Chapter 9: Days of Conflict

1. In acting independently of the rabbinical laws from His childhood, Jesus suffered censure and reproof from many sides. Why did He follow this course of action? What justification did He give for His simple life?

2. What encouragement can we draw from the relationship between Jesus and His brothers when we face scorn or ridicule in regard to our faith? Read <u>Hebrews 4:15</u>.

3. Jesus "passed by no human being as worthless." Who in your sphere of influence might you be passing by? What actions could you take to show Jesus' love?

Additional Questions:

- 1. How were the requirements of society and of God in collision? (Page 84)
- 2. What did the rabbis believe it their task to do for all people? (Page 85)
- 3. What did Jesus use to determine what He would do? (Page 86)
- 4. What did Jesus' brothers feel prompted Him to action? (Page 87)
- 5. What could the brothers not account for in the life of Jesus? (Page 88)
- 6. How was Jesus accused of being a coward? (Page 88-89)
- 7. Did Mary vacillate in her belief in regard to Jesus? (Page 90)
- 8. How did Jesus teach people to look upon themselves? (Page 91)
- 9. What must be changed if there was any hope for mankind? (Page 92)
- 10. Personal views:
 - A. List a favorite section from the reading.
 - B. List some new thought from this reading.