

JESUS—BUSY AT WORK!

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"And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." {John 21:25} True, not all the things Jesus did were written down, but many were. Jesus was a busy man while here on this earth. Let us notice some of the work that Jesus was seen doing.

About His Father's Work. "And He said to them, why did you seek Me'? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" {Luke 2:49} "And He said to those who sold doves, Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" {John 2:16} Jesus was only here for a short time with much to accomplish. In His prayer, before His betrayal and arrest, in John 17:4, He stated that "... I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. "

In Subjection to His Parents. "Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart." {Luke 2:51} Even though He was the Son of God, He was also flesh. When He was a boy growing up He obeyed His parents. A most needful lesson today for children to learn by the example of our Lord Himself. Ephesians 6:1,2

Quoting Scripture. "Jesus said to him, It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God. '" {Matthew 4: 7} Jesus resisted the temptations of Satan by remembering and quoting scriptures. We must also put the scripture in our hearts to help us in time when we are confronted by Satan to sin against God.

Praying. "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will. " {Matthew 26:39} Facing the cross Jesus took time to pray. In many of His most distressful times on earth He turned to His Father in prayer. Now if the Son of God took the time, saw the need, and gained strength from prayer-why can't we see the power and need in having a good prayer life? Did you think to pray today? Jesus was busy while He was on earth doing His Father's will – can we work less than He did?***