The Baby Grew Up

Introduction
1. A Baby Like a Universe APPEAL
   - A Gift of Love
   - So Seriously Innocent
   - So Dependent and Helpless
   - With Such Infinite Possibilities.

   Him note: “He got a baby sister’
   the father feeding his fruitcake.

2. This is One of the True Forces of Christmas
   - God’s gift came with such innocence.
   - Those who gather around in Amazement
     and Adoration.
     - The Shepherds
     - The Wisemen
     - The Song of Angels.

3. Nine Days of Life to Its Growth

   “And He went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that
   which was spoken of by the prophet, saying, ‘He shall
   be called a Nazarene.”
Jesus Grew Up

1. Early Boyhood
   - Learned to obey his parents.
   - Watched his mother taking bread or fish for a less coin or sewing rags clothes.
   - Came to love the one-off bread.

2. Manhood
   - Then one day Joseph died and Jesus had to take over the carpenter shop.
   - Learned about love and poverty.

3. Then His Ministry
   - Then one day he felt compelled to leave.
     - Jesus made a costly decision.
     - Preached a message of the Kingdom of God.
       - Defied imagination or language.
   - Then there came the burden of suffering:
     - He gave himself until his strength was gone.
   - Came to know rejection and loneliness.
   - Then a shameful, terrifying death.
Finally His Amazing Grace!
- The Risen, Exalted Lord.

He, Mary Grew Up.
Some Of Us Have Never Grown in Our Understanding

1. We Have Left the Holy in Cellophane Under the Ice.
   - This is for Children.
   - This is Sentimental Affair.
   - This is only for a Special Time.
   "Don’t drop the Holy"

2. Other affairs are more important
   - Our clever deals.
   - Our feeling for status & home.
   - Our hobbies even.

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1. He is big enough to stretch our wings
   - We have not caught up with his teaching
     "Blessed are the poor in spirit"
     "Except a grain of wheat fall"
   - We have not caught up with his moral greatness
     - His purity and ammunition of his life
   - We have captivity who he was
     - A Church living crushed at baptism
     - The Great Theologian - David.
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(2) He is Great Enough to Make Life's Ultimate Decisions

- If any man would come after Me,
- Leave all to Follow Him,
- Take a Heart of Great Price.

(3) He is Great Enough to Handle Our Problems

- When you are a Child
  - The Obedience to My Parents,
  - Get Along with My Brother, and
  - Sisters

- When you become a Man
  - The Inner Persecution 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?
- Telling the Man to Berea ford.
Announcements

1. Greetings

2. Flowers - Barbara Shepherd - Will Muller wedding

3. Service at 11:00 A.M. - Home + Ladder

4. Wednesday Evening - 7:00 - 8:00 - Office

5. Envelopes - A. K. South Side
   L. Z. North Side

6. Huddle of Hope
   - Mel Forseth Family