

This is one of the most important Activity Pages we have.



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All we know about the actual birth of Jesus is found in 14 Bible verses. (Matthew 1 and Luke 2)
The angels appearing to the shepherds is in Luke 2.
The wise men went to the home of Mary and Joseph about 2 years later. (Matthew 2)

Jesus was born:

The childhood of Jesus:

At the age of 12, He talked to the Jewish teachers in the temple. (Luke 2)
He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (Luke 2)

The ministry of Jesus:

We know nothing about the personal life of Jesus from the time He was 12 until he began His ministry at the age of 30. His ministry lasted 3 ½ years.

What did Jewish and Roman historians say about Jesus?

Flavius Josephus (The greatest Jewish historian of his time who wrote in 70 A.D.)

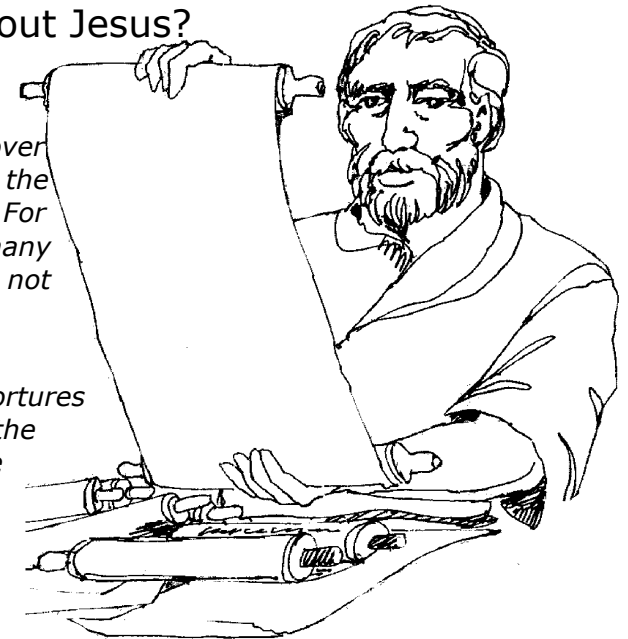
"And there arose about this time Jesus, a wise man, if indeed we should call him a man; for he was a doer of marvelous deeds, a teacher of men who receive the truth, with pleasure. He won over many Jews and also Greeks. This man was the messiah. And when Pilate had condemned him to the cross at the instigation of our own leaders, those who had loved him from the first did not cease. For he appeared to them on the third day alive again, as the holy prophets had predicted and said many other wonderful things about him. And even now the race of Christians, so named after him, has not yet died out."

Cornelius Tacitus (A roman Historian who wrote in 54-68 A.D.)

"Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus..."

Thallus (About 52 A.D.)

During the time of the apostles, Thallus wrote about Jesus and mentioned the darkness when Jesus was crucified.



Reliable historians say Jesus was a great teacher and miracle worker. He died on a Roman cross.

But, did he come out of his grave...alive!

Jesus said He would be raised on the 3rd day. The Bible says he did! Josephus said he did! The apostles, who were eye-witnesses, wrote that he did! The only people who say he did not, do not want him to be resurrected!

We have a choice:

1. Jesus is the son of God, and the resurrection proves it!
2. The resurrection did not happen...and Jesus could not have been a great teacher because he was a cruel liar and caused the senseless death of billions.

We are not asked to have blind faith. We can look at the evidence and make a reasonable decision.

