

The baby Grew Up

Dec. 24

Introduction

① A baby has a Universal Appeal

- A Gift of Love
- So Terribly Innocent
- So Dependence and Helpless
- With such Infinite Possibilities.

Jim Frost - "The God a baby sister"
The father feeding his firstborn.

② This is One of the Great Powers of Christmas

- God's gifts come with such innocence.
- Those who gather around in Amusement and Delight -
 - The Shepherds
 - The Wisemen
 - The Song of Angels.

③ One Year of Life to Its Growth

The long years of growth
The influence.

"And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that
which was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He shall
be called a Nazarene'."

So Jesus Grew Up

① Early Boyhood

- Learned to obey his Parents.
- Watched his Mother taking bread or looking for a lost coin or sewing ragged clothes.
- Came to Love the One-of-Parents.

② Manhood

- Then one day Joseph died and Jesus had to take over the carpenter shop.
- Learned about Taxes and Poverty.

③ Then His Ministry

- Then one day he felt compelled to leave.
 - Stung by a costly decision.
- Preached a Message of The Kingdom of God.
 - Defied Imagination or Imagination
- Then there came the burden of suffering.
 - He gave himself until his strength was gone.
- Came to know Rejection & Loneliness
- Then a shameful, confusing death.

④ Finally His Amazing Leadership
- The risen Exalted Lord.

The Mary grew up.

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Some of us have never grown in our understanding

① We have kept the baby in cellophane under the tree.

- This is for children.
 - This is sentimental affair.
 - This is only for a special time.
- "Don't drop the baby"

② Other affairs are more important

- Our clever deals.
- Our seeking for status & honors.
- Our hobbies even.

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① He is big enough to stretch our minds

- We have not caught up with his teachings
 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit"
 - "Except a grain of wheat fall..."
- We have not caught up with his moral grandeur
 - The purity and sinlessness of his life
- We have captured who he was.
 - A Christ living himself at baptism.
 - The great Theologian - Martin.

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② He is Great Enough To Make Life's Ultimate Demand

- If Any Man Would Come After Me.
- Leave All To Follow Him.
- Like A Pearl of Great Price.

③ He is Great Enough to Handle Our Problems

- When You Are A Child.
 - Be Obedient to My Parents
 - Get Along With My Brothers and Sisters
- When You Become a Man
 - The Inner Poverty of Human Nature
 - The loneliness, anxiety and fear with which many live.
 - The Need for forgiveness.
 - The Need for life beyond the grave.

How big is Your Christ? -

- Taking the man to Dureford.

Announcements

① Greetings

② Flowers - Barbara Shepherd - Will Muller wedding

③ Service at 11 a.m. Candles + candles

④ Wednesday Evening -
7:00 - 8:00 Chapel

⑤ Envelopes

- A - K South Side

L - Z North Side

⑥ Candle of Hope

- Mel Forsyth Family