

SKETCH

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This is one of a series of WGRG dialogues between Jesus & Peter.

PETER: Eh....Jesus...?

JESUS: Yes, Peter?

PETER: Eh.....Andrew and I were just having an argument.

JESUS: You're becoming like James and John.

PETER: No....they argue about theology. We were just arguing about your age.

JESUS: Were you, indeed?

ANDREW: It's not so much your age.....
It's just that we think you might be too young.

JESUS: How very flattering, Andrew.
Well, to put the record straight, I'm 30.

ANDREW: (To Peter)
There...I told you so.
You owe me a pint of camel's milk!

PETER: Wait a minute!
Jesus, I thought you were the same age as John the Baptist.

JESUS: So I am....for part of the year.
John was born on 24th June.
I was born on 25th December.
At the moment he's 31 and I'm 30....
until the end of the year.

PETER: In that case, we were both right.

(To Andrew)
You owe me a pint of camel's milk!

JESUS: Listen, the pair of you.
Forget the camel's milk and tell me why you think I am too young.
Too young for what?
You know, it's 18 years since my barmitzvah.

ANDREW: Well....too young for telling older people what to do or what to believe.

PETER: Yes, Andrew's right.
You're a bit young to be interfering in adult affairs.

JESUS: Are you implying that I should never have healed your mother-in-law? Am I too young for that?

PETER: No...
It's not so much what you do, Jesus.
It's the things you say.

ANDREW:like when you take a bit of common sense and make a fool of it. That infuriates older people.

JESUS: I don't know what you're talking about Andrew. You'll need to give me an example.

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ANDREW: Well....eh....
How about that time when you said,
if somebody asks you for your coat,
give them your shirt as well.
We'd all end up nudists if we took that
seriously.
That kind of thing offends older people
who take a pride in their appearance.

PETER: He's right Jesus.
And you remember when you said
'Whoever has seen me has seen God?'
That upsets older people who think of
God sitting with a golden robe on a
throne, not kneeling with a dirty jersey
on the pavement.

JESUS: I see...
So you think I am too young?

PETER: Well, we're only telling you what
people say.

JESUS: Never mind 'people' Peter.
What about you?
What do you say?

PETER: OK. I think you are too young.

JESUS: So, when will I be old enough?
(PAUSE)
35.....40....45....50?

PETER: Well Abraham was 70 when he started.

ANDREW: Yes, but he had to find the Promised
Land. We are in it.

JESUS: Thanks, Andrew.
Peter, have you never heard the words,
'Your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy'
Old folk will see visions and young folk
will dream dreams'?

PETER: Do they come from a Psalm?

JESUS: No, they were written by the prophet
Joel.
He wanted to point out that it's those
who, in your words, would be 'too
young' or 'too old' who are given
glimpses of the Kingdom.
And they have to share what they see.

PETER: And what about the middle aged?

JESUS: What about the middle aged?
They, especially the men, hold the reins
of power in the community, in the
state and in religious life. They have
to listen to people older than them,
and learn from people younger
than them.

PETER: Jesus, you're an idealist!

JESUS: That's the finest compliment
you've paid me for a long time, Peter.
Now, are we going to move on.....or are
you too young to follow me?

PETER: Oh, not us!

ANDREW: We're right behind you, Jesus!

JESUS: By the way, what age are you two?

ANDREW: 18

PETER: 22

ANDREW: Liar!

PETER: OK. I'm nineteen and a half.

JESUS: Teenagers!
...and you complain about me
being young?
Come on and I will treat you to your
first shave!

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