

## Extra-Biblical Evidence for the Historicity & Divinity of Jesus



**“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**  
-John 3:16

**Thesis:** Jesus did exist; he was not simply a rehashing of mythical characters from antiquity. Jesus is God and the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament, who bared our sins during His supernatural crucifixion on the cross; He then resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Believing in and accepting Jesus Christ as your God and savior from sin is the only way to eternal life. For Christians, know that baptism is a command from Jesus as well.

<< **How To Use:** The following links are to video snapshots of evidence sites. If you have a hard-copy, you can type in the address. Pause the video to read more thoroughly.  
Here’s a regular youtube video of me accessing the different-looking unlisted youtube links below: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SvwAd5\\_N4g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SvwAd5_N4g&feature=youtu.be) >>

### Evidence for Jesus the Person:

- At least **12** sources outside of the Bible (which is a lot for historical figures of that time) mention Jesus (within ~100 years of his crucifixion in 30-33 ad) // 2 famous Non-Christian historians (click or type in links for video screenshots of excerpts):
  - 1) Flavius Josephus (A.D. 37-100) // (*Romano-Jewish Scholar, Historian, and Hagiographer (Not a Christian)*)  
[https://youtu.be/x7hxqOCM\\_ck](https://youtu.be/x7hxqOCM_ck)
  - 2) Cornelius Tacitus (A.D. 56-117) // (*Senator & Historian for the Roman Empire*)  
<https://youtu.be/lKmnauuKvRI>
  - 3) Pliny the Younger (A.D. 61 – A.D. 113) // (*Governor, Lawyer & Author, Persecutor of Early Christians*)  
<https://youtu.be/uj9gPf532TA>
  - 4) Celsus (A.D. 100 – A.D. 200) // (*anti-Christian Greek Philosopher*)  
<https://youtu.be/rsCU718-8h8>
  - 5) Lucian of Samosata (born A.D. 120) // (*Rhetorician and Satirist*)  
<https://youtu.be/8SxBURI7ars>
  - 6) Mara Bar-Serapion (written A.D. 73 – A.D. 200) // (*Assyrian Stoic Philosopher in the Roman province of Syria*)  
<https://youtu.be/nVgENaQbFo4>
  - 7) Quadratus (written A.D. 126) // (*Bishop of Athens*)  
<https://youtu.be/AdPu2jg1Mmc>
  - 8) Aristides (died A.D. 134) // (*Early Apologist*)  
<https://youtu.be/r4Q5AI-3kbM>
  - 9) Hegesippus (A.D. 110 – 180) // (*Christian Chronicler*)  
<https://youtu.be/zQ3phDqDXZc>
  - 10) Pope Clement I (pope from A.D. 88 – 99) // (*pope*)  
<https://youtu.be/5juToOodTzk>
  - 11) Ignatius of Antioch (A.D. 35 – 108) // (*Disciple of Apostle John, formed the second generation of church leaders (after the Apostles)*)  
<https://youtu.be/5Jkv8XBV4-w>
  - 12) Epistle of Barnabas (written A.D. 80 – 120) // (*Likely the apostle Barnabas in the Book of Acts or another Apostle by the same name*)  
<https://youtu.be/RcROIWVOKfk>
- The Gospel of Jesus is wholly unique...Jesus Copy-Cat (of other mythical deities) Debunked
  - 1) <https://youtu.be/lkUKfRHsn3Y>

### Evidence for the Supernatural Crucifixion and Resurrection:

- Was Jesus crucified? Extra-Biblical references to the Crucifixion  
Refer to the above videos in the section “12 Extra-Biblical Sources”:
  - 1, 2, 5, 6 (remember Jesus was known as the “King of the Jews”), 8, 9, 11, 12
  - Babylonian Talmud (written 500-600 ad), is a central text for Rabbinic Judaism:
    - 1) <https://youtu.be/RHuiR8jk32k> // <https://youtu.be/oH0zJR343DQ> (*original source document as proof*)
- Crucifixion was supernatural? Supernatural crucifixion darkness mentioned by Secular Historians and likely the Chinese Emperor
  - Bible Verses about the 3 Hour Crucifixion Darkness in the Gospels of: Matthew, Mark, & Luke
    - 1) <https://youtu.be/Uk4yinA6QK0>
  - Why it wasn’t simply a common solar or annular eclipse. Solar and Annular Eclipses can last a maximum of 7.5 & 12.5 minutes respectively. Solar Eclipses can’t happen on the day of Passover (Jewish tradition commemorating the Exodus from Egypt)
    - 1) NASA.gov & Space.com on maximum length of Total and Annular Solar Eclipses:  
<https://youtu.be/6lz52MRnNAo>
    - 2) Solar Eclipses cannot happen on the day before the Passover which is when the Crucifixion happened:  
<https://youtu.be/1ewod4cAftU>

- Two Non-Christian Historians mention this: Thallus & Phlegon. Phlegon's darkness time agrees with scripture and even mentions an ensuing earthquake in two locations not mentioned in the context of the crucifixion— lending credence.
  - 1) Two Secular historians mention the Crucifixion Darkness within ~100 years of Jesus' crucifixion: Thallus & Phlegon <https://youtu.be/LvO3wbMmCAothi> // <https://youtu.be/PcMtB40KvDo> (*original source documents as proof*)
- Quite possibly, the Chinese Emperor also wrote about this (video includes a snapshot of the Chinese Annals themselves (you need to find someone who can read Chinese)):
  - 1) History of the Latter Han Dynasty, Volume 1, Chronicles of Emperor Guang Wu, 7<sup>th</sup> year & Annal No.18 the day of Gui Hai – mentions a great eclipse and the sins of the world are on a man from heaven who died (~31 AD). [https://youtu.be/UN\\_w7q\\_GS1A](https://youtu.be/UN_w7q_GS1A)
- How do we know Jesus really died on the cross?
  - Official stance of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*:
    - 1) <https://youtu.be/EN-JKbOhq2U>
- Was Jesus' tomb really empty?
  - Orthodox Jewish writings (thus, unfriendly to Christian views) hinting that the Jewish tradition at the time acquiesced to an empty tomb of Jesus.
    - 1) <https://youtu.be/XKZzbtupa9M> // <https://youtu.be/OxovPfyhsBo> (*original source documents as proof*)
  - Women are the first to find and relay the message that the tomb was empty. If the resurrection were a forgery intended to convince, this renders the account far less credible given the time in history.
    - 1) <https://youtu.be/ovopqHZn4XU>

#### Evidence that Jesus is the Messiah mentioned in the Old Testament:

- How do we know Jesus is the Messiah mentioned in the Old Testament?
  - 1) Jesus fulfilled over 350 messianic prophecies. <https://youtu.be/8CmabpLy96c>
  - 2) Jesus Prophecy Fulfillment Probability Project:  
According to a project led by Peter Stoner (*former Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena City College until 1953; Chairman of the science division, Westmont College, 1953–57; Professor Emeritus of Science, Westmont College; Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Astronomy, Pasadena City College*), with the help of the research of over 600 college students, determined the very conservative estimated chance of one man fulfilling even just 8 (out of more than 350 total) key and clear-cut prophecies is  $1 \times 10^{28}$ .

And of one man fulfilling these 8 prophecies since the time of Jesus onward to roughly the time this book was printed (1944),  $1 \times 10^{17}$ ; where there was a conservative estimate that  $1 \times 10^{11}$  people existed since the time of Christ. To visualize this, this is the example given in the book:

*“Let us try to visualize this chance. If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all of the tickets in a hat, and thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote using their own wisdom.”*

Chapter of Book found here: <https://youtu.be/CldvqCpi7Og>

#### Evidence that the New & Old Testament have NOT been Rewritten:

- How true to the originals is the New Testament of today?
  - The sheer and unchallenged quantity of manuscripts, precision, and nearness in date to the original [manuscript] should grant you solace in knowing that the events recorded in the New Testament are pure to the original – therefore, Jesus' teachings (e.g. the means to salvation), his life events, end time prophecies, epistles to evangelized cultures, etc... are true to the original words penned
    - 1) Published (2008) – <https://youtu.be/flg0mABVRhA>
    - 2) Updated publication on historic manuscript comparisons (2014). A truly amazing and in-depth study on the current set of unearthed manuscripts (Old and New Testaments) – <https://youtu.be/SVY44AaZaEs>
- What about the prophecies surrounding Jesus; how true to the original is the Old Testament? Have the prophecies been doctored after Jesus came on the scene to make his arrival seem prophetic?
  - Compare the Masoretic Text (the original texts our modern Old Testaments are based on) & the Dead Sea Scrolls.
    - 1) For years skeptics doubted the authenticity of the Old Testament prophecies (especially about the Messiah which match Jesus exactly) claiming it was written after the fact because the text the Old Testament was based on was written during ~500 -950 years after Jesus was born. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls changed all that since they were virtually identical to our Old Testament and were dated 100+ years before Jesus' birth. <https://youtu.be/T8ayKblCMWM>
- What about the historicity (historical authenticity) of the Old & New Testaments?
  - More than 50 characters in the Bible have been verified archaeologically – some, like with King David, were previously thought to be mythical characters by scholarly communities.
    - 1) On the 50+ Biblical Characters verified archaeologically – <https://youtu.be/qCdD4-uZXvA>
    - 2) Archaeological evidence for King David (once thought to be mythical) – <https://youtu.be/pFX7pJSviOM>