

and was humble and willing to learn. It was the will of God his Father that in our nature he should learn to obey.

We are not told what Jesus asked, or what he answered, though we do know he spoke so wisely and modestly that they were astonished at what they heard. They had never listened to such a child before. It is said to be a custom among the Jews at the present time, on the last days of the feast of the Passover, for children to have the liberty to ask their rabbis, or learned men, any questions they choose. This may also have been the custom when Jesus was on earth.

When Mary had found her blessed son, she said to him: "Why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." Then Jesus replied: "How is it that