

CONNECTION: WHO IS JESUS, REALLY? PART 1

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<p><u>Prayer Of Salvation</u></p> <p>How do I ask Jesus into my life?</p> <p>Here is a prayer to help you! Please call me if you pray or have any questions. I'll be glad to talk to you.</p> <p>860-946-7095</p> <p>Pastor Richard P. Beobide</p> <p>Father sometimes I offend you.</p> <p>I know Jesus died because we have all offended you.</p> <p>I believe God You raised Jesus from the dead.</p> <p>Save me from my desires that offend you.</p> <p>Jesus of Nazareth I confess that you are Savior & Lord.</p> <p>Forgive me for offending you in Jesus name I pray, Amen.</p> <p>Here is your job description from now on!</p> <p>Do no more evil</p> <p>Tell about Jesus</p> <p>Be baptized, Learn about Him in your Bible.</p>

Legend has it from more than five thousand years ago; a male child would be born of a virgin woman. And He would conquer our greatest fear. Death! His name is Jesus and He's alive!

Who is Jesus? Today everyone knows the name of Jesus Christ. People use His name as a swear or curse word throughout the world, not ever thinking of taking the time to investigate this truly legendary character. Hopefully that will change for you, starting today.

Historians all over the world know who Jesus is. His acceptance by the community of historians is as automatic as Julius Caesar (Josh Mc Dowell, "Evidence That Demands A Verdict" [ETDAV]), and His existence along with His teachings, and miraculous wonders aren't what's in question.

His character and His claim of who He is cannot be denied. If you ask anyone "who is Jesus?" they will tell you "He is: the Savior of the world, the Son of God, a great prophet, a man who changed the world, The King of the Jews!" But who is He, according to archeology and history? What's the proof?

Today we know that archeology is playing a tremendous role in the science of history. And we are (in this brief article) going to

look at two things. First what determines a historic fact and second did Jesus fulfill the requirements? You should note, this small article doesn't begin to do justice to the overwhelming deluge of information that floods the archives of history concerning the New Testament. However, thanks to the efforts of Josh McDowell and the list of historians and archeologists defending the accuracy of chronicled history, we have a considerable work-book in the writing of "Evidence That Demands A Verdict."

History uses the written records or manuscripts of the period to determine if an event actually occurred. The search for these records is done through the field of archeology. Therefore, we credit Homer as the author of the Iliad (the second most documented fact of antiquity) because archeology has found 643 surviving manuscripts that testify to that fact. We know of the works of Caesar based on 10 Manuscripts. Plato 7, Aristotle 49 and the list goes on. Now the question is, what about Jesus and the New Testament? Where do they stand concerning the testimony of manuscripts and how many are there?

Without a doubt the New Testament and Jesus enjoy the most recorded historical strength in all of his-

tory. With over 24,000 manuscripts "the New Testament is (according to J.H. Greenlee, historian ETDAV p.41) overwhelmingly greater than those of any other work of ancient history." Jesus is by far the most documented historical fact in all of antiquity. Not only His life, but His lineage, the way He would be born, the works He did, the miracles He performed, how He fulfilled ancient writings about Himself, His death, His resurrection, and His assention into heaven witnessed by over 500 onlookers, His being believed on by the gentiles. All historically documented and none of it can be explained away.

You should know that scholarly historians defend this information for you and I, to research for ourselves in the hopes that we will learn "truth" not hearsay!

The fact is many people called radical critics try to discredit the Bible; both the old and new testaments. However, the Bible has overcome and thwarted all attempts by radical critics and the unbelieving by way of fact, science, archeology and history. It stands alone as an book inspired by God to provide insight to anyone desiring truth, and a faithful walk with God our creator. So, take the time to learn. Read your Bible, it's history! See you next time, right here in your Mystery & Logic Newsletter. Remember, God Loves You!



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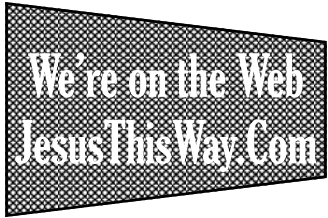
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