

can remember that a child was born in 331, but to ask them to remember that the child was born in the first consulate of such and such a man, say suppose I were to ask you who was secretary of state when you were born, I don't know how many of you would be able to tell. You all know the number, but in those days they didn't have numbers like this.

So as people have, there is no information precise about him., The remarkable thing is that there is about so many people. / But in the case of St. Jerome, we have no ~~specific~~ precise information and the guesses that have been made range over eleven years. According to one guess he would have been over ninety when he died, according to the other he would have been about 77. If you go to St. Peter's church in Rome, the largest church in the world, as you enter that very beautiful building, ~~just~~ just shortly after you go in to the right, there, you will see a picture done in mosaic with little tiny pieces of stone put into this picture. Different colors. And it is copied ~~from~~ from a famous classical masterpiece of the renaissance time. But it ~~is~~ looks even better in the mosaic because the colors do not fade, these colored stones. And as you look at ~~it~~ it, there, it shows you St. Jerome in Palestine receiving his last communion. And as you look at the picture, ~~there~~ there, of the ~~old~~ old fellow, he certainly looks about ninety in the picture. He looks very very old. But if you know very much about old people, you know that some people at 77 look a lot older than some others do at 90. Some ~~people~~ people 65 look older than some do at 80/ And ~~the~~ people considered him as a very old man when he died, but they did not have dates to know just how old he was, and the stories have varied. ~~But this man was the son of wealthy Christians parents, and he was sent to~~

But this man was the son of wealthy Christians' parents, and he was sent to Rome to be educated. And he was a man of great interest in books. A very wide reader. Constantly studying, and in Rome he studied under the leading teachers, there, the leading scholars, and he read most of the classic poets, orators and philosophers. And he collected a considerable library, and on Sunday, with young friends, he used to visit the subterranean graves of the martyrs. Which made a great impression upon him. And yet, as a young student, he ~~was~~ was