the house and in many other ways enjoyed themselves in the boyish fashion.

Already, with his mother's help, Jesus had mastered the Galilean dialect of the Aramaic tongue; now his father began teaching him Greek. Mary knew little Greek, but Joseph was a fluent speaker of both Aramaic and Greek. The textbook for the study of Greek language was the copy of the Hebrew Scriptures - a complete version of the law and the prophets, including the Psalms - which had been

sented to them on leaving Egypt. There were only two complete copies of the Scriptures in Greek in all the land, and the possession of one of them by the carpenter's family made Joseph's home a much-sought place and enabled Jesus, as he grew up, to meet an almost endless procession of earnest students and sincere truth seekers. Before this year ended, Jesus had assumed custody of this priceless manuscript, having been told on his sixth birthday that the sacred book had been presented to him by Alexandrian friends and relatives. And in a very short time he could read it readily.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- The first great shock of Jesus' young life occurred when he was not quite six years old. It had seemed to the lad that his father - at least his father and mother together - knew everything. Imagine, therefore, the surprise of this wondering child, when he asked his father the cause of the mild earthquake which had just occurred, to hear Joseph say, "My Son, I really do not know." Thus began that long and disconcerting disillusionment in the course of which Jesus found out that his earthly parents were not all-wise and all-knowing.

This year Jesus made great progress in adjusting his strong feelings and vigorous impulses to the demands of family cooperation and home discipline.

y was a loving mother but a fairly strict disciplinarian. In many ways, however, Joseph exerted greater control over Jesus as it was his practice sit down with the boy and fully explain the real and underlying reasons for the necessity of disciplinary tailment of personal desires in deference to the fare and tranquility of the entire family. When the uation had been explained to Jesus, he was always elligently and willingly cooperative with parental hes and family regulations. But during this year eph and Mary had trouble with Jesus about his yers. He insisted on talking to his heavenly Father h as he would talk to Joseph, his earthly father. s departure from the more solemn and reverent mode communication with Deity was a bit disconcerting t parents, especially to his mother, but there was n suading him to change; he would say his prayers jus he had been taught, after which he insisted o ing "just a little talk with my Father in heaven."

Much of his spare time - when his mother did not uire his help about the house - was spent studying flowers and plants by day and the stars by night. evinced a troublesome penchant for lying on his back gazing wonderingly up into the starry heavens long er his usual bedtime in this well-ordered Nazareth sehold.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- During the seventh year (A.D. 1), the only real accident Jesus had up to that time was a fall down the back-yard stone staircase which led up to the canvas-roofed bedroom. It happened during an unexpected July sandstorm from the east. The winds, carrying blasts of the sand, usually blowing during the rainy season, especially in March and April, was extraordinary to have such a storm in July. When the storm came up, Jesus was on the housetop playing, which was his habit, for during much of the dry seasons the housetop was his accustomed playroom. He was blinded by the sand when descending the stairs and fell. After this accident Joseph built a balustrade up both sides of the stairway.

But this slight accident, occurring while Joseph was absent in Endor, caused such great anxiety to develop in Mary's mind that she unwisely tried to keep Jesus very close to her side for some months.

And this was but one of a number of such minor accidents which subsequently befell this inquisitive and adventurous youth. If you envisage the average childhood and youth of an aggressive boy, you will have a fairly good idea of the youthful career of Jesus, and you will be able to imagine just how much anxiety he caused his parents, particularly his mother.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus was now seven years old and the fourth member of his Nazareth family, Joseph was born Wednesday morning, March 16, A.D. 1. This was also the year, Jesus, as a Jewish child was prepared to begin his formal education in the synagogue schools. Accordingly, in August of this year he entered upon his eventful school life at Nazareth, when already he was a fluent reader, writer, and speaker of two languages, Aramaic and Greek, and now ready to acquaint himself with the task of learning to read, write, and speak the Hebrew language. He was truly eager for the school life which was ahead of him.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- For three years until Jesus was ten - he attended the elementary school in the Nazareth synagogue. For these three years he learned the rudiments of the Book of the Law as it was recorded in the Hebrew tongue. For the following three years he studied in the advanced school and committed to memory, by the method of repeating aloud, the deeper teachings of the sacred law. "He graduated from this school of the synagogue during his thirteenth year and was turned over to his parents by the synagogue as an educated "son of the commandment" - henceforth a responsible citizen of the commonwealth of Israel, all of which entailed his attendance at the Passovers in Jerusalem. Accordingly, he attended his first Passover that year in company with his father and mother.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- When entering school seven years, it was customary for the pupils to use their "birthday text," a sort of golden rule to guide them throughout their studies, one upon which they often expatiated at their graduation when thirteen years old.

The text which Jesus chose was from the Prophecy: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the meek, to bind up the brokenhearted, to claim liberty to the captives, and to set the ritual prisoners free."

In addition to his more formal schooling, Jesus had to make contact with human nature from the four corners of the earth as men from many lands passed in and out of his father's repair shop. When he grew older, he mingled freely with the caravans as they camped near the spring for rest and nourishment. Being a fluent speaker of Greek, he had little trouble conversing with the majority of the caravan travelers and conductors.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Throughout his course of study Jesus learned much and derived great inspiration from the regular Sabbath sermons in the synagogue. It was customary to ask distinguished

itors, stopping over the Sabbath in Nazareth, to
ress the synagogue. As Jesus grew up, he heard many
at thinkers of the entire Jewish world expound their
ws, and many also who were hardly orthodox Jews
ce the synagogue of Nazareth was an advanced and
eral center of Hebrew thought and culture.

Jesus early became a master of Hebrew, and as
ng man, when no visitor of prominence happened to be
urning in Nazareth, he would often be asked to read
Hebrew scriptures to the faithful assembled in the
agogue at the regular Sabbath services. These
agogue schools, of course, had no textbooks. In
ching, the chazan (teacher) would utter a statement
le the pupils, sitting on the floor in a semicircle,
ld in unison repeat it after him, the chazan,
ting facing them. And when having access to the
tten books of law, the student learned his lesson by
ding aloud and by constant repetition.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus received his
al training and spiritual culture chiefly in his own
e. He secured much of his intellectual and
ological education from the chazan. But his real
cation - that equipment of mind and heart for the
ual test of grappling with the difficult problems of
e - he obtained by mingling with his fellow men. It
this close association with his fellow men, young

old, Jew and gentile, that afforded him the opportunity to know the human race. Jesus was highly educated in that he thoroughly understood men and loved them.

Before he was eight years old, Jesus was known to the mothers and young women of Nazareth, who had him and talked with him at the spring, which was far from his home, and which was one of the social centers of contact and gossip for the entire town. In his seventh year Jesus learned to milk the family cow and care for the other animals. During this and the following year he also learned to make cheese and to weave. When he was ten years of age, he was an expert mill operator.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- During Jesus' eighth year, his third brother, Simon, was born on Friday morning, April 14, of this year, A.D. 2. Jesus also began to enjoy his brother James very much and by the end of this year had begun to teach him the alphabet.

This was an interesting year at school. Although Jesus was not an unusual student, he was a diligent pupil and belonged to the more progressive third of the class, doing his work so well that he was excused from attendance one week out of each month. This week he usually spent either with his fisherman uncle on the

res of the Sea of Galilee, near Magdala, or on the
m of another uncle (his mother's brother) five miles
th of Nazareth. About this time Jesus met a teacher
mathematics from Damascus, and learning some new
hniques of numbers, he spent much time on
hematics for several years. He developed a keen
se of numbers, distances, and proportions.

Also this year Jesus made arrangements to exchange
ry products for lessons on the harp. He had an
sual liking for everything musical. Later on he did
h to promote an interest in vocal music among his
thful associates. By the time he was eleven years
, he was a skillful harpist and greatly enjoyed
ertaining both family and friends with his
raordinary interpretations and able improvisations.

In February, Nabor, one of the teachers in a
usalem academy of the rabbis, came to Nazareth to
erve Jesus, having been on a similar mission to
harias's home near Jerusalem. He came to Nazareth at
instigation of John's father. While at first he
somewhat shocked by Jesus' frankness and
onventional manner of relating himself to things
igious, he attributed it to the remoteness of
ilee from the centers of Hebrew learning and culture
advised Joseph and Mary to allow him to take Jesus
k with him to Jerusalem, where he could have the
antages of education and training at the center of

ish culture.

Mary was half persuaded to consent; she was convinced her eldest son was to become the Messiah, the Jewish deliverer, Joseph hesitated; he was equally persuaded that Jesus was to grow up to become a man of tiny, but what that destiny would prove to be he was profoundly uncertain. But he never really doubted that son was to fulfill some great mission on earth.

More he thought about Nabor's advice, the more he questioned the wisdom of the proposed sojourn in Jerusalem. Because of this difference of opinion between Joseph and Mary, Nabor requested permission to take the whole matter before Jesus. At eight, Jesus listened attentively, talked with Joseph, Mary, and a neighbor, Jacob the stone mason, whose son was his favorite playmate, and then, two days later, reported that since there was such a difference of opinion among parents and advisors, and since he did not feel competent to assume the responsibility for such a decision, not feeling strongly one way or the other, in view of the whole situation, he had finally decided to talk with my Father who is in heaven"; and while he was not perfectly sure about the answer, he rather felt he should remain at home "with my father and mother," saying, "they who love me so much should be able to do more for me and guide me more safely than strangers who can only view my body and observe my mind but can

dly truly know me." They all marveled, and Nabors
t his way, back to Jerusalem. And it was many years
ore the subject of Jesus' going away from home again
e up for consideration.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Though it could hardly
said that Jesus was ever seriously ill, he did have
e of the minor ailments of childhood this, his ninth
r, along with his brother and baby sister. Jesus'
ond sister, Martha, was born Thursday night,
tember 13, 3 A.D.

When work and caravan travel were slack, Jesus
e many trips with his father on pleasure or business
nearby Cana, Endor, and Nain. His trips away from
e did much to give him a better and more generous
erstanding of his own family and by this time even
parents were beginning to learn from him as well as
teach him. Jesus was an original thinker and a
llful teacher, even in his youth. He was in constant
lision with the so-called "oral law," but he always
ght to adapt himself to the practices of his family.
us continued to grow physically, intellectually,
ially, and spiritually.

Jesus got along fairly well with the children of
age, but he often grew discouraged with their slow-
ing minds. Before he was ten years old, he had

ome the leader of a group of seven lads who formed
mselves into a society for promoting the
uirements of manhood - physical, intellectual, and
igious. Among these boys Jesus succeeded i
roducing many new games and various improved method
physical recreation.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- It was the fifth of
y, A.D. 4, the first Sabbath of the month, when
us, while strolling through the countryside with his
her, first gave expression of feelings and ideas
ch indicated that he was becoming self-conscious of
unusual nature of his life mission. Neither Joseph
Mary volunteered any information.

This A.D. 4 year Jesus began to show a marked
ference for the company of older persons. He
ighted in talking over things cultural, educational
ial, economic, political, and religious with olde
ds, and his depth of reasoning and keenness o
ervation so charmed his adult associates that the
e always more than willing to visit with him.

When on his first trip with his father to observ
fishing industry on the lake of Galilee, Jesus ha
t about made up his mind to become a fisherman; bu
se association with his father's vocation later o
luenced him to become a carpenter, while still late
ombination of influences led him to the final choic

becoming a religious teacher of a new order.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus spent considerable time at the caravan supply shop his tenth year, and by conversing with the travelers from all parts of the world, he acquired a store of information about international affairs that was amazing, considering his age. This was the last year which he enjoyed much free play and youthful exuberance.

From this time on, difficulties and responsibilities rapidly multiplied in the life of the child. On Wednesday evening, June 24, A.D. 5, Jude was born. At the end of this eleventh year Jesus was a vigorous well-developed, moderately humorous, and generally lighthearted youth, but from this year on he was more and more given to peculiar seasons of profound meditation and serious contemplation. He was much given to thinking about how he was to carry out his obligations to his family and at the same time obedient to the call of his mission to the world. Early he had conceived that his ministry was not limited to the betterment of the Jewish people.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- This twelfth (A.D. 6) year was an eventful year in Jesus' life. He continued to make progress at school and was indefatigable in his

dy of nature, while increasingly he prosecuted his
dy of the methods whereby men make a living.

Throughout this year he experienced many seasons
uncertainty, if not actual doubt, regarding the
ure of his mission. His naturally developing human
d did not yet fully grasp the reality of his dual
ure - as the Son of God and the Son of Man. The
t that he had a single personality rendered it
ficult for his consciousness to recognize the double
gin of those factors which composed the nature
ociated with that selfsame personality.

It was a trying experience for Joseph and Mary t
ertake the rearing of this unprecedented combinatio
divinity and humanity, and they deserve great credi
so faithfully and successfully discharging thei
ental responsibilities. Increasingly Jesus' parent
lized that there was something superhuman residen
hin their eldest son, but they never even faintl
amed that this son of promise was indeed in trut
actual creator of this local universe of things an
ngs. Joseph and Mary lived and died without eve
rning that their son Jesus really was the Univers
ator incarnate in mortal flesh.

This year Jesus paid more attention than ever t
ic, and he continued to teach the home school for

brothers and sisters. Throughout this and the two following years Jesus suffered great mental distress as a result of his constant effort to adjust his personal views of religious practices and social duties to the established beliefs of his parents.

The supreme conflict was between two great commands which were uppermost in his youthful mind. The one : "Be loyal to the dictates of your highest convictions of truth and righteousness." The other : "Honor your father and mother, for they have given you life and the nurture thereof."

However, he never shirked the responsibility of making the necessary daily adjustments between these demands of loyalty to one's personal convictions and duty toward one's family, and he achieved satisfaction of effecting an increasingly harmonious blending of personal conviction and family obligation through a masterful concept of group solidarity based upon loyalty, fairness, tolerance, and love.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- In this, Jesus' thirteenth year, the lad of Nazareth passed from childhood to the beginning of young manhood; his voice began to change, and other features of mind and body gave evidence of the oncoming status of manhood. One day night, January 9, A.D. 7, his baby brother, John, was born.

It was about the middle of February that Jesus came humanly assured that he was destined to perform a mission on earth for the enlightenment of man and the revelation of God. Momentous decisions, coupled with far-reaching plans, were formulating in the mind of a young youth, who was, to outward appearances, an average Jewish lad of Nazareth.

On the first day of the week, March 20, A.D. 7 A.D. Jesus graduated from the course of training in the rabbinical school connected with the Nazareth synagogue. This was a great day in the life of any ambitious Jewish family, the day when the first-born son was pronounced a "son of the commandment" and the ransom of the first-born of the Lord God of Israel, a "child of the Most High" and servant of the Lord of all the earth.

Jesus, having now reached the threshold of young manhood and having been formally graduated from the rabbinical schools, was qualified to proceed to Jerusalem with his parents to participate with them in the celebration of his first Passover. The Passover of this year fell on Saturday, April 9, A.D. 7.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- This thirteenth year (A.D. 7), while all Jerusalem was astir in preparation for the Passover, Joseph found time to take Jesus to Nazareth and to visit the academy where it had been arranged

him to resume his education two years later as soon he reached the required age of fifteen. Joseph was ly puzzled when he observed how little interest us evinced in all these carefully laid plans.

On the day before the Passover Sabbath, flood es of spiritual illumination swept through the tal mind of Jesus and filled his human heart to rflowing with affectionate pity for the spiritually nd and morally ignorant multitudes assembled for the ebration of the ancient Passover commemoration. This one of the most extraordinary days that the Son of spent in the flesh; and during the night, for the st time in his earth career, there appeared to him assigned celestial messenger, who said: "The hour come. It is time that you began to be about your her's business."

Thus ends the career of the Nazareth lad, an ins the narrative of that adolescent youth - th reasingly self-conscious divine human - who no ins the contemplation of his world career as h ives to integrate his expanding life purpose wit desires of his parents and his obligations to hi ily and the society of his day and age.

Do You Really Know Jesus... No incident in al us' eventful earth career was more engaging, mor

only thrilling, that his first remembered visit to Jerusalem. He was especially stimulated by the experience of attending the temple discussions by himself, and it long stood out in his memory as the first event of his later childhood and early youth. It was his first opportunity to enjoy a few days of independent living, the exhilaration of going anywhere without restraint and restrictions.

Jesus admired the sentiment and service of the temple but he was shocked by the spiritual ugliness which he beheld on the faces of so many of the thinking worshipers.

Everywhere Jesus went throughout the temple courts, he was shocked and sickened by the spirit of reverence which he observed; especially his sense of propriety was outraged by the sight of the frivolous courtiers parading about within this precinct of the temple. He deemed the conduct of the temple throngs inconsistent with their presence in "his Father's house."

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Before Joseph and Mary left Jerusalem, in the company with Jesus' Nazareth teacher they made definite arrangements for Jesus to return when he reached the age of fifteen to begin his regular course of study in one of the best-known academies of the rabbis. Jesus accompanied his parents and

cher on their visits to the school, but they were distressed to observe how indifferent he seemed to they said and did. Mary was deeply pained at his ctions to the Jerusalem visit, and Joseph was foundly perplexed at the lad's strange remarks and usual conduct.

After all, Passover week had been a great event in us' life. He had enjoyed the opportunity of meeting res of boys about his own age, fellow candidates for consecration, and he utilized such contacts as a ns of learning how people lived. There were usands of young people in Jerusalem at this time, the Nazareth lad personally met, and more or less ensively interviewed, more than one hundred and ty. As a result of these contacts Jesus began to ertain a desire to travel about the world for the pose of learning how the various groups of his low men toiled for their livelihood.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- After the Passove tival had ended, the Nazareth party Jesus' famil traveled with was to meet and start out on the urn journey home. Jesus had gone into the temple to ten to the discussions while his parents awaited the embly of their fellow travelers. Presently the pany prepared to depart, the men going in one group the women in another as was their custom in

returning to and from the Jerusalem festivals. The
other travelers did not miss Jesus because Mary
thought he journeyed with the men, while Joseph
thought he traveled with the women since he had gone up
Jerusalem with the women, leading Mary's donkey.

They did not discover his absence until they
reached Jericho and prepared to tarry for the night.
After making inquiry of the last of the party to reach
Jericho and learning that none of them had seen their
son, they spent a sleepless night, recounting many of
their unusual reactions to the events of Passover week,
blaming each other for not checking for the boy.

In the meantime, Jesus had remained in the temple
throughout the afternoon, listening to the discussions
and enjoying the more quiet and decorous atmosphere,
the great crowds of Passover week having about
disappeared.

At the conclusions of the afternoon discussions, in
one of which Jesus participated, he betook himself,
not to Jericho, but to Bethany, arriving at a family
friend's house, Simon, as his family made ready to
take of their evening meal. Simon's three
nephews, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, were overjoyed
to greet Jesus, and he remained in Simon's house for
the night. He visited very little during the evening,
spending much of the time alone in the garden

itating. Early the next day Jesus was up and on his way to the temple.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Early forenoon the second day in the temple found Jesus with his mind made up to take part in the discussions. Meanwhile, Joseph and Mary had arisen with the early dawn with the intention of retracing their steps to Jerusalem. After searching all day and finding no trace of him, they returned to their relatives in Jericho for the night.

Meanwhile, at the second conference Jesus had made up his mind to ask questions, and in a very amazing way he participated in the temple discussions but always in a manner consistent with his youth. Sometimes his pertinent questions confused the learned teachers of the Jewish law, and somewhat embarrassing, but he evinced with him a spirit of candid fairness, coupled with an ardent hunger for knowledge, that the majority of the temple teachers were disposed to treat him with every consideration.

When this, his second day in the temple, was finished, again he went to Bethany for the night. And when he went out in the garden to meditate and pray, it was apparent that his mind was concerned with the temptation of weighty problems.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus' third day with scribes and teachers in the temple witnessed the hearing of many spectators who, having heard of this th from Galilee, came to enjoy the experience of ing a lad confuse the wise men of the law. Simon o came down from Bethany to see what the boy was up

Throughout this day Joseph and Mary continued ir anxious search for Jesus, even going several es into the temple but never thinking to scrutinize several discussion groups, although they once came ost within hearing distance of his fascinating ce. Jesus was "thirteen years lacking a trifle more n four months."

Before the day had ended, the entire attention of chief discussion group of the temple had become used upon the questions being asked by Jesus. All day through, those who listened marveled at these stions, and none was more astonished than Simon. more than four hours this Nazareth youth plied se Jewish teachers with thought- provoking and rt-searching questions. He made few comments on the arks of his elders. He conveyed his teaching by the stions he would ask. By the deft and subtle asing of a question he would at one and the same e challenge their teaching and suggest his own. I

manner of his asking a question there was an appealing combination of sagacity and humor which earned him even to those who more or less resented youthfulness. He was always eminently fair and moderate in the asking of these penetrating questions. On this eventful afternoon in the temple he exhibited that same reluctance to take unfair advantage of an opponent which characterized his subsequent public ministry. As a youth, and later on as a man, he seemed to be utterly free from all egoistic desire to win an argument merely to experience logical triumph over his fellows, being interested supremely in just one thing: to proclaim everlasting truth and thus to effect a fuller revelation of the eternal God.

When the day was over, Simon and Jesus wended their way back to Bethany. For most of the distance between the man and the boy were silent. And after the evening meal, Jesus went to the garden, where he lingered long into the night, trying unsuccessfully at that time to decide how best he might labor to reveal the beautiful concept of the heavenly Father to his ritually blinded countryman.

Do You Really Know Jesus ... Jesus was strangely mindful this fourth day he journeyed to the temple of his earthly parents; even at breakfast, when Lazarus' sister remarked that his parents must be about home he

t time, Jesus did not seem to comprehend that the lad be somewhat worried about his having lingered.

At the temple, in the course of the morning's discussions, much time was devoted to the law and the prophets, and the teachers were astonished that Jesus so familiar with the Scriptures, in Hebrew as well Greek. But they were amazed not so much by his knowledge of truth as by his youth.

At the afternoon conference they had hardly begun answer his question relating to the purpose of prayer when the leader invited the lad to come forward, sitting beside him, bade him state his own views regarding prayer and worship.

The evening before, Jesus' parents had heard about a strange youth who so deftly sparred with the founders of the law, but it had not occurred to them that this lad was their son. They had about decided to journey out to the home of Zacharias as they thought Jesus might have gone there to see Elizabeth and John. Thinking Zacharias might perhaps be at the temple, they stopped there on their way to the City of Judah. As they strolled through the courts of the temple, imagine their surprise and amazement when they recognized the face of the missing lad and beheld him seated among

temple teachers. Joseph was speechless, but Mary vent to her long-pent-up fear and anxiety when he came up to the lad, now standing to greet his astonished parents, she said: "My child, why have you treated us like that?"

It should be remembered that Jesus was supposed to be a young man. He had finished the regular schooling of a child, had been recognized as a son of the Law, and had received consecration as a citizen of Israel. Yet his mother more than mildly upbraided him before all the people assembled, right in the midst of his most serious and sublime effort of his young life in bringing to an inglorious termination one of the greatest opportunities ever to be granted him to act as a teacher of truth, a preacher of righteousness, a revealer of the loving character of the Father in heaven.

But the lad was equal to the occasion. When you come into fair consideration all the factors which combined to make up this situation, you will be better prepared to fathom the wisdom of the boy's reply to his mother's unintended rebuke. After a moment's thought, he answered his mother, saying: "Why is it that you have so long sought me? Would you not expect to find me in my Father's house since the time has come when I should be about my Father's business?" Everyone was

onished at the lad's manner of speaking. said: me, my parents, none has done aught but that which thought best. Our Father in heaven has ordained these things; let us depart for home."

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Of all Jesus' earthly experiences, the fourteenth and fifteen years were most crucial.

In the calendar year of his fourteenth birthday (D. 8), Jesus had become a good yoke maker and worked with both canvas and leather. He was also rapidly eloping into an expert carpenter and cabinetmaker. This summer he made frequent trips to the top of the hill to the northwest of Nazareth for prayer and meditation. He was gradually becoming more self-conscious of the nature of his bestowal on earth.

Throughout this year it can truly be said that Jesus "grew in favor with man and with God." The prospects of the family seemed good; the future was bright.

Early this year Joseph arranged to set aside the income from his Nazareth and Capernaum property to pay for Jesus' long course of study at Jerusalem, it having been planned that he should go to Jerusalem in August of the following year when he would be fifteen years of age. Jesus continued to carry on his advanced courses

reading under the synagogue teachers, and he also continued with the home education of his brothers and sisters as they grew up to suitable ages.

All did go well until that fateful day of Tuesday September 25, A.D. 8, when a runner from Sepphoris brought to this Nazareth home the tragic news that Joseph had been severely injured (later to die that day before Mary arrived) by the falling of a derrick while work on the governor's residence.

Just at the time when prospects were good and the future looked bright, an apparently cruel hand struck down the head of this Nazareth household, the affairs of this home were disrupted, and every plan for Jesus and his future education was demolished. This young lad, now just past fourteen years of age, was awakened to the realization that he had not only to fulfill the commission of his heavenly Father to reveal his divine nature on earth and in the flesh. but that the young human nature must also shoulder the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and his seven brothers and sisters - and another (Ruth) yet to be born.

This lad of Nazareth now became the sole support and comfort of this so suddenly bereaved family.

Do You Really Know Jesus... At fourteen. Jesus earnestly accepted the responsibilities so suddenly thrust upon him upon his father's death; and he carried them faithfully to the end. At least one great problem anticipated difficulty in his life had been miraculously solved - he would not now be expected to go to Jerusalem to study under the rabbis. It remained always true that Jesus "sat at no man's feet." He was ever willing to learn from even the humblest of little children, but he never derived authority to teach truth from human sources.

Still Jesus knew nothing of the Gabriel visit to his mother before his birth; he only learned of this from John on the day of his baptism, at the beginning of his public ministry.

As the years passed, this young carpenter of Nazareth increasingly measured every institution of society and every usage of religion by the unvarying test: What does it do for the human soul? Does it bring God to man? Does it bring man to God? While Jesus did not wholly neglect the recreational and social aspects of life, more and more he devoted his time and energies to just two purposes: the care of his family and the preparation to do his Father's heavenly will on earth.

Do You Really Know Jesus... By the middle of his teen year - reckoning time in accordance with the twentieth-century calendar, not by the Jewish year - Jesus had taken a firm grasp upon the management of his family.

On Wednesday evening, April 17, A.D. 9, Ruth, the youngest of the family was born, and to the best of his ability Jesus endeavored to take the place of his father in comforting and ministering to his mother during this trying and peculiarly sad ordeal of the loss of her husband. For almost a score of years (until Jesus began his public ministry) no father could have loved and nurtured his daughter any more affectionately and faithfully than Jesus cared for little Ruth. And Jesus was an equally good father to all the other members of his family.

This year Jesus was much troubled with conflicting family responsibilities. Family responsibility had quite effectively prevented all thought of immediately carrying out any plan for responding to the Jerusalem visitation expecting him to "be about his Father's business." Jesus rightly reasoned that the watchcare of his earthly father's family must take precedence of all other duties; that the support of his family must become his first obligation.

During this year Jesus first formulated the prayer which he subsequently taught to his apostles, and which many has become known as "The Lord's Prayer." In a way it was an evolution of the family altar; they had many forms of praise and several formal prayers. After his father's death Jesus tried to teach the older children to express themselves individually in prayer - which as he so enjoyed doing - but they could not grasp the thought and would invariably fall back upon their authorized prayer forms. It was in this effort to encourage his older brothers and sisters to say individual prayers that Jesus would endeavor to lead them along by suggestive phrases, and presently, without intention on his part, it developed that they were all using a form of prayer which was largely built from these suggestive lines which Jesus had taught them.

Before the end of this year Mary saw the family funds diminishing; their savings had about disappeared, and they were face to face with the necessity of disposing of one of the Nazareth houses which Joseph and his neighbor Jacob owned in partnership. She transferred the sale of doves over to James. Presently they bought a second cow, and with the aid of Miriam they began the sale of milk to their Nazareth neighbors.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- The great confusion of

us' younger days now arose. Having settled something out the nature of his mission on earth, "to be about Father's business" - to show forth his Father's saving nature to all mankind - he began to ponder anew many statements in the Scriptures referring to the coming of a national deliverer, a Jewish teacher or king. To what event did these prophecies refer? Was he a Jew or was he not? Was he or was he not of the line of David? His mother averred he was; his father ruled that he was not. He decided he was not. But the prophets confused the nature and mission of the Messiah?

After all, could it be possible that his mother was right? What should be his relation to this Jewish Messiah? And what should be his relation, after looking on his life mission, to his family, to the Jewish commonwealth and religion, to the Roman Empire, to the gentiles and their religions? Each of these momentous problems this young Galilean turned over in his mind and seriously pondered while he continued to work at the carpenter's bench, laboriously making living for himself, his mother, and eight other hungry mouths.

While turning all these problems over in his mind, he found in the synagogue library at Nazareth, among apocalyptic books which he had been studying, this

uscript called "The Book of Enoch"; and though he certain that it had not been written by Enoch of , it proved very intriguing to him, and he read and read it many times. There was one passage which ticularly impressed him, a passage in which this m "Son of Man" appeared. The writer of this so- led Book of Enoch went on to tell about this Son of , before coming down on this earth to bring vation to mankind, had walked through the courts of venly glory with his Father, the Father of all; an t he had turned his back upon all this grandeur an ry to come down on earth to proclaim salvation t dy mortals. As Jesus would read these passage ll understanding that much of the Eastern mysticisr ch had become admixed with these teachings was oneous), he responded in his heart and recognized in mind that of all the Messianic predictions of the rew Scriptures and of all the theories about the ish deliverer, none was so near the truth as this ry tucked away in this only partially accredited k of Enoch; and he then and there decided to adopt his inaugural title "the Son of Man."

And this he did when he subsequently began his lic work. Jesus had an unerring ability for the ognition of truth, and truth he never hesitated to race, no matter from what source it appeared to nate.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- By this fifteenth year of Jesus' earthly life, he had quite thoroughly settled things about his forthcoming work for the world. He said nothing of these matters to his mother, who still held stoutly to the idea of his being the Jewish Messiah. His profound periods of meditation, his frequent journeys to the hilltop for prayer, and his very strange ideas which

Jesus advanced from time to time, thoroughly alarmed his mother. Sometimes she thought the lad was kidding himself, and then she would steady her fears, remembering that he was, after all, a child of promise in some manner different from other youths.

But Jesus was learning not to speak of all his thoughts, not to present all his ideas to the world, even to his own mother. From this year on, Jesus' disclosures about what was going on in his mind gradually diminished; that is, he talked less about these things which an average person could not grasp, which would lead to his being regarded as peculiarly different from ordinary folks. To all appearances he became commonplace and conventional, though he did go for someone who could understand his problems. He had a trustworthy and confidential friend, but his problems were too complex for his human associates to

prehend. The uniqueness of the unusual situation pelled him to bear his burdens alone.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- With the coming of his fifteenth birthday, Jesus could officially occupy the synagogue pulpit on the Sabbath day. Many times before the absence of speakers, Jesus had been asked to read the Scriptures, but now the day had come when, according to law, he could conduct the service. Therefore, on the first Sabbath after his fifteenth birthday the chazan arranged for Jesus to conduct the evening service of the synagogue. And when he had thus read his selection of Scriptures, he sat down, and the people went to their homes, pondering over the words which he had so graciously read to them. Never had his people seen him so magnificently solemn; never had they heard his voice so earnest and so sincere; never had they observed him so manly and decisive, so authoritative.

This Sabbath afternoon Jesus climbed the Nazareth hill with James and, when they returned home, wrote out the Ten Commandments in Greek on two smooth boards in charcoal. Subsequently Martha colored and decorated these boards, and for long they hung on the wall over Joseph's small workbench.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Gradually during his

teenth year Jesus and his family returned to the simple life of their earlier years. Their clothes and even their food became simpler; they saved their best food for the evening meal. However, among these Jews, lack of wealth did not imply social inferiority.

Already had Jesus well-nigh encompassed the apprehension of how men lived in his day. And how well he understood life in the home, field, and workshop is shown by his subsequent teachings, which so completely reveal his intimate contact with all phases of human experience.

As he grew up to manhood, he passed through all these conflicts and confusions which the average young men of previous and subsequent ages have undergone. The rigorous experience of supporting his family was a sure safeguard against his having overmuch time for idle meditation or the indulgence of mystical tendencies.

At one time Jesus faintly hoped that he might be able to gather up sufficient means, provided they could collect the considerable sum of money due his father for work on Herod's palace, to warrant undertaking the purchase of a small farm. He had really given serious thought to this plan of moving his family out into the country. But the great shock of his fifteenth year

When Jesus went over to Sepphoris to receive the decision of Herod regarding the appeal taken to him by Joseph's brothers in the dispute about the amount of money due Joseph at the time of his accidental death, when he himself stood in the palace and heard Herod decree that his father had nothing due him at the time of his death. And Jesus never again trusted Herod's promises for such an unjust decision. They thus gave up their ambition of owning a home in the country.

As it was, the Nazareth family contrived to enjoy the fruits of the experience of farm life as they now had twelve cows, four sheep, a flock of chickens, a donkey, a dog, in addition to the doves. Even the little children had their regular duties to perform in the well-organized scheme of management which characterized their home life.

Apparently, all Jesus' plans for a career were frustrated. The future did not look bright as matters developed. But he did not falter; he was not discouraged. He lived on, day by day, doing well the present duty and faithfully discharging the immediate responsibilities of his station in life. Jesus' life is the everlasting comfort of all disappointed idealists.

With the close of this fifteenth year Jesus completed the traversal of that dangerous and difficult period in human existence, that time of transition between the more complacent years of childhood and the

nsciousness of approaching manhood with it reased responsibilities and opportunities for th uirement of advanced experience in the developmen a noble character. The growth period for mind an y had ended, and now began the real career of thi ng man of Nazareth.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- The incarnated Son o as man - this, his sixteenth year, passed throug anc and experienced an uneventful childhood. The emerged from that testing and trying transitio ge between childhood and young manhood - he becam adolescent Jesus.

This year he attained his full physical growth. was a virile and comely youth. He became reasingly sober and serious, but he was kind and pathetic. His eye was kind but searching; his smile always engaging and reassuring. an and the divine. Ever he displayed this bination of the sympathizing friend and the horitative teacher. And these personality traits an early to become manifest, even in these lescent years.

This physically strong and robust youth als uired the full growth of his human intellect, no full experience of human thinking but the fullnes

capacity for such intellectual development. He possessed a healthy and well-proportioned body, a keen analytical mind, a kind and sympathetic disposition, a somewhat fluctuating but aggressive temperament, all of which were becoming organized into a strong, striking, and attractive personality.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Jesus' seventeenth year, he made great progress in the organization of his mind. Gradually he had brought his divine and human powers together, and he accomplished all this organization of intellect by the force of his own visions and with only the aid of his indwelling Spirit, just such a Spirit that indwells within the minds of all us normal mortal human beings. So far, nothing supernatural had happened in this young man's career except the visit of the celestial messenger who first appeared to him during the night at Jerusalem.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- In the course of his eighteenth year, all the family property, except the house and garden, was disposed of. The last piece of property (except an equity in one other), already pledged, was sold. The proceeds were used for taxes, to buy some new tools for James, and to make payment on the old family supply and repair shop near the caravan camp, which Jesus now proposed to buy back since James was old enough to work at the house shop and help Mary

at the home. With the financial pressure thus eased
the time being, Jesus decided to take James to the
sover.

Upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus began work in
old family repair shop and was greatly cheered by
being able to meet so many people each day from all
parts of the country and surrounding districts. Jesus
loved people - just common folks. Each month he
made his payments on the shop and, with James's help,
continued to provide for the family.

Several times a year, when visitors were not
sent thus to function, Jesus continued to read the
bible scriptures at the synagogue (Jesus, on his
tenth birthday, fearing that the copy of the Greek
scriptures given to him by his parents'
Pharisee/Alexandrian friends might be discovered and
confiscated by the tax collectors, presented it to the
Nazareth synagogue library as his maturity offering to
the Lord).and many times offered comments on the
scripture, but usually he so selected the passages that
comment was unnecessary. He was skillful, so arranging
the order of the reading of the various passages that
one would illuminate the other. He never failed,
where permitted, to take his brothers and sisters
on Sabbath afternoons for their nature strolls.
Jesus' social life, while restricted, was not

lly neglected. He had many warm friends and staunch
irers among both the young men and the young women
Nazareth.

On Saturday afternoon, December 3, of this A.D. 1
r, death for the second time struck at this Nazaret
ily. Little Amos, their baby brother, died after a
k's illness with a high fever. After passing
ough this time of sorrow with her first born son as
only support, Mary at last and in the fullest sense
ognized Jesus as the real head of the family; and he
truly a worthy head.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- In September, this
hteenth (A.D. 12) year of Jesus' life, Elizabeth and
n (the Baptist) came to visit the Nazareth family.
n, having lost his father, Zacharias, intended to
urn to the Judean hills to engage in agriculture and
ep raising unless Jesus advised him to remain in
areth to take up carpentry or some other line of
k. They did not know that the Nazareth family was
ctically penniless. The more Mary and Elizabeth
ked about their sons, the more they became convinced
t it would be good for the two young men to work
ether and see more of each other.

Jesus and John had many talks together; and they
ked over some very intimate and personal matters.

n they had finished this visit, they decided not
in to see each other until they should meet in their
lic service after "the heavenly Father should call"
m to their work. John was tremendously impressed by
t he saw at Nazareth that he should return home and
or for the support of his mother. He, became
vinced that he was to be a part of Jesus' life
sion, but he saw that Jesus was to occupy many years
h the rearing of his family; so he was much more
tent to return home and settle down to the care of
ir little farm and to minister to the needs of his
her. And never again did John and Jesus see each
er until that day by the Jordan when the Son of Man
sented himself for baptism.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- For four years from
s eighteenth year the standard of living of this
areth family declined; year by year they felt the
ch of increasing poverty. By the close of this year
y faced one of the most difficult experiences of all
ir uphill struggles. James had not yet begun to earn
h, and the expenses of Amos' funeral on top of
rything else staggered them. But Jesus would only
to his anxious and grieving mother: "Mother-Mary,
row will not help us; we are all doing our best, and
her's smile, perchance, might even inspire us to do
ter. Day by day we are strengthened for these tasks
our hope of better days ahead." His sturdy and

ctical optimism was truly contagious; all the children lived in an atmosphere of anticipation of better times and better things. And this hopeful courage contributed mightily to the development of strong and noble characters, in spite of the transiency of their poverty.

Jesus possessed the ability effectively to utilize all his powers of mind, soul, and body on the task immediately in hand. He could concentrate his pre-thinking mind on the one problem which he wished to solve, and this, in connection with his untiring patience, enabled him serenely to endure the trials of difficult mortal existence - to live as if he were seeing Him who is invisible."

Do You Really Know Jesus... By the nineteenth year (A.D. 13) of Jesus' life, Jesus and Mary were getting along much better. She regarded him less as a son; he had become to her more a father to her children. Each child's life swarmed with practical and immediate difficulties. Less frequently they spoke of his work, for, as time passed, all their thought was usually devoted to the support and upbringing of their family of four boys and three girls. By the beginning of this year Jesus had fully won his mother to the acceptance of his methods of child training - the positive injunction to do good in the place of the

er Jewish method of forbidding to do evil. In his
e and throughout his public-teaching career Jesus
ariably employed the positive form of exhortation.
ays and everywhere did he say, "You shall do this -
ought to do that." Never did he employ the negativ
e of teaching derived from the ancient taboos.

Jesus began wise discipline upon his brothers and
ters at such an early age that little or no
ishment was ever required to secure their prompt and
lehearted obedience. The only exception was Jude,
n whom on sundry occasions Jesus found it necessary
impose penalties for his infractions of the rules of
home. Prayer time in this household was the
asion for discussing anything and everything
ating to the welfare of the family.

While Jesus was most methodical and systematic i
rything he did, there was also in all hi
ministrative rulings a refreshing elasticity o
erpretation and as individuality of adaptation tha
atly impressed all the children with the spirit of
tice which actuated their father-brother. He never
itrarily disciplined his brothers and sisters, and
h uniform fairness and personal consideration
atly endeared Jesus to all his family.

In general, all of the children, particularly th

ls, would consult Jesus about their childhoods and confide in him just as they would have in affectionate father.

As time passed, Jesus did much to liberalize and modify the family teachings and practices related to Sabbath observance and many other phases of religion. To all these changes Mary gave hearty assent. By this time Jesus had become the unquestioned head of the household.

Do You Really Know Jesus... Although Jesus was poor, his social standing in Nazareth was in no way lowered. He was one of the foremost young men of the town and very highly regarded by most of the young men. Since Jesus was such a splendid specimen of robust and intellectual manhood, and considering his reputation as a spiritual leader, it is not strange that Rebecca, the eldest daughter of Ezra, a wealthy merchant and trader of Nazareth, should discover that she was slowly falling in love with this son of Joseph.

Rebecca first confided her affection to Miriam, her sister, who in turn talked all this over with her mother. Mary was intensely aroused, and after she and Miriam had talked this matter over, they decided to dissuade Rebecca. Rebecca listened intensely, but she was thrilled with their recital that Jesus was a son of

tiny, that he was to become a great religious leader, perhaps the Messiah, and more than ever she was determined to cast her lot with this man of her choice to share his career of leadership. She argued (to self) that such a man would all the more need a faithful and efficient wife.

Knowing that her father approved of her reaction, she rightly reckoned that he would gladly supply the family with sufficient income fully to compensate for the loss of Jesus' supporting income. When her father agreed to such a plan, Rebecca had her conferences with Mary and Miriam, and when she had led to win their support, she made bold to go directly to Jesus. This she did with the cooperation of her father, who invited Jesus to their home for the celebration of Rebecca's seventeenth birthday.

Then began that eventful talk with Rebecca. Thus in his life, Jesus had made little distinction in association with boys and girls, with young men and young women. His mind had been altogether too much occupied with the pressing problems of practical worldly affairs and the intriguing contemplation of his momentous career "about his Father's business" ever to have given serious consideration to the consummation of personal love in human marriage. But now he was face to face with another of those problems which every

rage human being must confront and decide. Indeed he "tested in all points like as you are."

After listening attentively, he sincerely thanked ecca for her expressed admiration, adding, "it shall cheer and comfort me all the days of my life." He explained that he was not free to enter into relations with any woman other than those of simple brotherly regard and pure friendship. He made it clear that his first and paramount duty was the rearing of his father's family - to "fulfill the most sacred of all human trusts - loyalty to one's own flesh and blood;" that he could not consider marriage until that was accomplished. And then he added: "If I am a son of God, I must not assume obligations of lifelong matrimony until such a time as my destiny shall be made manifest."

Before this private dialogue between Jesus and ecca, Jesus had previously expressed to Rebecca's father that no amount of money could take the place of his obligation personally to rear his father's family. And ecca's father became deeply touched by Jesus' words of family devotion and had retired from the conference. His only remark to Mary, his wife, was: "We can't have a son; he is too noble for us." Rebecca was heartbroken. She refused to be comforted and exhorted her father to leave Nazareth until he

ally consented to move to Sepphoris. In after
rs, to the many men who sought her hand in marriage,
ecca had but one answer. She lived only for one
pose - to await the hour when this, to her, the
atest man who ever lived would begin his career as a
cher of living truth.

And she followed him devotedly through hi
ntful years of public labor, being presen
observed by Jesus) that day when he rod
umphantly into Jerusalem; and she stood "among th
er women" by the side of Mary on that fateful an
gic afternoon when the Son of Man hung upon th
ss, to her, as well as to countless worlds on high
e one altogether lovely and the greatest among te
usand."

Do You Really Know Jesus -- His twentieth yea
D. 14), Jesus began anew the task of further weavin
moral and divine natures into a simple an
ective human individuality. And he continued to gro
moral status and spiritual understanding.

It was during this year Mary had a long talk with
us about marriage. She frankly asked him if he would
married if he were free from his family
possibilities. Jesus explained to her that, since
ediate duty forbade his marriage, he had given the

ject little thought. He expressed himself as
bting that he would ever enter the marriage state.
said that all such things must await "my hour," the
e when ll my Father's work must begin." Having
tled already in his mind that he was not to become
father of children in the flesh, he gave very
tle thought to the subject of human marriage.

Although all the Nazareth family's property
cept their home) was gone, this year they received a
tle financial help from the sale of an equity in a
ce of property in Capernaum. This was the last of
eph's entire estate.

Jesus is rapidly becoming a man, not just a young
but an adult. He has learned well to bear
possibility. He knows how to carry on in the face
disappointment. He bears up bravely when his plans
thwarted and his purposes temporarily defeated. He
learned how to be fair and just even in the face of
ustice. He is learning how to adjust his ideals of
ritual living to the practical demands of earthly
stence. He is learning how to plan for the
ievement of a higher and distant goal of idealism
le he toils earnestly for the attainment of a nearer
immediate goal of necessity. He is steadily
uiring the art of adjusting his aspirations to the
monplace demands of the human occasion. He has very

rly mastered the technique of utilizing the energy
the spiritual drive to turn the mechanism of
erial achievement.

He is slowly learning how to live the heavenly
e while he continues on with the earthly existence.
e and more he depends upon the ultimate guidance of
heavenly Father while he assumes the fatherly role
guiding and directing the children of his earth
ily. He is becoming experienced in the skillful
sting of victory from the very jaws of defeat; he is
rning how to transform the difficulties of time into
triumphs of eternity.

As a child he accumulated a vast body o
wledge; as a youth he sorted, classified, an
related this information; and now as a man of th
lm he begins to organize these mental possession
paratory to utilization in his subsequent teaching
istry, and service in behalf of his fellow mortal
this world.

Born into the world a babe of the realm, he ha
ed his childhood life and passed through th
cessive stages of youth and young manhood; he no
nds on the threshold of full manhood, rich in the
erience of human living, replete in the
erstanding of human nature, and full of sympathy for

frailties of human nature. He is becoming expert the divine art of revealing Our Paradise Father to s and stages of mortal creatures.

And now as a full grown man - an adult of th lm - he prepares to continue his supreme mission o ealing God to wo/men and leading wo/men to God.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- With the attainment of us' twenty-first adult year (A.O. 15), Jesus began earnest and with full self- consciousness the task completing the experience of mastering the knowledge the life of us human beings, his lowest form of elligent creature, thereby finally and fully earning Paradise Father's God- given right of unqualified ership of his self-created universe. He entered n this stupendous task fully realizing his dual ure. But he had already effectively combined these natures into one - Jesus of Nazareth.

Of his human nature he was never in doubt; it was f-evident and always present in his consciousness. of his divine nature there was always room for bt and conjecture, at least this was true right up the event of his baptism. The self-realization of inity was a slow and, from the human standpoint, a ural evolutionary revelation. This revelation and f-realization of divinity began in Jerusalem when he not quite thirteen years old with the first

ernatural occurrence of his human existence; and his experience of effecting the self-realization of his divine nature was completed at the time of his second supernatural experience while in the flesh, the episode attendant upon his baptism by John in Jordan, which event marked the beginning of his public career in ministry and teaching.

Between these two celestial visitations, one in his thirteenth year and the other at his baptism, there occurred nothing supernatural or superhuman in the life of this incarnated Son of God, notwithstanding that as a babe of Bethlehem, the lad, youth, and man on earth, was in reality the incarnated Creator of the universe comprising 10,000,000 evolving inhabitable worlds; but he never once used aught of this power, nor did he utilize the guidance of celestial personalities aside from that of his guardian seraphim (angel), in the living of his human life up to the day of his Jordan baptism by John at noon on Monday, January 6, A.D. 26.

And yet, throughout all of his life in the flesh he was truly divine. He was actually a Creator Son of the Paradise Father; one of 700,000 in Our Father's family of all creation. When once he had espoused his public career, subsequent to the technical completion of his purely mortal experience of becoming the sovereign ruler of the entirety of his self-created

al universe (one of
,000) in God's creation, he did not hesitate to
lare, (within his universe) "I am Alpha and Omega,
beginning and the end, the first and the last."

He made no protest in later years when he wa
led Lord of Glory, Ruler of a Universe, the Lord Go
all creation, the Holy One of Israel, the Lord o
, our Lord and our God, God with us, having a nam
ve every name and on all worlds, the Omnipotence o
niverse, the Universe Mind of this Creation, the On
whom are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge
fullness of Him who fills all things, the eterna
d of the Eternal God, the One who was before al
ngs and in whom all things consist, the Creator o
heavens and earth, the Upholder of a universe, th
ge of all the earth, the Giver of life eternal, th
e Shepherd, the Deliverer of the worlds, and th
tain of our salvation.

Jesus never objected to any of these titles a
y were applied to him subsequent to the emergenc
m his purely human life into the later years of his
f-consciousness of the ministry of divinity in
anity, and for humanity, and to humanity on this
ld and for all his other worlds. Jesus objected to,
one title as applied to him: When he was once
led Immanuel, he merely replied, "Not I, that is my

er brother."

After his baptism he thought nothing of permitting sincere believers and grateful followers to worship . Even while he wrestled with poverty and toiled h his hands to provide the necessities of life for family, his awareness that he was a Son of God was wing; he knew that he was the maker of the heavens this very earth whereon he was now living out his an existence. And the hosts of celestial beings oughout the great and onlooking universe likewise w that this man of Nazareth was their beloved ereign and Creator-Father. A profound suspense vaded our universe of Nebadon throughout these rs; all celestial eyes were continuously focused on planet, Urantia -- on Palestine.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- As Jesus of Nazareth ered upon the early years of his adult life, he had ed, and continued to live, a normal and average an life on earth. Jesus came into this world jus other children come; he had nothing to do wit ecting his parents. He did choose our particula ld, due, in part, to the Lucifer rebellion and Ada: Eve default (detailed in the Urantia Book), as th net whereon to carry out his seventh and fina towal, his incarnation in the likeness of morta sh, but otherwise he entered our world in a natura

ner, growing up as a child of the realm an
stling with the vicissitudes of his environment jus
do other mortals on this and on similar worlds.

Jesus was actually the human mortal bestowal o
Creator of our universe - Michael of Nebadon. An
ays be mindful of the twofold purpose of Michael'
towal on our planet Urantia:

1. The mastering of the experience of living the
l life of a human creature in mortal flesh, the God-
ained requirement for the completion of his
ereignty in Nebadon.

2. The revelation of the eternal Universal Father
all infinity, to the mortal dwellers on the worlds
time and space, and the more effective leading of
se same mortals to a better understanding of the
versal Father. And all other creature benefits an
verse advantages were incidental and secondary t
se major purposes of his mortal bestowal.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- Joshua ben Joseph knew
l well that he was a man, a mortal man, born of
an. This is shown in the selection of his first
le, the Son of Man. He was truly a partaker of
sh and blood, and even now, as he presides (right
) in sovereign authority over the destinies of a
verse, he still bears among his numerous well-earned

les that of Son of Man. It is literally true that the creative Word - the Creator Son - of the Universal Father was "made flesh and dwelt as a man of the real: Urantia."

He labored, grew weary, rested, and slept. He hungered and satisfied such cravings with food; he thirsted and quenched his thirst with water. He experienced the full gamut of human feelings and emotions; he was "in all things tested, even as you are," and he suffered and died.

He obtained knowledge, gained experience, and combined these into wisdom, just as do other mortals of this realm. Until after his baptism he availed himself of no supernatural power. He employed no agency not available to him of his human endowment as a son of Joseph and Mary. At 21, the Nazareth carpenter now fully understood the work before him, but he chose to live human life in the channel of its normal flowing.

And in some of these matters he is indeed a simple example to

mortal creatures, even as it is recorded: "Let your mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being of the nature of God, thought it not strange to be equal with God. But he made himself to be of lowly estate and, taking upon himself the form of a creature, was born in the likeness of mankind. And

ng thus fashioned as a man, he humbled himself and
ame obedient to death, even the death of the cross."

He lived his mortal life just as all others of th
an
ily may live theirs, "who in the days of the fles
frequently offered up prayers and supplications,
n with strong feelings and tears, to Him who is able
save from all evil, and his prayers were effective
ause he believed." Wherefore it behooved him in
ry respect to be made like his brethren that he
ht become a merciful and understanding sovereign
er over them.

As to the attributes of his prehuman existence, he
tied himself. Prior to the beginning of his public
k his knowledge of men and events was wholly self-
ited. He was a true man among men.

It is forever and gloriously true: "We have a
h ruler who can be touched with the feeling of our
irmities. We have a Sovereign who was in all points
ted and tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

since he himself has suffered, being tested and
ed, he is abundantly able to understand and minister
those (of us) who are confused and distressed.

Do You Really Know Jesus... Jesus most cleverl

intentionally contrived to detach various episodes of his life so that they never became, in the eyes of the world, associated together as the doings of a single individual. For example, the last four months of his twenty-third year (A.D. 30), a part-Jewish merchant proposed to Jesus to devote an extraordinary sum of money for him to establish a school of religious philosophy at Damascus. And many times in subsequent years Jesus listened to the recital of this very story of the strange Galilean who declined the opportunity of founding a school in Damascus to compete with the one in Alexandria.

One purpose which Jesus had in mind, when he sought to segregate certain features of his earthly experience, was to prevent the building up of such a brilliant and spectacular career as would cause subsequent generations to venerate the teacher in place of obeying the truth which he lived and taught. Jesus did not want to build up such a human record of achievement as would attract attention from his disciples. Very early he recognized that his followers would be tempted to formulate a religion about him which might become a competitor of the gospel of the Kingdom that he intended to proclaim to the world. Accordingly, he consistently sought to suppress anything during his eventful career which he thought ought not to be made to serve this natural human tendency to

It the teacher in place of proclaiming his things.

This same motive also explains why he permitted self to be known by different titles during various phases of his diversified life on earth. Again, he did not want to bring any undue influence to bear upon his family or others which would lead them to believe in him against their honest convictions. He always refused to take undue or unfair advantage of the human condition. He did not want women to believe in him unless their hearts were responsive to the spiritual realities revealed in his teachings.

Always, even after his emergence into the large world on earth, Jesus was submissively subject to the will of the Father in heaven.

Do You Really Know Jesus -- The tour of the Roman world consumed most of the twenty-eighth and the entirety-ninth (A.O. 23) of Jesus' life on earth. To the looking celestial intelligences of our local universes, this Mediterranean trip was the most thrilling of all Jesus' earth experiences, at least all his career right up to the event of his crucifixion in Golgotha and mortal death. This was the fascinating period of his personal ministry in contrast with the soon-following epoch of public ministry.

The real purpose of his trip around the Mediterranean basin was to know men. He came very close to hundreds of humankind on this journey. He met and knew all manner of men, rich and poor, high and low, black and white, educated and uneducated, cultured and uncultured, animalistic and spiritual, religious and irreligious, moral and immoral.

This unique episode was all the more engrossing because he was at the time still the carpenter of Nazareth, the boatbuilder of Capernaum, the scribe of Nazareth; he was still the Son of Man. He was still among men.

The **Son of Man** experienced those wide ranges of human emotion which reach from superb joy to profound sorrow. He was a child of joy and a being of rare goodness; likewise was he a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." In a spiritual sense, he did live through mortal life from the bottom to the top, from the beginning to the end. From a material point of view, he might appear to have escaped living through both social extremes of human existence, but intellectually he became wholly familiar with the entire and complete experience of humankind.

Jesus knows about the thoughts and feelings, the desires and impulses, of the evolutionary and ascendant

tals (to include us) of the realms, from birth to
th. He has lived the human life from the beginnings
physical, intellectual, and spiritual selfhood up
ough infancy, childhood, youth, and adulthood - even
the human experience of death. He not only passed
ough these usual and familiar human periods of
ellectual and spiritual advancement, but he also
ly experienced those higher and more advanced phases
human and indwelling Spirit reconciliation which so
of us Urantia mortals (currently) ever attain. And
s he experienced the full life of mortal man, not
y as it is lived on our world, but also as it is
ed on all other evolutionary worlds of time and
ce, even on the highest and most advanced of all the
lds settled in the evolutionary completion of high
life.

Although the perfect life which he lived in th
eness of mortal flesh may not have received th
ualified and universal approval of his fello
tals, those who chanced to be his contemporaries o
th, still, the life which Jesus of Nazareth lived i
flesh and here on Urantia did receive full an
ualified acceptance by our Universal Father a
stituting at one and the same time, and in one an
same personality - life, the fullness of th
elation of the eternal God to mortal man and th
sentation of perfected human personality to th

isfaction of the Infinite Creator.

And this was his true and supreme purpose. He did come down to live on our planet Urantia as the perfect and detailed example for any child or adult, man or woman, in that age or any other. True it is indeed, that in his full, rich, beautiful, and noble life we may all find much that is exquisitely exemplary, divinely inspiring, but this is because he led a true and genuinely human life.

Do You Really Know Jesus... Jesus did not live his life on earth in order to set an example for all other human beings to copy. He lived this life in the flesh in the same mercy ministry that you may live your life on earth (to include, if you so choose, your resurrection too). And as he lived his mortal life in our day and as he was, so did he thereby set the example for all us thus to live our lives in our day as we are.

You may not aspire to live his life, but you can strive to live your life even as, and by the same means that, he lived his. Jesus may not be the technical and detailed example for all the mortals of all ages on all the realms of our local universe, but he is everlastingly the inspiration and guide of all () Paradise pilgrims from the (various) worlds of

tial ascension up through God's creation in time and through to eternal Paradise. Jesus is the new living way for you to find God; from your present, imperfect, partial existence to your eternal, perfect living, from your present earthly life to the heavens of immortality, from your current space in time to your eternity of living throughout all eternity!

Do You Really Know Jesus... It was just before 3 P.M., April 7, A.D. 30, in Golgotha that Jesus' earthly life terminated. He was 35 years, 7 months, 17 days, a little less than 3 hours old. And it was 36 hours, or about 3 A.M. Sunday morning, April 9, A.D. 30 when he resurrected from Joseph's tomb.

SECTION II:

Workbook Questions

PART I: Multiple-Choice Questions

PART II: Fill-in Blank Questions

Do You Really Know Jesus

Workbook Questions

1. When was Jesus born?

___ a) Aug. 21, 7 B.C.

___ b) Dec. 25, 6 B.C.

___ c) Apr. 7, 8 A.O.

2. What time was Jesus born?

___ a) Sunrise ___ b) High Noon ___ c) Midnight

3. What was Jesus' race?

___ a) Jewish ___ b) Hebrew ___ c) Greek

4. What was the color of Jesus' skin?

___ a) Black ___ b) White ___ c) Olive

5. What was Jesus' mother and father's name?

___ a) Herod and Martha

___ b) Mary and Joseph

___ c) Mary and John

6. What month were Jesus' parents married?

___ a) June ___ b) September ___ c) March

7. Gabriel appeared to Mary in what month?

___ a) November ___ b) December ___ c) July

8. Who were John the Baptist's parents?

___ a) Zacharias and Elizabeth

___ b) David and Mary

___ c) Ruth and John

9. John the Baptist was born on which day?

___ a) March 25, 7 B.C

___ b) April 10, 7 B.C.

___ c) August 21, 8 B.C.

10. Were the 3 Wise Men •••

___ a) Pastors ___ b) Priests ___ c) Shepherds

11. How old was Jesus when the 3 Wise Men came to visit?

___ a) Just born ___ b) 3 weeks ___ c) 3 months

12. Did the 3 Wise Men follow a star?

___ a) Yes ___ b) No ___ c) A myth

13. How old was Jesus when Herod, King of Judea

ordered the massacre of all boys under 2 years old in Bethlehem to make sure Jesus was destroyed?

a) 4 months

b) 1 year 4 months

c) 1 year 8 months

14. Where did Jesus' parents hide him from Herod?

a) Alexandria in Egypt

b) Nazareth in Galilee

c) Jerusalem in Israel

15. What year did Jesus return to Nazareth?

a) 6 B.C. b) 4 A.D. c) 4 B.C.

16. What day was Jesus first brother born?

a) March 10, 5 B.C.

b) Sept. 20, 5 B.C.

c) April 2, B.C.

17. What is Jesus baby brother's name?

a) James

b) Joseph

c) Simeon

18. What is Jesus sister birthdate?

- a) July 11, 2 B.C.
- b) March 21, 3 B.C.
- c) April 7, 2 B.C.

19. Did Jesus love his brothers and sisters?

- a) Yes b) No

20. When was the first time Jesus and John the Baptist met?

- a) 1 B.C. b) 1 A.D. c) 2 A.D.

21. What language did Joseph teach Jesus?

- a) Galilean dialect
- b) Hebrew
- c) Greek

22. What was the first great shock of Jesus' young life?

- a) His parents were all-wise, all-knowing
- b) His parents were not all-wise, all-knowing

23. Why did Joseph and Mary have trouble with Jesus about his prayers?

- a) He didn't pray
- b) He prayed sometimes

___ c) His prayers were solemn and reverent modes of communication.

24. What situation caused Jesus to fall down the backyard stone stairs?

___ a) Sand storm

___ b) Earthquake

___ c) Hurricane

25. Who was the fourth member of Jesus' family?

___ a) Peter ___ b) John ___ c) Joseph

26. In what year did Jesus start school?

___ a) 2 B.C. ___ b) A.O. 1 ___ c) A.D. 2

27. How old was Jesus when he attended his first Passover?

___ a) 9 ___ b) 13 ___ c) 15 ___ d) 21

28. In what language did Jesus speak in the regular Sabbath?

___ a) Galilean dialect

___ b) Hebrew

___ c) Greek

29. What is another name for teacher in the synagogue schools?

___ a) Chazan

___ b) Rabbi

___ c) Professor

30. How did Jesus learn about the problems of life?

___ a) His parents

___ b) His fellowmen

___ c) Reading books

31. Where was one of the social centers located no far from Jesus' home?

___ a) At the spring

___ b) At church

___ c) At his Dad's workshop

32. When Jesus was 8 years old which one of his brothers were born?

___ a) Peter ___ b) Simon ___ c) Thomas

33. When Jesus was 8 years old which brother did Jesus teach the alphabet to?

___ a) Simon ___ b) James ___ c) Peter

34. Why was Jesus able to be excused from school week of each month?

___ a) He was bad

b) He did his work well

c) He had a job

35. What did Jesus develop a keen sense for?

a) Numbers

b) distances

c) Proportions

d) ABC's

36. What kind of lessons did Jesus exchange dair products for?

a) Piano b) Guitar c) Harp

37. Why did a priest want Jesus to go with him t Jerusalem?

a) Better education

b) To adopt him

c) To show him off

38. What is Martha's, Jesus' baby sister, date o birth?

a) September 13, 3 A.D.

b) July 4, 3 A.D.

c) October 13, 5 A.D.

39. Before Jesus was 10 years old, how many boys did he become leader of?

a) 2 b) 25 c) 7

40. What is the date and year that Jesus became aware of his life mission?

a) July 5, 4 A.D.

b) Feb. 28, 5 A.D.

c) he never became aware

41. What 2 careers was Jesus looking to get into before he decided to be a religious teacher?

a) Writer and Musician

b) Fisherman and Carpenter

c) Tax Collector and Carpenter

42. When was Jesus' brother, Jude, born?

a) 6.24.5 A.D.

b) 9.24.4 A.O.

c) 11.23.5 A.D.

43. Did Jesus ever doubt or have uncertainty of his life mission.

___ a) Yes ___ b) No ___ c) Never

14. Did Joseph and Mary ever learn who their son really was?

___ a) Yes ___ b) No

15. On which day was Jesus' brother, Amos, born?

___ a) Sunday, 1.9.7 A.D.

___ b) Friday, 12.8 A.D.

___ c) Monday, 3.5.6 A.D.

16. What did Jesus do with his first days of independence?

___ a) Attend temple discussions ___ b) Go fishing

___ c) Work at the workshop

17. Why did Jesus have a desire to travel?

___ a) To see the world

___ b) To find somewhere else to live

___ c) To find out how various groups of his fellowmen earned their livelihood.

18. Three straight nights after leaving the temple Jesus went to the garden to do what?

- a) eat
- b) meditate and pray
- c) play the harp

19. In what 2 years were the most crucial for Jesus earth life experiences?

- a) 14 and 15
- b) 8 and 9
- c) 34 and 35

50. What happened on September 25, 8 A.D.?

- a) Joseph, Jesus' father, died
- b) Jesus went to school in Jerusalem
- c) Jesus was baptized

Do You Really Know Jesus

Workbook Questions

Part II

Read the story beginning at Paragraph 38 and the
1 in the blanks.

At fourteen, Jesus cheerfully accepted th
_____ so suddenly thrust upon him upon hi
her's death.

While Jesus did not wholly neglect the recreational
social aspects of life, more and more
_____ his _____ and _____ t
t two purposes: the care of his _____ an
_____ to do his Father's heavenly on earth

On Wednesday even _____ Ruth, the baby o

family was born, and to the best of his ability
endeavored to take the place of his
in _____ and to his mother during
s trying and _____ sad ordeal of the
_____ of her husband.

Family _____ had quite _____ remove
though of _____ out any plan for responding to
_____ visitation directing him to
_____."

She turned the _____ of _____ to
_____.

But had the _____ confused the nature and
_____ of the _____.

Jesus had an unerring _____ for the
_____ of _____, and truth he never
itated to _____, no matter from where
_____ it appeared to emanate.

His profound periods of, his frequent to the hills
for, and many strange _____ which Jesus
anced from time to time, thoroughly _____ his
her.

Already had _____ well-nigh _____

_____ of how men lived in his day.

He had really given _____ thought to thi
_____ of moving his _____ out into th
_____.

As it was, the _____ family contrived t
oy much of the experience of farm life as they no
_____, _____, a _____,
key and a _____, in addition to _____.

_____ all Jesus' plans for a _____ wer
arted.

This _____ he attained his full _____
wth.

Jesus' _____, he made great _____ in the _____
his mind.

Little _____, their baby brother _____ after
eek's _____ with a high fever.

Jesus and _____ had many _____; and the
_____ over some very intimate and _____
ters.

_____ by _____ we ar

engthened for these _____ by our day o
_____ days ahead.

She regarded him _____ as a son; he had
come to her more a _____ to her _____.

Although _____ was poor, his social standing
_____ was in no way impaired.

Rebecca first confided her _____ to Miriam
us' _____ who in turn talked all this over with
_____.

But now he was _____ to _____ with
ther of those _____ which every average _____
t confront and decide.

His twentieth year (A.O. 14), _____ began anew
task of further _____ his moral an
_____ natures into a simple and effectiv
_____.

Jesus is _____ becoming a _____, not just
oung man but an adult.

And now as a full-grown man -- an adult of the
_____ -- he prepares to continue his _____
sion of revealing _____ to wo/men and leadin
God.

And yet, throughout all of his _____ in the
sh, he was truly _____.

After his _____ he thought nothing of
mitting his sincere believers and grateful follower
_____ him.

Jesus was actually the human mortal of the _____
our universe _____ Nebadon.

Jesus came into this _____ just as other
_____ come; he had _____ to do with
ecting his _____.

Joshua _____ Joseph knew full well that he was
, a _____ man, born of _____.

He obtained _____, gained _____, and
bined these into _____ just as do other _____
the realm.

As to the _____ of his prehuman existence,
_____ himself.

Always, even after his emergence into the larger
e on _____, Jesus was _____ subject
the _____ of the father in heaven.

This was the _____ period of his _____ in
trast with the soon following epoch of public
istry.

The _____ of man experienced those wild ranges
human _____ which reach from superb joy to
found _____.

Jesus is the _____ and _____ for you to
d _____ from your present _____, partial
stence to your _____, perfect spirit living,
m your _____ earthly life to the heaven o
_____, from your current space in time to you
_____ of living throughout almost all _____.

And it was _____, or about 3 A.M., Sunday
ning, April _____ when he _____ from Joseph's
b.

SECTION III

WORKBOOK Answers Sheet

Do You Really Know Jesus

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PART I

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