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### The Early Life of Christ

It amazes me how some people wait till Easter time to consider or think about the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because Christ is our foundation, the thoughts of His birth, life, death, burial and resurrection should be utmost in our minds at all times.

Comments made by an Elder friend of mine recently, stirred my mind as to the life of Christ from His age of 12 until the time He began His public ministry at 30. This 18 year span is one that is quiet as far as the Bible is concerned as nothing is really spoken of. However, this was an important time in His human life as He went about His daily activities as any young man would do, only He did so in a perfect manner; never sinning.

The Apostle John noted in John 21:25, **“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”** Did what Jesus do in those 18 years matter? Sure they did. They mattered greatly. They were vastly important as He observed human life around Him from an earthly perspective. Luke recorded it this way, **“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”** His increase was not in divine wisdom as He was the Son of God, but rather in human wisdom. In addition, His increase in favor with God was due to His pleasing the Lord God by doing His will. Jesus grew in favor with man in that those who observed His life during this 18 year period saw a perfect and upright young man. Surely it was an oddity then as it would be today in this sinful world we live in.

We have been given all we need to know of the life of Jesus Christ our Lord. It would do us well to meditate not only on the importance of His birth, public ministry, death, burial and resurrection; but also on His perfect life, even as a young man. It is

worth recognizing in addition to all the information in God's word about the rest of His life on this earth. Just remember, He is a resurrected Savior. **"Think About It"!**