The Incomparable Christ -- J. Oswald Sanders Chapter 5 -- The Youth of Christ

What makes the account of Jesus' visit to Jerusalem at the age of twelve with his parents important to us?

BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY EVENT OF HIS YOUTH THAT WAS RECORDED, IT'S UNIQUENESS MAKES IT IMPORTANT [P. 59; FIRST ¶; LAST SENTENCE]

What insight does it reveal to us about Jesus' maturity? HOW HE THOUGHT [P. 59; FIRST ¶; LAST SENTENCE]

Why were Jesus' parents not surprised that they did not at first see Him as they returned home from the Passover?

THE YOUTHS TYPICALLY TRAVELLED TOGETHER [P. 61; 2ND ¶; 2ND SENTENCE]

What conviction did Jesus embrace in His response to His mother's question?

HE HAD A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER [P. 62; 2ND FULL ¶; 4TH SENTENCE]

What was the great crisis of Jesus' life that was revealed by this entire incident?

WHAT ATTITUDE WOULD JESUS HAVE TOWARD HIS PARENTS? [P. 64; 1ST FULL ¶; 2ND SENTENCE]

What was Jesus' attitude from boyhood to manhood?

JESUS WAS SUBMISSIVE TO BOTH HIS PARENTS AND TO HIS
HEAVENLY FATHER [P. 64; 1ST FULL PARA; LAST
SENTENCE]

OR HE LEARNED THE HABIT OF SURRENDER AND OBEDIENCE [P. 64; 2ND FULL ¶; 4TH SENTENCE]

Can we know what young Jesus understood about His purpose? Why or why not?

NO; THE SCRIPTURES ARE SILENT [P. 64; LAST \P & P. 65 1ST \P]

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anticlimax -- disappointing
catechetical -- a teaching method in which the teacher and the
students ask questions (as opposed to the lecture method of
teaching that is most common in our culture)
cryptic -- puzzling, confusing
epoch -- new period
filial -- family
paschal -- Passover
precosity -- precocious, sassy
tacitly -- unspoken, assumed