

Hi friends and thank you for dropping by. My name is James and today marks the beginning of a very special journey, a journey through the life of the greatest man that ever lived, Jesus Christ and His amazing legacy that continues to teach and inspire us even today.

Even if you are not a believer, you benefit from the fact that this man Jesus walked the earth. Think about where you live, and how many hospitals, charities rehab centers and other services are run by churches and Christian ministries? The revolutionary life Jesus lived has dramatically changed our world for the better. So regardless of where you may be in your life's journey, you will benefit from learning about His legacy.

The fact that this man Jesus lived is an irrefutable historical fact. In our next lesson we will discuss the four biographies preserved for us in the Bible. These books were written either by men who knew Jesus personally, such as Matthew and John, or by men who were closely associated with people who knew Him, in the case of Mark and Luke. They were also written in a time frame in which eye witnesses to the events described were still alive and could easily verify their authenticity.

But they are far from being the only sources about His life. For example, the Jewish historian Josephus acknowledges that there was a wise teacher named Jesus, who was crucified by Pontius Pilate. Similarly, a first century Roman official known as Pliny the Younger wrote to the emperor describing Christians who sang and prayed to Christ as to a god. This verifies that Jesus' deity was recognized in the very beginning.

the Hebrew Talmud verify that Jesus performed miracles. Although its purpose in doing it was to dismiss Jesus as a "magician," it was still acknowledging His supernatural power, which strongly disputes the idea that Jesus' life was just a repackaging of ancient myths. If you'd like to research this further, I would recommend Lee Strobel's book "The Case for Christ."

The name "Jesus Christ" is actually the Greek form of His Hebrew name, Yeshua he Maschiach, which means "Anointed Savior." If you grew up reading comic books like I did, think of the term "savior" as simply being the hero who comes to the rescue. Jesus was the greatest hero ever, and we will explore that further as we go along.

Jesus was born in a tiny town called Bethlehem in the Roman occupied Holy Land.

What did Jesus look like? No one knows that for sure, but it's safe to assume that He was definitely NOT a blue eyed Nordic blonde the way He is displayed in some European art. In fact, those images are very racist in origin. As a Mediterranean Jew, Jesus would have had dark olive skin, Semitic facial features and either black or dark red hair. He worked as a carpenter, which was very physical work, so He was likely a ruggedly built man.

Jewish boys were taught a trade by their fathers, or in Jesus' case, His step father. The families typically shared two meals a day mainly consisting of common Mediterranean foods like fish, olives and nuts. They would also sleep in the same room on mats spread out on the floor.

In keeping with the Jewish lifestyle and customs He would have had a strong devotion to family, deeply honoring his parents and being prepared to care for them in their old age. He would have regularly gone to the synagogue for training in the Hebrew Scriptures and given the astounding knowledge He would demonstrate as He grew, it would indicate that He spent a great deal of time in that pursuit.

While I obviously take this teaching very seriously, I also want us to have some fun as we go along. Remember the saying that the best hamburgers come from sacred cows!

Friends I hope you will take this journey with us. Each video will be roughly 5-10 minutes long and will mostly examine Jesus' life event by event. So I ask that you subscribe to this channel and tune in next time! Until then, keep it real!