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Subject: The unrecorded parts of Christ's life

Dear Dr. Ryrie: What could Jesus have been doing during the years of his life, age 12 through 30, that are not recorded in Scripture? --Roley S.

Dear Roley: The Bible does not say what Jesus did during the years between his visit to Jerusalem at age 12 and the inauguration of His ministry about age 30. He apparently remained part of Joseph and Mary's family and learned the carpentry trade. An outside source says that Joseph died when Jesus was a teenager. If that is true, then the support of the family would have fallen on Jesus' shoulders for some years. Our Lord had four half-brothers and at least two half-sisters (Matt. 13:55).

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