

Why the Gospels Fall Silent on the Boy Jesus

A Reflection on the Hidden Years of Jesus

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If you are looking for stories such as those told of the boy-gods Hanuman or Krishna, I am glad that no such records exist about the growing-up years of Jesus Christ. The Gospel accounts were written after the fact, and during a time of persecution of Christians. Their writers took up only those matters critical to redemption and salvation, though a couple of them are believed to have drawn on Mary, the mother of Jesus, for what little they do tell us. They could have written of His childhood; that they chose not to is itself instructive.