



WHY DON'T PEOPLE UNDERSTAND ME?



#86: Why did Jesus wait thirty years to begin his public life? Jesus wanted to share a normal life with us and thus sanctify our everyday routine. Jesus was a child who received love and affection from his parents and was brought up by them. Thus he increased "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52); he belonged to a Jewish village community and took part in its religious rituals; he learned a trade and had to prove his ability as a craftsman. The fact that God in Jesus willed to be born into a human family and to grow up in it has made the family a place where God is present and a prototype of a helping community.

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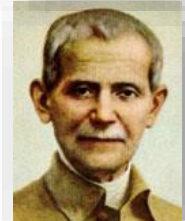
St Collette of Corbie

St Collette was not truly understood by people throughout her life but she never let it stop her from doing what God inspired her to do. From an early age, she put her Christian values before popular opinion. She worked hard to fight for what she believed in and that is why she succeeded.



Venerable Simon Srugi

Simon Srugi was an example of how understanding is a two way street. He tried to understand his students, the poor and the sick – no matter what religion or nationality. He saw everyone as a child of God. In turn, people got to know him and understood what a caring and generous person he was.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

later, another insisted, "this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." Peter said, "I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." – **Luke 22: 54-62**

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: