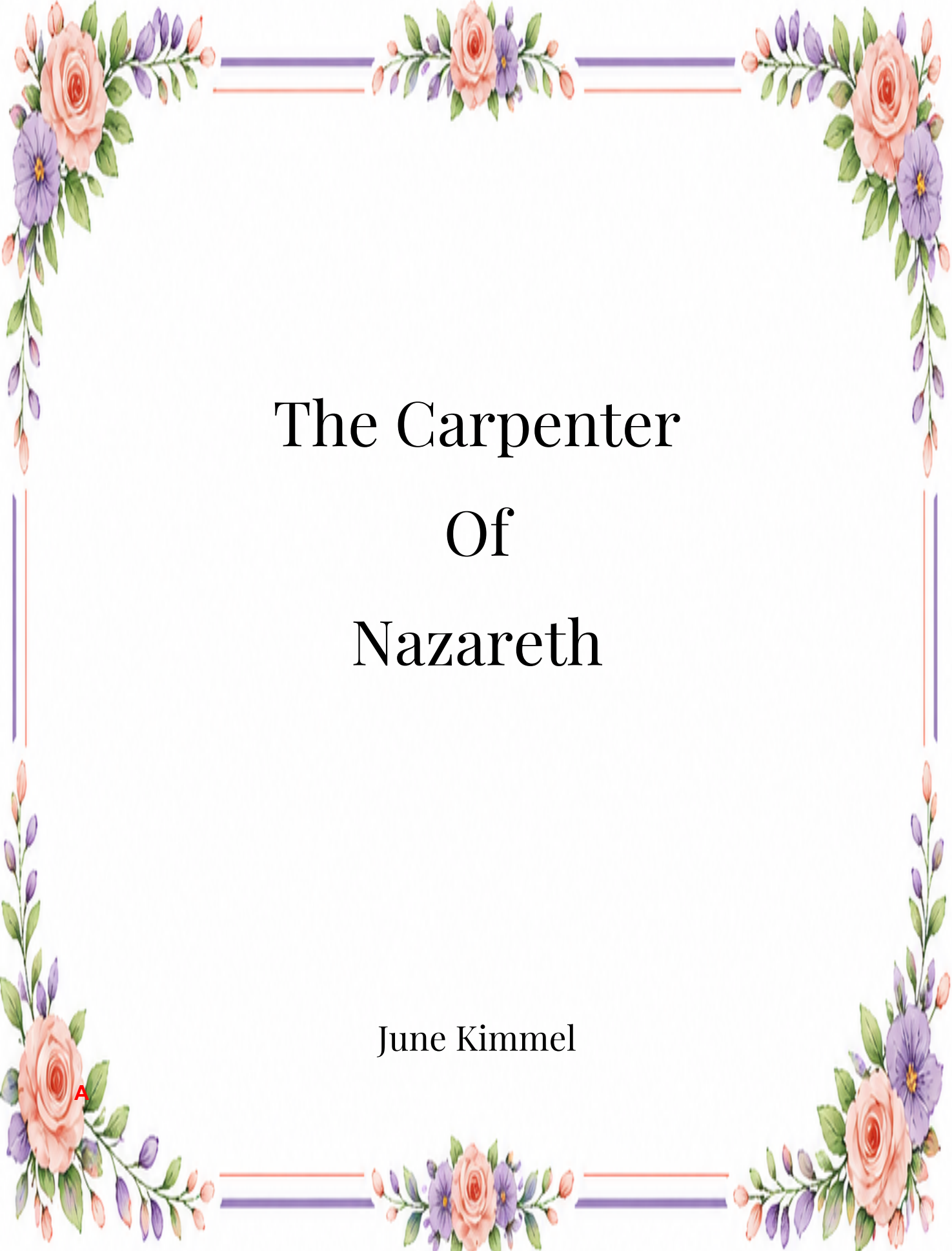




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Mark 6:3

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...?

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## ♦ Did you know His name is the **Carpenter**?

### **Definition—the Carpenter from Nazareth**

Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus the Nazarene are perhaps the most common names that were used to identify Jesus when He was here on earth.

House carpenter built things for houses

Wright built field implements

Jesus probably did both

His workmanship would have been PERFECT

He was the CREATOR of this whole world

### **Passages—Matthew 13:53-58—Is this not the carpenter's son?**

#### **Mark 6:1-6—Is not this the carpenter?**

### **Jesus referred to woodworking and/or stone working**

Matthew 7:13, 24—Narrow/wide gate, House built on rock/sand

Matthew 16:18—Build church on Rock

Matthew 21:33—Built a tower

Luke 14:28—Building tower—count the cost

Luke 20:17—Stone—head of the corner

John 2:20—Temple destroyed; 3 days raise it up (46 yrs to build)

While in Nazareth thirty years, Jesus grew from a boy to a man

At the age of 12 or 15, He probably began to work with Joseph in the carpenter's shop.

That length of time 5 to 6 times as long as His public ministry

### **Application**

Identified with common people—You and me!

He knew the dignity of honest labor—how to work and get tired

Two jobs of the carpenter

1. Fix broken
2. Build new (universe—John 1:3)

Two Building Projects of Jesus today

1. His church  
Matthew 16:18—Built on Rock  
That Rock is Christ
2. His People

Our lives are either being built by the Lord Jesus OR

Our lives are being torn down by Satan

Either growing by Lord Jesus OR  
Torn down by Satan and sin  
Carpenter sees the potential in the tree, wood  
Makes a plan—Sets a goal  
Tree of a Carpenter  
Tree cut down  
Tree suffers and dies with that cutting  
Carpenter shapes it  
Tree takes on the plan of the carpenter (not of the tree)  
Jesus died a carpenter's death  
Nailed to a tree  
Hammer and nails He used every day  
Now these tools hung Him to a tree, the cross  
1 Peter 2:24—bore our sins in His body on the tree  
Jesus' death cleanses us from sin  
Carpenter takes ugly away from tree  
Only Jesus can make something of us!  
Jesus sees potential in me  
As a tree dies to be used by the carpenter, I too must die to live  
He's made me to do what He wants me to do  
He knows what I am to become  
He uses His tools...Word of God and other Christians  
He always finishes the project!  
We must surrender to His working!