

Jesus, Who Was and Who Is?

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Many times in church and in discussions with people regarding Jesus Christ, we have the tendency to assume that people know who we are talking about.

So Who WAS Jesus?

Many of those who attempt to discredit Jesus as the Messiah will try to argue that He didn't exist at all.

Roman historians

- **Tacitus-A Roman historian and senator**
 - **Pliny the Younger- the Roman governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor**
 - **Suetonius**
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Jewish historians and writers

- **Josephus-He accepted the existence of Jesus, who was “called Christ”, and whose conduct was good. He acknowledges that Jesus was crucified by Pilate, and that many people became disciples, reporting that he was alive and had appeared to them.**
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- **The Babylonian Talmud- This collection of Jewish law contains references to a figure named Yeshu, who was executed the day before Passover and possessed magical powers.**
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Other Religions

- **The Toledot Yeshu (*History of Jesus*) is a collection of Jewish anti-Christian Gospel parodies about the life of Jesus, called *Yeshu* in the text.**
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- Similarly, the religion of Islam acknowledges Jesus in a number of ways.
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- The Bahá'í Faith is a world religion founded in the 19th century that teaches the unity of God, the unity of humanity, and the essential harmony of all religions.
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- Hinduism- Hindus often worship many gods and goddesses and some are eager to include Jesus in their list of deities. They don't, however, see Jesus as the only way to God.
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All of these religious sects along with those of the political realm, acknowledge that Jesus existed and performed unexplainable miracles.

So, if other religions give credit to Jesus as a possible way but.... Jesus says that He is the only way, we have a decision to make.

What we know and accept about Jesus is what the Word says about Him.

- 1. First, Jesus IS...God**
- 2. Second, Jesus Was and IS**
- 3. He came to earth for a reason, and the reason is because there was no other way.**
 - a. He came to earth in the form of man. This is important and cannot be overlooked.**
 - b. His earthly testimony is one that helps us see the extent of His love and understanding.**

Other scriptures Mark 6:3; Matt. 13:55, 16:18; Ps. 118:22; Matt. 13; Jhn. 21:25, 11:45-48, 14:6, Jhn. 10:30; Rev. 1:8; Jhn. 3:17; Phil. 2:7; Heb. 4:15; Jhn. 14:25-27, Jhn. 14:15; Luke 9:23