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**Was Jesus aware of His deity prior to His baptism?****How much did He know?****(Luke 2:41 – 52; Key verse - 49)**

**“And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?”** (Pluperfect tense – once and for all in time past) (to know – oida)

**Intro:** This should prove to be interesting in and of itself. Perhaps you have or may be not, asked or wondered, “when did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ He was the Son of God?” And of course, this also begs the question concerning what might have Jesus’ childhood been like? Was He a typical child? Was He an obedient child? Could He have been a prankish child? Interestingly enough the Bible is relatively silent on the early days of His childhood until He begins to approach that age in which Jewish boys are becoming men. This that time around thirteen years of age for boys and girls when they are considered to enter adulthood. They have been instructed in the Jewish Law and are ready to take on the responsibility of following the Jewish Law.

1. Bar mitzvah means \_\_\_\_\_ of the commandments and bat mitzvah means \_\_\_\_\_ of the commandments.
2. A bar/bat mitzvah is meant to signify the \_\_\_\_\_ of an adult’s journey in the Jewish religion. Faith and dedication are intended to \_\_\_\_\_ stronger after this milestone which is something to be celebrated with family and friends. For boys, it’s the first time they don the fillin (Phylacteries) and a fringed shawl for prayer.

I do not believe that Jesus became the Son of God, He \_\_\_\_ the son of God from the beginning because He had that relationship prior to His earthly birth – **I Peter 1:18 – 23; John 1:1 – 3.**

There would appear in our opening text that as Jesus grew there was an \_\_\_\_\_ which put Him well a head of the typical Jewish boys, and it seems to have come to a fuller understanding when He was twelve and inter-acting with the Doctors (**Luke 2:46 & 47**).

The point being that what level of understanding Jesus had attained to, it made Him more aware that His relationship with the Father in heaven was one of a divine nature and importance – **Luke 2:49 – 52.**

## I. Tradition versus reality.

- A. While in any time period, there are always traditions and rumors. (Fox runs a program or documentary about “legends and Lies” with the intent to separate fact from fiction.)
1. And when it comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ life of Christ there is that which is fact and that which is fiction.
  2. So, some are now thinking, “Where can we get the truth?” – Glad you asked! The \_\_\_\_\_ is always the best and most reliable source of information concerning all things God.
  3. This is not to say that there aren’t \_\_\_\_\_ sources that contain some accurate information, certainly the antiquities of Josephus is one of those sources, however, we must always \_\_\_\_\_ any outside sources with the Scriptures and take with a grain of salt that which disagrees with the Scriptures.
  4. We must be careful to not speak \_\_\_\_\_ on issues where the Bible is silent on such subjects as the early childhood of Christ.
- B. Why God has chosen to be \_\_\_\_\_ on the early childhood of Christ is to be received as an act of divine wisdom on God’s part and we would do well to accept these things.
- C. Some things which do appear to be relevant are:
1. Jesus emptied Himself of many of His divine qualities while living here on earth.
    - a. **Matthew 24:36** – While here He says He didn’t know the time of His \_\_\_\_\_ coming.
    - b. **Luke 2:52** – we read that Jesus “\_\_\_\_\_ in both wisdom and stature in the eyes of God and man.
  2. This is not to state that Jesus was not fully God even as a child, but whether or not He knew this in His early childhood, I don’t know, because the Bible is silent about those years.
  3. As He grew and increased in both wisdom and stature was the \_\_\_\_\_ at which He is going to express His relationship in the God-head, (**John 10:30, 17:5 & 22; I John 5:7.**)
  4. Whether or not this was an \_\_\_\_\_ which took place when He was twelve, it is apparent that Jesus had an intellectuality that \_\_\_\_\_ the Doctor’s of his day.
  5. As an adult, Jesus states He had existence before Abraham – **John 8:58.**
    - a. The Greek word for wisdom is ‘sophia’ and has to do with the \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom in action and not so much in knowledge as does ‘gnosis’
    - b. Being the Son of God and having always existed, He knows all things and is not in need of having to gain knowledge.
    - c. The *increase* in wisdom has more to do with \_\_\_\_\_ His omniscience wisely in that the people marveled – **Mark 6:2 & John 7:15.**