

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 earth 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 detailed in The Birth of Jesus Workbook. It is a workbook surely to benefit - young and old alike - in gaining a far more indepth understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Enjoy!

SECTION I

Workbook Story

DO YOU REALLY KNOW JESUS?

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

2. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- that Joseph, the human 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.

3. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- that Mary, the earth mother of Jesus, was a descendant of a long line of unique ancestors embracing many of the most remarkable women in the racial history of our planet. Hardly proper to regard as a Jewess, in culture and belief she was a Jew, but in hereditary

endowment she was more a composite of Syrian, Hittite, Phoenician, Greek, and Egyptian stocks, her racial inheritance being more general than that of Joseph.

4. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- that Joseph and Mary were married in the month of March, 8 B.C. and their home was not far from the high hill in the northerly part of Nazareth, some distance from the village spring, which was in the eastern section of the town.

5. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- that one evening about sundown, about the middle of November, 8 B.C., before Joseph had returned home, Gabriel appeared to Mary by the side of a low table while she was at work in her Nazareth home and, after she had recovered her composure, said: "I come at the bidding of one who is my Master and whom you shall love and nurture. To you, Mary, I bring glad tidings when I announce that the conception within you is ordained by heaven, and that in due time you will become the mother of a son; you shall call him Joshua, and he shall inaugurate the kingdom of heaven on earth and among men. Speak not of this matter save to Joseph and to Elizabeth, your kinswoman, to whom I have also appeared, and who shall presently also bear a son, whose name shall be John (the Baptist), and who will prepare the way

for the message of deliverance which your son shall proclaim to men with great power and deep conviction. And doubt not my word, Mary, for this home has been chosen as the mortal habitat of the child of destiny. My benediction rests upon you, the power of the Most Highs will strengthen you, and the Lord of all the earth shall overshadow you."

Note: 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 of promise.

6. 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 a brilliant 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, and who shall become a great light in the world. In him will be life, and his life shall become the light of mankind. He shall first come to his own people, but they will hardly receive him; but to as many as shall receive him, to them will he reveal that they are the 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.

Note: In all these visitations nothing was said about the house of David. Nothing was ever intimated about Jesus' becoming a "deliverer of the Jews," not even that he was to be the long-expected Messiah. Jesus was not such a Messiah as the Jews had anticipated, but he was 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 made 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 new Jewish ruler who would sit upon the throne of David and, by the reputed miraculous methods of Moses, proceed 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 all the olden prophetic utterances appear to find

fulfillment in the life of their Lord and Master.

7. **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 indeed to become the Jewish deliverer, the Messiah, and that their son John was to be his chief of aides, his right-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 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.

8. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- No shepherds nor any other human beings came to pay homage to (Jesus) the babe of Bethlehem until the day of the arrival of 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 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.

Note: These "wise men" saw no star to guide them to Bethlehem. The beautiful legend of the star of Bethlehem originated in this way: Jesus was born August 21 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 astronomic fact that similar conjunctives 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 thereby to the manger, where they beheld and worshiped the newborn babe. Oriental and near-Oriental minds delight in fairy stories, and they are continually spinning 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.

9. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- All through Jesus' early years as a helpless infant, Mary maintained one long and constant watch for fear anything which might befall her child, would not jeopardize his welfare or in any way interfere with his future mission on earth; no mother was ever more devoted to her child. Only an affectionate mother can know the burden that Mary carried in her heart for the safety of her son during these years of infancy and early childhood.

10. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- About the middle of October, 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 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.

11. **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.

12. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Jesus was about three years and two months old at the time of their return to Nazareth. He stood all the family's travels very well after his birth and was in excellent health and full of childish glee and excitement at having premises of his own to run about in and to enjoy. But he greatly missed the association of his Alexandrian playmates.

13. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Jesus' entire fourth year was a period of normal physical development and of unusual mental activity. Meantime he had formed a very close attachment for a neighbor boy about his own age named Jacob. Jesus and Jacob were always happy in their play, and they grew up to be great friends and loyal companions. April 2, 3 B.C., in the early morning hours, the second child, James was born. Jesus was thrilled by the thought of having a baby brother, and he would stand around by the hour just to observe the baby's early activities.

It was midsummer of this same year that Joseph built a small workshop close to the village spring and near the caravan tarrying lot. He had as associates two of his brothers and several other mechanics, whom he sent out to work while he remained at the shop making yokes and plows and doing other woodwork. He also did some work in leather and with rope and canvas. And Jesus, as he grew up, when not in school, spent his time about equally between helping his mother with home duties and watching his father work at the shop, meanwhile listening to the conversation and gossip of the caravan conductors and passengers from the four corners of the earth.

In July of this year, one month before Jesus was four years old, an outbreak of malignant intestinal trouble spread over all Nazareth from contact with the caravan travelers. Mary became so alarmed by the danger of Jesus being exposed to this epidemic of disease that she bundled up both her children and fled to the country home of her brother, several miles south of Nazareth on the Megiddo road near Sarid. They did not return to Nazareth for more than two months; Jesus greatly enjoyed this, his first experience on a farm.

14. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Jesus was five years old in August of 2 B.C.; therefore, referred

to as his fifth (calendar) year of life on earth. In this year, a little more than one month before his fifth birthday anniversary, Jesus was made very happy by the coming of his sister Miriam, who was born on the night of July 11, 2 B.C. The evening following, Jesus had a long talk with his father concerning the manner in which various groups of living things are born into the world as separate individuals. For Joseph never failed to do his full duty in taking pains and spending time answering the boy's numerous questions.

The most valuable part of Jesus' early education was secured from his parents in answer to his thoughtful and searching inquiries. From the time Jesus was five years old until he was ten, he was one continuous question mark. While Joseph and Mary could not always answer his questions, they never failed fully 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 (calendar)

year.

15. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** It was the custom of the 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 education, his mother still interested herself in his home training. She taught him to know and care for the vines and flowers growing about the garden walls which completely surrounded the home plot. She also provided on 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, and later on, Hebrew, for in time he learned to read, write, and speak, fluently, all three languages.

16. **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 on top 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; and now his father began teaching him Greek. Mary spoke little Greek, but Joseph was a fluent speaker of both Aramaic and Greek. The textbook for the study of the Greek language was the copy of the Hebrew scriptures - a complete version of the law and the prophets, including the Psalms - which had been presented to them on leaving Egypt. There were only two complete copies of the Scriptures in Greek in all Nazareth, 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.

17. **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 inquiring child, when he asked his father the cause of a 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. Mary was a loving mother but a fairly strict disciplinarian. In many ways, however, Joseph exerted the greater control over Jesus as it was his practice to sit down with the boy and fully explain the real and underlying reasons for the necessity of disciplinary curtailment of personal desires in deference to the welfare and tranquility of the entire family. When the situation had been explained to Jesus, he was always intelligently and willingly cooperative with parental wishes and family regulations. But during this year Joseph and Mary had trouble with Jesus

about his prayers. He insisted on talking to his heavenly Father much as he would talk to Joseph, his earthly father. This departure from the more solemn and reverent modes of communication with Deity was a bit disconcerting to his parents, especially to his mother, but there was no persuading him to change; he would say his prayers just as he had been taught, after which he insisted on having "just a little talk with my Father in heaven."

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

18. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- During the seventh year (A.D. 1), the only real accident Jesus had up to this time was a fall down the back-yard stone stairs which led up to the canvas-roofed bedroom. It happened during an unexpected July sandstorm from the east. The hot winds, carrying blasts of the sand, usually blew during the rainy season, especially in March and April. It was extraordinary to have such a storm in July. When the storm came up, Jesus was on the housetop

playing, as was his habit, for during much of the dry season this 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.

19. **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 supposed 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 new school life which was ahead of him.

20. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- For three years - until Jesus was ten - he attended the elementary school of the Nazareth synagogue. For these three years he studied 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.

21. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- When entering school at seven years, it was customary for the pupils to choose 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 Prophet Isaiah: "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 proclaim liberty to the captives, and to set the spiritual prisoners free."

In addition to his more formal schooling, Jesus began to make contact with human nature from the four quarters 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 tarried near the spring for rest and nourishment. Being a fluent speaker of Greek, he had little trouble in conversing with the majority of the caravan travelers and conductors.

22. 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 visitors, stopping over the Sabbath in Nazareth, to address the synagogue. As Jesus grew up, he heard many great thinkers of the entire Jewish world expound their views, and many also who were hardly orthodox Jews since the synagogue of Nazareth was an advanced and liberal center of

Hebrew thought and culture.

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

23. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Jesus received his moral training and spiritual culture chiefly in his own home. He secured much of his intellectual and theological education from the chazan. But his real education - that equipment of mind and heart for the actual test of grappling with the difficult problems of life - he obtained by mingling with his fellow men. It was this close association with his fellow men, young and 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 devotedly loved them.

Before he was eight years old, Jesus was known to all the mothers and young women of Nazareth, who had met him and talked with him at the spring, which was not far from his home, and which was one of the social centers of contact and gossip for the entire town. This 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 loom operator.

24. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- During Jesus' eighth year, his third brother, Simon, was born on Friday evening, 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 shores of the Sea of Galilee, near Magdala, or on the farm of another uncle (his mother's brother) five miles south of Nazareth. About this time Jesus met a teacher of mathematics from Damascus, and learning

some new techniques of numbers, he spent much time on mathematics for several years. He developed a keen sense of numbers, distances, and proportions.

Also this year Jesus made arrangements to exchange dairy products for lessons on the harp. He had an unusual liking for everything musical. Later on he did much to promote an interest in vocal music among his youthful associates. By the time he was eleven years old, he was a skillful harpist and greatly enjoyed entertaining both family and friends with his extraordinary interpretations and able improvisations.

In February, Nabor, one of the teachers in a Jerusalem academy of the rabbis, came to Nazareth to observe Jesus, having been on a similar mission to Zacharias's home near Jerusalem. He came to Nazareth at the instigation of John's father. While at first he was somewhat shocked by Jesus' frankness and unconventional manner of relating himself to things religious, he attributed it to the remoteness of Galilee from the centers of Hebrew learning and culture and advised Joseph and Mary to allow him to take Jesus back with him to Jerusalem, where he could have the advantages of education and training at the center of Jewish 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 destiny, but what that destiny would prove to be he was profoundly uncertain. But he never really doubted that his son was to fulfill some great mission on earth. The 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 lay 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 his 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," adding, "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 hardly truly know me." They all marveled, and Nabor went his way, back to

Jerusalem. And it was many years before the subject of Jesus' going away from home again came up for consideration.

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

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

Jesus got along fairly well with the children of his age, but he often grew discouraged with their slow-acting minds. Before he was ten years old, he had become the leader of a group of seven lads

who formed themselves into a society for promoting the acquirements of manhood - physical, intellectual, and religious. Among these boys Jesus succeeded in introducing many new games and various improved methods of physical recreation.

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

This A.D. 4 year Jesus began to show a marked preference for the company of older persons. He delighted in talking over things cultural, educational, social, economic, political, and religious with older minds, and his depth of reasoning and keenness of observation so charmed his adult associates that they were always more than willing to visit with him.

When on his first trip with his father to observe the fishing industry on the lake of Galilee, Jesus had just about made up his mind to become a fisherman; but close association with his father's vocation later on influenced him to become a carpenter, while still later a combination of

influences led him to the final choice of becoming a religious teacher of a new order.

27. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Jesus spent considerable time at the caravan supply shop his eleventh 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 in which he enjoyed much free play and youthful joyousness.

From this time on, difficulties and responsibilities rapidly multiplied in the life of this youth. 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 fairly 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 be obedient to the call of his mission to the world; already he had conceived that his ministry was not to be limited to the betterment of the Jewish people.

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

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

It was a trying experience for Joseph and Mary to undertake the rearing of this unprecedented combination of divinity and humanity, and they deserve great credit for so faithfully and successfully discharging their parental responsibilities. Increasingly Jesus' parents realized that there was something superhuman resident within their eldest son, but they never even faintly dreamed that this son of promise was indeed in truth the actual creator of this local universe of things and beings. Joseph and Mary lived and died without ever learning that their son Jesus really was the Universe Creator incarnate in

mortal flesh.

This year Jesus paid more attention than ever to music, and he continued to teach the home school for his brothers and sisters. Throughout this and the two following years Jesus suffered great mental distress as the result of his constant effort to adjust his personal views of religious practices and social amenities to the established beliefs of his parents. His supreme conflict was between two great commands which were uppermost in his youthful mind. The one was: "Be loyal to the dictates of your highest convictions of truth and righteousness." The other was: "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 realms of loyalty to one's personal convictions and duty toward one's family, and he achieved the satisfaction of effecting an increasingly harmonious blending of personal conviction and family obligations into a masterful concept of group solidarity based upon loyalty, fairness, tolerance, and love.

29. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- In this, Jesus' thirteenth year, the lad of Nazareth passed from

boyhood 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. On Sunday night, January 9, A.D. 7, his baby brother, Amos, was born.

It was about the middle of February that Jesus became 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 this youth, who was, to outward appearances, an average Jewish lad of Nazareth.

On the first day of the week, March 20, A.D. 7, Jesus graduated from the course of training in the local 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 ransomed 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 synagogue schools, was qualified to proceed to Jerusalem with his parents to participate with them in the celebration of his

first Passover. The Passover feast of this year fell on Saturday, April 9, A.D. 7.

30. **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 around to visit the academy where it had been arranged for him to resume his education two years later as soon as he reached the required age of fifteen. Joseph was truly puzzled when he observed how little interest Jesus evinced in all these carefully laid plans.

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

Thus ends the career of the Nazareth lad, and begins the narrative of that adolescent youth - the

increasingly self-conscious divine human - who now begins the contemplation of his world career as he strives to integrate his expanding life purpose with the desires of his parents and his obligations to his family and the society of his day and age.

31. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** No incident in all Jesus' eventful earth career was more engaging, more humanly thrilling, than 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 great event of his later childhood and early youth. This was his first opportunity to enjoy a few days of independent living, the exhilaration of going and coming 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 unthinking worshipers.

Everywhere Jesus went throughout the temple courts, he was shocked and sickened by the spirit of irreverence which he observed; especially his sense of propriety was outraged by the sight of the frivolous courtesans 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."

32. **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 long course of study in one of the best-known academies of the rabbis. Jesus accompanied his parents and teacher on their visits to the school, but they were all distressed to observe how indifferent he seemed to all they said and did. Mary was deeply pained at his reactions to the Jerusalem visit, and Joseph was profoundly perplexed at the lad's strange remarks and unusual conduct.

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

33. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- After the Passover festival had ended, the Nazareth party Jesus' family had traveled with was to meet and start out on the return journey home. Jesus had gone into the temple to listen to the discussions while his parents awaited the assembly of their fellow travelers. Presently the company prepared to depart, the men going in one group and the women in another as was their custom in journeying to and from the Jerusalem festivals. The Nazareth travelers did not miss Jesus because Mary surmised he journeyed with the men, while Joseph thought he traveled with the women since he had gone up to 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 his unusual reactions to the events of Passover week, chiding 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 none 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 partake of their evening meal. Simon's three youngsters, 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 meditating. Early the next day Jesus was up and on his way to the temple.

34. **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 bold 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 pointed questions confused the learned teachers of the Jewish law, and somewhat embarrassing, but he evinced such a spirit of

candid fairness, coupled with an evident 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 again he went out in the garden to meditate and pray. It was apparent that his mind was concerned with the contemplation of weighty problems.

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

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

Before the day had ended, the entire attention of the chief discussion group of the temple had

become focused upon the questions being asked by Jesus. All the day through, those who listened marveled at these questions, and none was more astonished than Simon. For more than four hours this Nazareth youth plied these Jewish teachers with thought-provoking and heart-searching questions. He made few comments on the remarks of his elders. He conveyed his teaching by the questions he would ask. By the deft and subtle phrasing of a question he would at one and the same time challenge their teaching and suggest his own. In the manner of his asking a question there was an appealing combination of sagacity and humor which endeared him even to those who more or less resented his youthfulness. He was always eminently fair and considerate 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 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

both 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 a more beautiful concept of the heavenly Father to his spiritually blinded countryman.

36. **Do You Really Know Jesus** ... Jesus was strangely unmindful this fourth day he journeyed to the temple of his earthly parents; even at breakfast, when Lazarus's mother remarked that his parents must be about home by that time, Jesus did not seem to comprehend that they would be somewhat worried about his having lingered behind.

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 was so familiar with the Scriptures, in Hebrew as well as 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 to answer his question relating to the purpose of prayer when the leader invited the lad to come forward and, sitting beside him, bade him state his own views regarding prayer and worship.

The evening before, Jesus' parents had heard about this strange youth who so deftly sparred with the expounders 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 voice of the missing lad and beheld him seated among the temple teachers. Joseph was speechless, but Mary gave vent to her long-pent-up fear and anxiety when, rushing 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. And yet his mother more than mildly upbraided him before all the people assembled, right in the midst of the most serious and sublime effort of his young life, thus bringing to an inglorious termination one of the greatest opportunities ever to be granted him to function as a teacher of truth, a preacher of righteousness,

a revealer of the loving character of his Father in heaven.

But the lad was equal to the occasion. When you take 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, Jesus 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 astonished at the lad's manner of speaking. said: "Come, my parents, none has done aught but that which he thought best. Our Father in heaven has ordained these things; let us depart for home."

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

In the calendar year of his fourteenth birthday (A.D. 8), Jesus had become a good yoke maker and worked well with both canvas and leather. He was also rapidly developing 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 of 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 at 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 carpenter lad, now just past fourteen years of age. awakened to the realization that he had not only to fulfill the commission of his heavenly Father to reveal the divine nature on earth and in the flesh. but that his young human nature must also shoulder the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and 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.

38. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** At fourteen. Jesus cheerfully 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 and anticipated difficulty in his life had been tragically 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.

39. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** By the middle of his fifteen 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 baby 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 he was an equally good father to all the other members of his family.

This year Jesus was much troubled with confused thinking. Family responsibility had quite effectively removed all thought of immediately carrying out any plan for responding to the Jerusalem visitation directing 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 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 to 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 - much as he so enjoyed doing - but they could not grasp his thought and would invariably fall back upon their memorized prayer forms. It was in this effort to stimulate 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 up 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 turned 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.

40. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- The great confusion of Jesus' younger days now arose. Having settled something about the nature of his mission on earth, "to be about his Father's business" - to show forth his Father's loving nature to all mankind - he began to ponder anew the 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 not he a Jew or was he? Was he or was he not of the house of David? His mother averred he was; his father had ruled that he was not. He decided he was not. But had 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 embarking 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 a 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 the apocalyptic books which he had been studying, this manuscript called "The Book of Enoch"; and though he was certain that it had not been written by Enoch of old, it proved very intriguing to him, and he read and reread it many times. There was one passage which particularly impressed him, a passage in which this term "Son of Man" appeared. The writer of this so-called Book of Enoch went on to tell about this Son of Man, before coming down on this earth to bring salvation to mankind, had walked through the courts of heavenly glory with his Father, the Father of all; and that he had turned his back upon all this

grandeur and glory to come down on earth to proclaim salvation to needy mortals. As Jesus would read these passages (well understanding that much of the Eastern mysticism which had become admixed with these teachings was erroneous), he responded in his heart and recognized in his mind that of all the Messianic predictions of the Hebrew Scriptures and of all the theories about the Jewish deliverer, none was so near the truth as this story tucked away in this only partially accredited Book of Enoch; and he then and there decided to adopt as his inaugural title "the Son of Man."

And this he did when he subsequently began his public work. Jesus had an unerring ability for the recognition of truth, and truth he never hesitated to embrace, no matter from what source it appeared to emanate.

41. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- By this fifteenth year in Jesus' earthly life, he had quite thoroughly settled many things about his forthcoming work for the world, but 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 the many strange ideas which

Jesus advanced from time to time, thoroughly alarmed his mother. Sometimes she thought the lad was beside himself, and then she would steady her fears, remembering that he was, after all, a child of promise and 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, not even to his own mother. From this year on, Jesus' disclosures about what was going on in his mind steadily diminished; that is, he talked less about those things which an average person could not grasp, and which would lead to his being regarded as peculiar or different from ordinary folks. To all appearances he became commonplace and conventional, though he did long for someone who could understand his problems. He craved a trustworthy and confidential friend, but his problems were too complex for his human associates to comprehend. The uniqueness of the unusual situation compelled him to bear his burdens alone.

42. **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, in 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 morning 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 townspeople 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 James' small workbench.

43. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Gradually during his fifteenth 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 comprehension 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 repletely reveal his intimate contact with all phases of human experience.

As he grew up to manhood, he passed through all those conflicts and confusions which the average young persons of previous and subsequent ages have undergone. And the rigorous experience of supporting his family was a sure safeguard against his having overmuch time for idle meditation or the indulgence of mystic 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 came 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 Antipas for such an unjust decision. They

thus gave up the ambition of owning a home in the country.

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

Apparently, all Jesus' plans for a career were thwarted. The future did not look bright as matters now 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 consciousness of approaching manhood with its increased responsibilities and opportunities for the acquirement of advanced experience in the development of a noble character. The growth period for mind and body had ended, and now began the real career of this young man of Nazareth.

44. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- The incarnated Son of God as man - this, his sixteenth year, passed through infancy and experienced an uneventful childhood. Then he emerged from that testing and trying transition stage between childhood and young manhood - he became the adolescent Jesus.

This year he attained his full physical growth. He was a virile and comely youth. He became increasingly sober and serious, but he was kind and sympathetic. His eye was kind but searching; his smile was always engaging and reassuring. human and the divine. Ever he displayed this combination of the sympathizing friend and the authoritative teacher. And these personality traits began early to become manifest, even in these adolescent years.

This physically strong and robust youth also acquired the full growth of his human intellect, not the full experience of human thinking but the fullness of capacity for such intellectual development. He possessed a healthy and well-proportioned body, a keen and 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.

45. **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 natures together, and he accomplished all this organization of intellect by the force of his own decisions 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 once appeared to him during the night at Jerusalem.

46. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- In the course of his eighteenth year, all the family property, except the home and garden, was disposed of. The last piece of property (except an equity in one other), already mortgaged, 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 lot, which Jesus now proposed to buy back since James was old enough to work at the house shop and help Mary about the home. With the financial pressure thus eased for the time being, Jesus decided to take James to the Passover.

Upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus began work

in the 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 truly 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 present thus to function, Jesus continued to read the Sabbath scriptures at the synagogue (Jesus, on his fifteenth birthday, fearing that the copy of the Greek scriptures given to him by his parents' Memphis/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 lesson, 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 the one would illuminate the other. He never failed, weather permitting, to take his brothers and sisters out on Sabbath afternoons for their nature strolls. And, Jesus' social life, while restricted, was not wholly neglected. He had many warm friends and stanch admirers among both the young men and the young women of Nazareth.

On Saturday afternoon, December 3, of this A.D. 12 year, death for the second time struck at this Nazareth family. Little Amos, their baby brother, died after a week's illness with a high fever. After passing through this time of sorrow with her first born son as her only support, Mary at last and in the fullest sense recognized Jesus as the real head of the family; and he was truly a worthy head.

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

Jesus and John had many talks together; and they talked over some very intimate and personal matters. When they had finished this visit, they decided not again to see each other until they should meet in their public service after "the

heavenly Father should call" them to their work. John was tremendously impressed by what he saw at Nazareth that he should return home and labor for the support of his mother. He, became convinced that he was to be a part of Jesus' life mission, but he saw that Jesus was to occupy many years with the rearing of his family; so he was much more content to return home and settle down to the care of their little farm and to minister to the needs of his mother. And never again did John and Jesus see each other until that day by the Jordan when the Son of Man presented himself for baptism.

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

Jesus possessed the ability effectively to mobilize all his powers of mind, soul, and body on the task immediately in hand. He could concentrate his deep-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 a difficult mortal existence - to live as if he were "seeing Him who is invisible."

49. 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 day's life swarmed with practical and immediate difficulties. Less frequently they spoke of his lifework, for, as time passed, all their thought was mutually 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 older Jewish method of forbidding to do evil. In his home and throughout his public-teaching career Jesus

invariably employed the positive form of exhortation. Always and everywhere did he say, "You shall do this - you ought to do that." Never did he employ the negative mode of teaching derived from the ancient taboos.

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

While Jesus was most methodical and systematic in everything he did, there was also in all his administrative rulings a refreshing elasticity of interpretation and as individuality of adaptation that greatly impressed all the children with the spirit of justice which actuated their father-brother. He never arbitrarily disciplined his brothers and sisters, and such uniform fairness and personal consideration greatly endeared Jesus to all his family.

In general, all of the children, particularly

the girls, would consult Jesus about their childhood troubles and confide in him just as they would have in an 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, and to all these changes Mary gave hearty assent. By this time Jesus had become the unquestioned head of the house.

50. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** Although Jesus was poor, his social standing in Nazareth was in no way impaired. He was one of the foremost young men of the city and very highly regarded by most of the young women. 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, Jesus' 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 destiny, 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 and to share his career of leadership. She argued (to herself) that such a man would all the more need a faithful and efficient wife.

Knowing that her father approved of her attraction, 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 further conferences with Mary and Miriam, and when she failed 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 far in his life, Jesus had made little distinction in his 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 earthly affairs and the intriguing contemplation of his eventful 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 average human being must confront and decide. Indeed was he "tested in all points like as you are."

After listening attentively, he sincerely thanked Rebecca 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 destiny, I must not assume obligations of lifelong duration until such a time as my destiny shall be made manifest."

Before this private dialogue between Jesus and Rebecca, Jesus had prior 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 Rebecca'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 him for a son; he is too noble for us." Rebecca was heartbroken. She refused to be comforted and importuned her father to leave Nazareth until he finally consented to move to Sepphoris. In after years, to the many men who sought her hand in marriage, Rebecca had but one answer. She lived only for one purpose - to await the hour when this, to her, the greatest man who ever lived would begin his career as a teacher of living truth.

And she followed him devotedly through his eventful years of public labor, being present (unobserved by Jesus) that day when he rode triumphantly into Jerusalem; and she stood "among the other women" by the side of Mary on that fateful and tragic afternoon when the Son of Man hung upon the cross, to her, as well as to countless worlds on high, "the one altogether lovely and the greatest among ten thousand."

51. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- His twentieth year (A.D. 14), Jesus began anew the task of further weaving his moral and divine natures into a simple and effective human individuality. And he continued to grow in moral status and spiritual understanding.

It was during this year Mary had a long talk

with Jesus about marriage. She frankly asked him if he would get married if he were free from his family responsibilities. Jesus explained to her that, since immediate duty forbade his marriage, he had given the subject little thought. He expressed himself as doubting that he would ever enter the marriage state. He said that all such things must await "my hour," the time when "my Father's work must begin." Having settled already in his mind that he was not to become the father of children in the flesh, he gave very little thought to the subject of human marriage.

Although all the Nazareth family's property (except their home) was gone, this year they received a little financial help from the sale of an equity in a piece of property in Capernaum. This was the last of Joseph's entire estate.

Jesus is rapidly becoming a man, not just a young man but an adult. He has learned well to bear responsibility. He knows how to carry on in the face of disappointment. He bears up bravely when his plans are thwarted and his purposes temporarily defeated. He has learned how to be fair and just even in the face of injustice. He is learning how to adjust his ideals of spiritual living to the practical demands of earthly existence. He is learning how to plan for the

achievement of a higher and distant goal of idealism while he toils earnestly for the attainment of a nearer and immediate goal of necessity. He is steadily acquiring the art of adjusting his aspirations to the commonplace demands of the human occasion. He has very nearly mastered the technique of utilizing the energy of the spiritual drive to turn the mechanism of material achievement.

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

As a child he accumulated a vast body of knowledge; as a youth he sorted, classified, and correlated this information; and now as a man of the realm he begins to organize these mental possessions preparatory to utilization in his subsequent teaching, ministry, and service in behalf of his fellow mortals on this world.

Born into the world a babe of the realm, he has lived his childhood life and passed through the successive stages of youth and young manhood; he now stands on the threshold of full manhood, rich in the experience of human living, replete in the understanding of human nature, and full of sympathy for the frailties of human nature. He is becoming expert in the divine art of revealing Our Paradise Father to ages and stages of mortal creatures.

And now as a full grown man - an adult of the realm - he prepares to continue his supreme mission of revealing God to wo/men and leading wo/men to God.

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

Of his human nature he was never in doubt; it was self-evident and always present in his

consciousness. But of his divine nature there was always room for doubt and conjecture, at least this was true right up to the event of his baptism. The self-realization of divinity was a slow and, from the human standpoint, a natural evolutionary revelation. This revelation and self-realization of divinity began in Jerusalem when he was not quite thirteen years old with the first supernatural occurrence of his human existence; and this 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 of 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 this, the babe of Bethlehem, the lad, youth, and man of Nazareth, was in reality the incarnated Creator of a 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 14,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 totality 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 local universe (one of 700,000) in God's creation, he did not hesitate to declare, (within his universe) "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

He made no protest in later years when he was called Lord of Glory, Ruler of a Universe, the Lord God of all creation, the Holy One of Israel, the Lord of all, our Lord and our God, God with us, having a name above every name and on all worlds, the Omnipotence of a universe, the Universe Mind of this Creation, the One in whom are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge, the fullness of Him who fills all things, the eternal Word of the Eternal God, the One who was before all things and in whom all things consist, the Creator of the heavens and earth, the Upholder of a universe, the Judge of all the earth, the Giver of life eternal, the True Shepherd, the Deliverer of the worlds, and the Captain of our salvation.

Jesus never objected to any of these titles as they were applied to him subsequent to the emergence from his purely human life into the later years of his self-consciousness of the ministry of divinity in humanity, and for humanity, and to humanity on this world and for all his other worlds. Jesus objected to, but one title as applied to him: When he was once called Immanuel, he merely replied, "Not I, that is my elder brother."

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

53. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- As Jesus of

Nazareth entered upon the early years of his adult life, he had lived, and continued to live, a normal and average human life on earth. Jesus came into this world just as other children come; he had nothing to do with selecting his parents. He did choose our particular world, due, in part, to the Lucifer rebellion and Adam and Eve default (detailed in the Urantia Book), as the planet whereon to carry out his seventh and final bestowal, his incarnation in the likeness of mortal flesh, but otherwise he entered our world in a natural manner, growing up as a child of the realm and wrestling with the vicissitudes of his environment just as do other mortals on this and on similar worlds.

Jesus was actually the human mortal bestowal of the Creator of our universe - Michael of Nebadon. And always be mindful of the twofold purpose of Michael's bestowal on our planet Urantia:

1. The mastering of the experience of living the full life of a human creature in mortal flesh, the God-ordained requirement for the completion of his sovereignty in Nebadon.

2. The revelation of the eternal Universal Father of all infinity, to the mortal dwellers on the worlds of time and space, and the more effective leading of these same mortals to a better

understanding of the Universal Father. And all other creature benefits and universe advantages were incidental and secondary to these major purposes of his mortal bestowal.

54. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- Joshua ben Joseph knew full well that he was a man, a mortal man, born of woman. This is shown in the selection of his first title, the Son of Man. He was truly a partaker of flesh and blood, and even now, as he presides (right now) in sovereign authority over the destinies of a universe, he still bears among his numerous well-earned titles 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 realm on 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 the realm. Until after his baptism he availed himself of no supernatural power. He employed no agency not a part 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 his human life in the channel of its normal flowing.

And in some of these matters he is indeed an example to his mortal creatures, even as it is recorded: "Let this 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 little import and, taking upon himself the form of a creature, was born in the likeness of mankind. And being thus fashioned as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross."

He lived his mortal life just as all others of the human family may live theirs, "who in the days of the flesh so frequently offered up prayers and supplications, even with strong feelings and tears, to Him who is able to save from all evil, and his prayers were effective because he believed." Wherefore it behooved him in every respect to be made like his brethren that he might become a merciful and understanding sovereign ruler over them.

As to the attributes of his prehuman existence, he emptied himself. Prior to the

beginning of his public work his knowledge of men and events was wholly self-limited. He was a true man among men.

It is forever and gloriously true: "We have a high ruler who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. We have a Sovereign who was in all points tested and tempted like as we are, yet without sin." And since he himself has suffered, being tested and tried, he is abundantly able to understand and minister to those (of us) who are confused and distressed.

55. **Do You Really Know Jesus...** Jesus most cleverly and 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 the twenty-third year (A.D. 17), 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 versatile 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 teaching. 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 everything during his eventful career which he thought might be made to serve this natural human tendency to exalt the teacher in place of proclaiming his teachings.

This same motive also explains why he permitted himself to be known by different titles during various epochs 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 mind. He did not want wo/men to believe in him unless their hearts were responsive to the spiritual realities revealed in his teachings.

Always, even after his emergence into the

larger life on earth, Jesus was submissively subject to the will of the Father in heaven.

56. **Do You Really Know Jesus** -- The tour of the Roman world consumed most of the twenty-eighth and the entire twenty-ninth (A.O. 23) of Jesus' life on earth. To the onlooking celestial intelligences of our local universe Nebadon, this Mediterranean trip was the most enthralling of all Jesus' earth experiences, at least of 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 loved 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 Damascus; he was still the Son of Man. He was still a man 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 good humor; likewise was he a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." In a spiritual sense, he did live through the 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 urges and impulses, of the evolutionary and ascendant mortals (to include us) of the realms, from birth to death. He has lived the human life from the beginnings of physical, intellectual, and spiritual selfhood up through infancy, childhood, youth, and adulthood - even to the human experience of death. He not only passed through these usual and familiar human periods of intellectual and spiritual advancement, but he also fully experienced those higher and more advanced phases of human and indwelling Spirit reconciliation which so few of us Urantia mortals (currently) ever attain. And thus he experienced the full life of mortal man, not only as it is lived on our world,

but also as it is lived on all other evolutionary worlds of time and space, even on the highest and most advanced of all the worlds settled in the evolutionary completion of light and life.

Although the perfect life which he lived in the likeness of mortal flesh may not have received the unqualified and universal approval of his fellow mortals, those who chanced to be his contemporaries on earth, still, the life which Jesus of Nazareth lived in the flesh and here on Urantia did receive full and unqualified acceptance by our Universal Father as constituting at one and the same time, and in one and the same personality - life, the fullness of the revelation of the eternal God to mortal man and the presentation of perfected human personality to the satisfaction of the Infinite Creator.

And this was his true and supreme purpose. He did not come down to live on our planet Urantia as the perfect and detailed example for any child or adult, any 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 lived a true and genuinely human life.

57. **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 by 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 his day and as he was, so did he thereby set the example for all us thus to live our lives in our day and as we are.

You may not aspire to live his life, but you can resolve 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 (us) Paradise pilgrims from the (various) worlds of initial ascension up through God's creation in time and space and through to eternal Paradise. Jesus is the new and living way for you to find God; from your present imperfect, partial existence to your eternal, perfect spirit living, from your present earthly life to the heavens of immortality, from your current space in time to your eternity of living throughout almost all infinity!

58. **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, and 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 not 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 1 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 dairy products for?

___ a) Piano ___ b) Guitar ___ c) Harp

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

___ a) Better education

___ b) To adopt him

___ c) To show him off

38. What is Martha's, Jesus' baby sister, date of 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

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

___ a) Yes ___ b) No

45. 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.

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

___ a) Attend temple discussions ___ b) Go fishing

___ c) Work at the workshop

47. 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.

48. 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

49. 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 then fill in the blanks.

1. At fourteen, Jesus cheerfully accepted the _____ so suddenly thrust upon him upon his father's death.

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

3. On Wednesday even _____ Ruth, the baby of the family was born, and to the best of his ability _____ endeavored to take the place of his _____ in _____ and to his mother during this trying and _____ sad ordeal of the _____ of her husband.

4. Family _____ had quite _____ removed although of _____ out any plan for responding to the _____ visitation directing

him to "_____."

5. She turned the _____ of _____
to _____.

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

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

8. His profound periods of, his frequent to the
hill top for, and many strange _____ which
Jesus advanced from time to time, thoroughly
_____ his mother.

9. Already had _____ well-nigh
_____ the _____ of how men lived
in his day.

10. He had really given _____ thought to this
_____ of moving his _____ out into the
_____.

11. As it was, the _____ family contrived
to enjoy much of the experience of farm life as
they now had _____, _____, a

_____, a donkey and a _____, in addition to _____.

12. _____ all Jesus' plans for a _____ were thwarted.

13. This _____ he attained his full _____ growth.

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

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

16. Jesus and _____ had many _____; and they _____ over some very intimate and _____ matters.

17. _____ by _____ we are strengthened for these _____ by our day of _____ days ahead.

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

19. Although _____ was poor, his social

standing in _____ was in no way impaired.

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

21. But now he was _____ to _____ with another of those _____ which every average _____ must confront and decide.

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

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

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

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

26. After his _____ he thought nothing of permitting his sincere believers and grateful followers to _____ him.

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

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

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

30. He obtained _____, gained _____, and combined these into _____ just as do other _____ of the realm.

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

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

33. This was the _____ period of his _____ in contrast with the soon following epoch of public ministry.

34. The _____ of man experienced those wild ranges of human _____ which reach from superb

joy to profound _____.

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

36. And it was _____, or about 3 A.M., Sunday morning, April _____ when he _____ from Joseph's tomb.

SECTION III

WORKBOOK Answers Sheet

Do You Really Know Jesus

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