

Young Jesus at the Temple

This Bible study aligns with the video and guides you through what Jesus did say and what he might have also said about being at the temple as a young boy.

Mr. Tim – Welcome to Quarantine Bible Study. Today I am interviewing a famous Bible character named Young Jesus. In Luke 2:33 – 52 the story is told about Jesus staying behind in Jerusalem after the Passover while his parents and family traveled home. We are going to speak with him about his confidence to stay at the temple courts in Jerusalem.

Interview

Mr. Tim – Good morning Young Jesus.

Young Jesus – Good Morning.

Mr. Tim – I understand that you visited Jerusalem with your parents and family for the Passover.

Young Jesus – Yes, it takes place once a year. We gather to remember the time when the Pharaoh did not let the Hebrews leave bondage in Egypt. The angel of death flew over or Passed Over the city and the firstborn son of all families died. Only those who had placed blood on the door post of the homes were saved from this plague. So, we remember by gathering and eating the Passover Feast.

Mr. Tim – I have heard that your family traveled back home and you stayed here. Why did you stay?

Young Jesus – Well, I am twelve years old and I wanted to listen to the teachers of the scriptures and have discussions with them.

Mr. Tim – I have read the following about this time in a young Jewish boy's life. A young Jewish boy's 12th year was special as it had to do with what is called, "*coming of age.*" It was the beginning of a year's preparation with immersion in the beliefs and practices of his people for at the age of 13, every Jewish boy becomes a bar mitzvah, that is, "son of the Covenant." There are 613 commandments for all Jewish men to learn, memorize and follow.

He acquired the right to take part in leading religious services, to recite the blessing over the weekly reading.

Young Jesus – Yes, I was preparing for my total commitment to the learning of the scriptures.

Mr. Tim – But, you worried your parents. Wasn't this being disobedient?

Young Jesus – Yes and no. I was wrong to let my parents worry about me and not tell them what I intended to do. However, I was right to put God and learning his Word first.

Mr. Tim – So how did your parents handle this.

Young Jesus – They were not happy until I shared this with them. I said, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Mr. Tim – I guess they understood, to a degree.

Young Jesus – But, I knew it was important to obey them and I did not give them anything to be upset with me about after that. I honored and respected my father and mother.

Mr. Tim – Thank you Young Jesus. We learn from this that we need to honor our mother and father and respect them, but also to be focused on learning the Word of God.

Scripture: Matthew 7:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Next Steps: Respect for our parents is extremely important. However, we need to make certain we obey the Word of God. Talk to your parents about how to obey them and God's Word in a respectful manner.