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Jesus Christ's missing years

All four of the Gospel Books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) give an account of the life of Christ, yet all four are silent about His youth and His whereabouts during these years. In Luke 2:41-52 we know that Jesus made an appearance in Jerusalem at the age of 12, then we have the recorded events of Christ's baptism, and beginning of His ministry at age 30 (Luke 3:23). However the Bible never mentions that Christ was in the Palestine area at all between these years. That's 18 years in which the Bible does not discuss Christ's youthful years in either Galilee, Jerusalem, or any middle east area. But we have solid clues within the Scriptures, and recorded historical traditions, which give us the reason why the Bible has no verses expounding on a middle east childhood of Jesus. That reason is because He was up in Britain with our Israel Saxon kin who had already settled there. The name Britain is composed of two Hebrew words: "Brith" meaning **covenant** (Strong's ref.#1285), and "Ain" meaning **fountain** (Strong's ref.#5871). Britain is "Fountain of the Covenant" and from the British Isles would flow much of the Christian Faith to the rest of the Saxon worldwide in the great sailing days of Britain, especially to the settling of North America with the USA and Canada.

We know that the mother of John the Baptist, Elizabeth, was the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26), and that the family was a law keeping faithful household that kept the Feasts requiring to assemble together 3 times a year. (Deut. 16:16) If Jesus was in the local area He and John would have seen each other at least 3 times a year as they grew up together. However, when John baptized Jesus he said "*I knew Him not*", that is John did not recognize Jesus personally. This is because Jesus was absent from Palestine for 18 years. Also, the original Greek text of Matthew 17:24-27 says that Jesus had to pay the "didrachma" strangers' tax (v.25). This tax, the didrachma a Greek silver coin, was a Roman head-tax levied on all strangers new to the land. It was not the "temple tax" as some teach. The temple tax was paid in the half-shekel (Ex.30:11-16) and collected by the priests, not by "*the kings of the Earth*" as Jesus described this didrachma head tax. Jesus was unknown in the area and was asked to pay this tax when He appeared on the scene in the Gospels at this time at age 30.

A further "Bible connection" placing Jesus in Britain comes in the person of Joseph of Arimathea a wealthy man (Mat.27:57). There are two well founded Palestine traditions about this Joseph. First is that he achieved his wealth as an importer of tin. Second, that he was an uncle of Jesus. Arimathea was about 10 miles north of Jerusalem and an important city to the trade route going further north. It was the mines of Cornwall in Britain that supplied the great amount of tin used in making bronze (brass in the KJV) for Solomon's temple. Ezekiel describes the ancient tin mining effort by sea merchants in Ezk. 27:12. Accordingly then, we can correctly deduce that Jesus had a rich uncle who frequented Britain to oversee his tin mining enterprise. Next, it was Joseph of Arimathea who had requested Jesus' body after the crucifixion, received it from Pilate, and buried Jesus in his own tomb. (Mat.27:57-60) But both Roman and Judean law required that this request was only for nearest relatives of the one that had died, as it was the relatives who were responsible for burial. This is further Bible proof that Joseph was indeed an uncle of Jesus as tradition tells us. So in truth Jesus' close relatives were engaged in sea voyages to Great Britain for some time, and His travels with them in His youth are now consistent with the historical records that speak of Christ's stay there during His "missing" Bible years in Palestine.

In Baring Gould's *Book of Cornwall* it states: "*Another Cornish tradition is to the effect that Joseph of Arimathea came in a boat to Cornwall, and brought the boy Jesus with him.*"

Taliesin, an early Israelitish Druid and Welsh Prince of the 6th century wrote: "*Christ, the Word from the beginning, was from the beginning our teacher, and we never lost His teaching.*"