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### **The Hidden Life of Jesus**

All that the gospels tell us of the hidden life of Jesus at Nazareth is that “he was subject” to Mary and Joseph and that “He advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.” Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph in all things. He helped his Mother in the home and learned the trade of a carpenter from Joseph.

God chose Joseph to be the foster-father of His Son, the husband of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family because he was “a just man.” Joseph believed that the Child in his charge was the all-powerful Son of God and that Mary was the Mother of God. He worked diligently in his carpenter shop and did not expect a miracle to provide for Jesus and Mary. God chose a carpenter for the highest work on earth to show how much he respected labor.

In this quiet home Mary was always thinking about the things of God. She spent much of her time in prayer and in the work of the household. She left her home only for that work of piety, charity, and duty. Mary always showed the greatest love to Jesus and Joseph.

When Joseph died, Jesus, who was still a young man, took up the care of his Mother. In the work of the carpenter shop and the quiet life of a country village and the worship of the synagogue-church, He passed the years of his youth in humble obedience and labor.

The Holy Family of Nazareth is the model for all Christian families. They found their happiness in loving and serving God faithfully. In Jesus, Mary and Joseph, all mothers, fathers and children learn how to live a holy and happy family life, the center and soul of which is God.

The time finally came when Jesus was grown into a man and had to leave the quiet home of Nazareth and began his Father's work. Out of a life of thirty-three years, He, who was Eternal Wisdom, chose to pass thirty years in silence, obedience, prayer and labor. He was truly a hidden God.

#### **CHAPTER 9: THE HIDDEN LIFE OF JESUS.**

- 1) WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL TELL US ABOUT THE HIDDEN LIFE OF JESUS?**
  
- 2) WHO DID GOD CHOOSE TO BE A FOSTER FATHER TO JESUS?**
  
- 3) WHY DID HE CHOSE HIM?**
  
- 4) WHAT WERE MARY'S OBLIGATIONS?**
  
- 5) WHO TOOK CARE OF MARY WHEN JOSEPH DIED?**
  
- 6) WHAT WAS JESUS JOB?**
  
- 7) NAME THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH.**

