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## Childhood home of Jesus Christ found in Nazareth

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# THE READING

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Archaeologists in the city of Nazareth believe they have found the childhood home of Jesus Christ. They have been working for 14-years on the site at the Sisters of Nazareth Convent. They believe the first-century home is where Jesus grew up as a child. Researcher Professor Ken Dark researched and did fieldwork at the ancient site. He says his studies of the well-preserved hillside abode revealed "excellent craftsmanship" and a "structural understanding of rock". He says this is, "consistent with it having been constructed by a tekton" - the job of Jesus' father, Joseph.

The dwelling was first found in the 1880s and first excavated in the 1930s. For decades, experts and nuns at the convent have asserted that the site was Jesus' boyhood home. Dark said the site had been "almost forgotten by scholars". He used cutting edge techniques to uncover more secrets about the house. He discovered that people believed the building was Jesus' house from at least the 380s. However, he says his claims are not conclusive. He acknowledges that we may never know for sure whether or not Jesus Christ lived at that location.

Sources: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1767246/middle-east>  
<https://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/home-jesus-christ-0014580>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/science/has-jesus-childhood-home-been-discovered-in-nazareth>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201127-jesus-christ-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Archaeologists in the             | a. at the ancient site |
| 2. they have found                   | b. craftsmanship       |
| 3. the first-                        | c. of rock             |
| 4. researched and did fieldwork      | d. the childhood home  |
| 5. his studies of the well-preserved | e. constructed         |
| 6. revealed excellent                | f. century home        |
| 7. a structural understanding        | g. hillside abode      |
| 8. consistent with it having been    | h. city of Nazareth    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. first excavated       | a. sure               |
| 2. almost forgotten      | b. about the house    |
| 3. He used cutting       | c. the 380s           |
| 4. uncover more secrets  | d. in the 1930s       |
| 5. from at least         | e. that location      |
| 6. he says his claims    | f. by scholars        |
| 7. we may never know for | g. edge techniques    |
| 8. Jesus Christ lived at | h. are not conclusive |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Archaeologists in the city of Nazareth (1) \_\_\_\_\_ found the childhood home of Jesus Christ. They have been working for 14-years (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Sisters of Nazareth Convent. They believe (3) \_\_\_\_\_ home is where Jesus grew up as a child. Researcher Professor Ken Dark researched and did fieldwork at (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He says his studies of the well-preserved (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "excellent craftsmanship" and a "structural understanding of rock". He says this is, "consistent with it having (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a tekton" - the job of Jesus' father, Joseph.

The dwelling was first found in the 1880s (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1930s. For (8) \_\_\_\_\_ nuns at the convent have asserted that the site was Jesus' boyhood home. Dark said the site had been "almost (9) \_\_\_\_\_". He used cutting edge techniques (10) \_\_\_\_\_ secrets about the house. He discovered that people believed the building was Jesus' house (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the 380s. However, he says his claims are not conclusive. He acknowledges that we may never know for sure whether or not Jesus Christ lived (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# JESUS CHRIST SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201127-jesus-christ-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Jesus Christ in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

