



## KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Jesus was a remarkable child with highly advanced knowledge of the scriptures. We see this when Jesus was with the priests in Jerusalem when he was twelve.

### **Luke 2:40-52**

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

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?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Look at how astonished the doctors in the temple were at the understanding and knowledge of Jesus. These men could not fathom the amount of knowledge that Jesus had. Here is the creator of the universe sitting in their midst, and they are thinking that he is an extraordinary child prodigy. Still they are astounded at his knowledge and are wondering where he came by his knowledge.

Here Jesus is supposed to be the son of a poor carpenter who cannot afford advanced schooling for his children. The doctors must have been wondering where Jesus learned everything that he knew. They also must have wondered how did Jesus come upon his deep understanding of the law.

All of these questions and others troubled the elders in the temple. They had no answers, for Jesus was not the normal human child that they supposed. Jesus had all of the knowledge of the universe since he created the universe. The Bible tells that the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

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## **John 1:10-12**

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

The doctors in the temple did not know who Jesus was when they questioned him. They just thought that he was another twelve-year-old boy who was extremely bright. So when Jesus explained to his parents that he must be about his father's business, the significance of what he was telling them totally went over Mary's, Joseph's, and the doctor's heads. No one in the temple seemed to grasp that here was the creator who was doing what he was sent to do.

Jesus was not the son of a poor carpenter, but was eternal from the beginning. When you look at Jesus like this, there is no wonder in your mind that Jesus was as bright as he was at twelve.

## **John 1:1-5**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The doctors in the temple were astonished at the intelligence and knowledge of Jesus, for they did not realize who they were talking to. They were in darkness and were not able to see the light. They were hiding behind their

religious interpretation of the law when they were confronted with the author of the law. All of their learning and knowledge could not sustain them when the author of the law was teaching them. They thought that they were the masters when in reality they were the pupils.

Sometimes we have an inspiration from the Lord, and we receive great insight into the scriptures. On other occasions, we have to search diligently to find the answer. With Jesus, he had all of the knowledge from the beginning; and it was at his beck and call whenever he needed it.

So when the twelve-year-old boy Jesus was discussing Judaic Law with the doctors, it is perfectly reasonable to see that Jesus knew all of the intricate details of the law and astounded them with his knowledge. Jesus also had the perfect memory as a computer has, forgetting nothing.

Later in Jesus' life, we see that the devil attempted to trick him with demonic deceptions. Jesus' perfect knowledge of the scriptures trapped the devil in his own lies.

## **Matthew 4:1-11**

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of

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God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

With all of the devil's knowledge of the law and the scripture, his knowledge fell short when he was confronting Jesus Christ.

Many Christians are deceived by Satan, for he always comes as an angel of light or a good idea. Satan uses his knowledge of the Bible to trap Christians in his wicked devices. Satan uses the Bible to get people to think that buying a list of names to send email to is a good idea. I had a hard time convincing a Christian that buying a list of names and sending them email is being a spammer. He really thought that the company was offering a good deal. It took him quite a while to see that sending unsolicited email was spam.

Satan wasn't tempting the Christian to sin, but was trying to compromise the Christian's witness. When your witness is damaged, people will look upon you and say, "He's no different than us." If he became a spammer, his witnessing would have diminished. If Satan can compromise your witness, your strength in the Lord's army diminishes.

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