

Jesus, Crazy? Con-Artist? Or The Christ.

Hand out #4

Foundation of God's Character is love:

John 3:16-17

1 John 4:8

Why did Jesus come to planet earth?

1. To destroy the works of the devil: 1 John 3:8
2. To save us from our sins: Matthew 1:21
3. To preach good tidings and heal the hurt: Luke 4:18-19
4. To seek and save those who are lost: Luke 19:10
5. To setup his church and kingdom: Matthew 16:18-19
6. To fulfill the law: Matthew 5:17-18

There are a number of reasons why Jesus came to earth; the most central mission however was to reveal God's character. John 17:3-4

Who does Jesus claim to be?

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Light of the World

I am the Door

I am the Good Shepherd

I am the Resurrection and the Life

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life

I am the True Vine

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Does Jesus give proof that he was the Christ?

Acts 1:3

Two secular historians give an account of Jesus Christ existing

Flavius Josephus

Josephus was a Jewish historian who was born in either 37 or 38 AD and died some time after 100 AD. He wrote the Jewish Antiquities and in one famous passage described Jesus as a wise man, a doer of wonderful works and calls him the Christ. He also affirmed that Jesus was executed by Pilate and actually rose from the dead!

Cornelius Tacitus

Tacitus lived from A.D. 55 to A.D. 120. He was a Roman historian and has been described as the greatest historian of Rome, noted for his integrity and moral uprightness. His most famous works are the Annals and the Histories.

People who testify that Jesus was the Christ:

Testimony of strangers- John 4

Testimony of friends & followers- Luke 9:18-20

Testimony of his enemies- Matthew 27 & Matthew 28

Personal testimony