



On the Spiritual Path— *YOUR HOPE OF GLORY* March 2010

JESUS' FIRST PRESENTATION

When Jesus had completed his twelfth year, he accompanied his parents to Jerusalem for the observance of the great Feast of the Passover. Young Jewish boys became a “son of the Law,” at age 12, and this represented a new status of spiritual responsibility. As the story goes,

“And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him, ‘Son, why has though thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing.’ And he said unto them, ‘How is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that I must be in my Father’s house?’ And they understood not the saying, which he spoke unto them (Luke 2:46-50 KJV).”

Metaphysically and spiritually the number twelve signifies completeness or wholeness. We have attained the first stage of spiritual maturity when we understand and acknowledge that we must be in our “Father’s house” or “about my Father’s business” as indicated in this passage with Jesus as a young boy of 12. It should be our main consideration and focus to express Christ’s qualities when we enter into the spiritual path.

As Jesus embarked on his own spiritual path, we must believe that the Holy Spirit of God guided him, and the spirit of understanding was quickened within him. We know that all great spiritual leaders have a time of preparation, and Jesus was no different. We do not hear anything of the next 18 years of his life, and we must know that he was in great preparation for his mission at hand.

We find Jesus at age 30 coming to his cousin, John the Baptist, for his own baptism. Join us next month for the Voice in the Wilderness and Jesus’ Temptations after his baptism.

God Bless!

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