

Personal Application and Conversations

1. Talk about a life-lesson from your childhood or adolescence that shaped your way of thinking.
2. How do you think it happened that Jesus and his mother and father were on different wavelengths regarding the return journey to Nazareth?
3. What do you think prepared Jesus for his interaction with the teachers in the temple area in Jerusalem?
4. How did the response of Jesus to his parents help you understand his growing grasp of His mission?
5. How does your awareness of the adolescent of Christ contribute to your relationship to Him?
6. We are told that the mother of Jesus did some serious thinking about what she witnessed as she watched her son grow up; she treasured all these things in her heart (v.51). How would you like to be more proactive in 2023 in your thoughts and response to Jesus?



The Adolescent Christ

Luke 2:40-52

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Do you think Jesus gets you? Really now, does He really understand and sympathize with you when you suffer or when you ache over relationships that have gone south? How would He know? We are supposed to be people of the Word of God. It lays out what God wants us to know, and what He wants us to think about it, when we say we know it. He wants us to ponder, to treasure, and to personalize our search for Him. The Bible says very little to inform us about the life of Jesus between His first Advent, and His ministry at age thirty. So, we need to take what we have, and do some serious reflection on what we know, to help us get the One who gets us.

An ordinary family life (40-45)

An extraordinary encounter (46-48)

An explanation that reflects growing insight (49)

A challenge to further our understanding (50-52)