

## **Eighteen Years Spent at Nazareth**

**25 A.D.**

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### **Commentary:**

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

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

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

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

III. After this point, we hear no more from Joseph.

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

A. By this time, Joseph has apparently died.

II. During this interval Jesus grew:

A. mentally

B. physically

C. spiritually

D. socially.

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

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

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### **Questions**

1. These eighteen years began when Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and ended when he was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.
2. These years begin with Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ and end with the beginning of his public \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus, although he was divine, was \_\_\_\_\_ to Mary and Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_ treasured all these things in her \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus grew in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and in favor with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As disciples we are to grow in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and in favor with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. To what extent do you feel you have advanced in these qualities? Remember: One hundred percent is perfection.

#### **Characteristics**

#### **Percentages**

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

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

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

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