

The REAL JESUS: Jesus of History

People have all sorts of notions about the Real Jesus. In Christ, the fullness of the Godhead resides in human form. He came so that we might know God's salvation.

A. Extra-biblical Evidence

Roman historians, Tacitus and Pliny
Jewish historian, Josephus
Prominent sage, Rabbi Eliezer

- He was called Christos in Greek which is a translation of the Hebrew, Messiah.
- He was Mary's son.
- He did miracles.
- He won over both Jews and Greeks as followers.
- Jewish leaders of the day expressed unfavorable opinions about him.
- Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, rendered the decision for execution.
- His execution was by crucifixion.

In the centuries after Jesus, no critic of Christianity—Jewish or Roman—ever claimed that Jesus **didn't exist**.

B. Jesus in the Bible (Pg. 939)

1. Apostolic **Witness**. Acts 1:21-22 (Pg. 1,003)
-in Jesus' physical presence from beginning to end.
-an eyewitness to the resurrected Christ.

Acts 2:32; Acts 3:15; Acts 10:40-41

2. Contemporary **Corroboration**. Luke 24:17-23
(Pg. 974)

At the time the gospels were written, there were still many living eyewitnesses to Jesus' teaching and life.

For further study:

Cold Case Christianity, by J. Warner Wallace

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses, by Richard Bauckham

Is the New Testament History?, by Paul Barnett

<https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/is-there-any-evidence-for-jesus-outside-the-bible/>

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