

JESUS, SON OF MARY

Text: Luke 2:52

1. Jesus _____ from Mary.

We are so fully convinced of the deity of Christ that we sometimes forget that he was also fully human.

We see from the very beginning that Mary and Joseph conscientiously did everything right. Ref. Luke 2:22, Luke 2:39

Parents — moms especially — don't forget that you have more influence in your children's lives than anyone. Make sure you do more than provide for your children. Make sure they have the opportunity to learn from you.

Luke says that he was listening and asking questions. This phrase is a Hebrew idiom that describes the activity of a student. In other words, he was in the temple learning. Ref: Luke 2:49

Every parent needs to learn, at some point, when it's time to loosen their grip and lead the child with an open hand. Ref: Luke 2:47

Jesus didn't arrive in the manger with a head full of knowledge. Everything Jesus knew while he was here on earth, he learned while he was here on earth — because Mary and Joseph created such an environment for him, that he was able to learn and grow as he needed to. Ref: Luke 2:51-52

We don't know when Jesus fully understood everything about who he was and what his mission was to be.

The majority of our society's children do not know the Bible. As parents it is vital for their future to know God's Word.

We must know the Lord to love Him and serve Him.

When we read, later in the gospels, about how Jesus would spend the night alone in prayer, we need to remember that he first learned to pray in the home of Mary and Joseph.

2. Jesus _____ to Mary.

But Mary saw something in Jesus that she had not yet seen. She saw that his time had, in fact, had come. Ref: John 2:4-5

Jesus understood at that moment that the Father was speaking to him through Mary — the person he could trust more than anyone else on earth — God the Father was speaking through Mary, telling Jesus, "Yes, your time has come."

But Mary knew who Jesus was all along — for obvious reasons: she was a virgin when she gave birth to him. And God used her to help Jesus take the first necessary steps toward public ministry.

3. Jesus _____ Mary. Ref: John 19:26

As we grow older, we reach a point, at some point, where we're no longer relating to Mom and Dad in terms of what they do for us, but in terms of what we can do for them. Ref: Matt. 3:17

God is well-pleased when we honor our relationship with our parents.

Sons and daughters, I'm challenging you today to be like Jesus in this regard. Never stop learning all that you can from your parents. Never stop listening to what they have to say. And never stop looking out for them.