



BIG QUESTION

Did Jesus really exist?



Almost every historian, Christian or not, agrees that Jesus really lived. The Romans crucified him around AD 30, under the governor Pontius Pilate.

Within about twenty years, Paul was writing letters we still have. He had stayed with Peter and met “James, the Lord's brother.”

Writers who weren't Christians wrote about Jesus too. Josephus, a Jewish historian, wrote around AD 93. Pliny, a Roman governor, wrote to the emperor about Christians. And Tacitus, a Roman senator who couldn't stand Christians, wrote about Christus.



Who wrote it?

Draw a line from each writer to who he was. The story has the answers.

1 Paul



A A Roman senator who couldn't stand Christians

2 Josephus



B A follower of Jesus who met Peter and James

3 Tacitus



C A Roman governor who wrote to the emperor

4 Pliny



D A Jewish historian

Memory verse

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God...”

John 20:31

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Why does it help that people who weren't Christians wrote about Jesus?
2. Paul met Jesus's brother James. Why does that matter?
3. Jesus asks, “Who do you say I am?” What would you say?



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