

## Young Man Jesus and His Sister Sariah

And Jesus continued to work for his father Joseph and do those things which were required of him.

And as he worked in the course of the days of his youth and early adulthood, Mary would send her daughter Sariah to carry water and provisions unto her brothers while they worked.

And Sariah loved Jesus, even with all of her heart, and looked to him with pride and adoration as her older brother and as her friend. And Jesus also loved Sariah and played with her often in her infancy and in her youth. And he came to love Sariah, even with all of his soul.

And Sariah would sit upon his knee in her youth and converse with Jesus for many hours, learning of him the things that he would teach unto her. And Jesus taught Sariah many things which he had learned from the Spirit according to the will of the Father.

And Jesus made Sariah promise him that she would keep all these things in her heart and tell no one, except she should speak to their mother Mary concerning them.

And it came to pass that while Jesus was engaged in carpentry work according to the command of Joseph, and he worked with Joseph on this particular day; and on this day Rachael and Elizabeth ran unto their father and told him that Sariah had fallen from her chores and was taken suddenly ill.

And Joseph and Jesus immediately left that which they were doing and ran unto their house. And when they were come into the house, Mary was in the doorway with her youngest daughter Anah weeping exceedingly. And Joseph hurried into the room where his oldest daughter was lying ill.

And Jesus held his mother and took Anah from her as she fell to the ground before her son pleading with him that he might save his sister from the illness that had quickly befallen her.

But Joseph returned again to Mary and took her in his arms and wept exceedingly with her, for Sariah had died.

And Jesus gave Anah unto his brother Joseph Jr, whose countenance had fallen at the news of the death of his sister, and who was with his other brothers who were there beholding their parents as they wept for Sariah. And they also wept great tears of sorrow for their sister, for she was dearly beloved by all of them.

And Jesus went straightaway into the room where the body of Sariah was laid. And he took her into his arms and held her close to him and wept exceedingly upon her, evensomuch that his tears wet her face and the pillow upon which she lay.

And Jesus thought within himself that he should use the power that the Father had given unto him to bring back his beloved sister. And when he had thought on these things, yea, even when he was about to issue forth the command in his sorrow, a voice spoke unto him near unto the bed where the flesh of Sariah lay.

And he looked up and saw the departed spirit of his sister near unto him. And as a spirit, Sariah whispered unto him, saying: My Lord, I know that thou hast the power that thou hast been given of our Father to command my spirit to enter again into my body that I might once again take upon me the flesh that I received when I entered into mortality. But I beg of thee that thou shouldst not do such a thing, for that which hath been done is according to my own will, and hath been granted unto me by our Father.

Behold, thou art my beloved brother and my friend. All the days of my life hast thou loved me and kept me safe and secure in the arms of thy love, evensomuch that many times I was overwhelmed by the love that thou showed unto me as a child.

And thou spoke unto me of those things that thou hast commanded me not to share with any other in the flesh. And I did that which thou didst command of me all the days of my life. But in the night before the dawn of today, I received a dream in the which I saw thee and that which would befall thee in the flesh, even that thou wouldst be scourged and beaten and lifted upon the cross to die an unnatural death, even a death that no other man in the flesh could suffer.

And in sorrow I did rise to face another day of knowing you in the flesh and being at your side and loving you as my brother. And the thought of the pain that I would suffer, knowing that these things would one day happen unto thee, brought me even unto the door of the death of my soul.

For behold, how could I live to see this happen to my beloved brother? Yea, how could I, in the flesh, see thou sufferest because of the sins and wickedness of the world, even when thou art innocent of all sin?

And I prayed with all my soul that the Father would take me home to Him that I might not be a witness of your death in the flesh. And I prayed with all of the energies of my heart and made a promise that if the Father did not take me, then I would take my own life this day, so that I would not have to behold these things concerning you in the flesh.

But as a spirit, I can behold these things and understand them. Yea, even as a spirit I can be at thy side and uphold thee and give thee strength even at the time of thy greatest need.

Behold, in the flesh I could not do these things. Now, wantest thou that I suffer so in the flesh? Thou knowest of the glory of the spirit world. Thou knowest of the peace and happiness of the souls that enter therein without sin. Thou knowest that they rest from all of their worries and are not burdened with the things of the flesh any longer. And now, my beloved brother, even my Lord Jesus Christ, what wouldst thou want for me?

And after the spirit of Sariah had said these things unto Jesus, he was comforted in his pain; and he did not command that her spirit enter again into her body. And he said unto her: Of thy spirit, I have renewed my own. Go in peace, my beloved sister, and I will come unto thee soon.

And now, when the brother of Jared had witnessed these things in his vision, it caused him exceeding love for his sisters who were of his family. For he also had a sister who had died in her youth, and her name was Herithany.

And he requested of the Lord in his vision that he might be visited by her, that he, too, might receive the comfort which he beheld concerning Jesus and Sariah.

And the Lord had compassion upon the brother of Jared and commanded the spirit of Herithany to come forth according to the power of the Spirit by which he beheld these things. And she came forth; and with her was another spirit. And the brother of Jared immediately recognized the other spirit as that of Sariah who would one day come into mortality as the sister of Jesus.

And both of them smiled upon the brother of Jared and gave unto him the comfort that he desired. And in this thing the brother of Jared was overwhelmed by the Spirit, evensomuch that he could not go on in the vision according to the flesh.

But Jehovah once again supported him and gave him the strength that he needed to continue with his glorious vision.