

Who Was Jesus???

- Jesus was a Jew
- Grew up in Palestine
 - Born in Bethlehem,
 - Grew up in Nazareth
 - Poor Jewish ghetto (farmers), a lot of disease, life expectancy short, drought
- Area under Roman control
 - Jesus would have witnessed rebellion, persecution, unjust taxes



Jesus' Life...in a nutshell

- Born 6-4 BC (actual date unknown)

Aramaic



- Name: Jesus bar Joseph

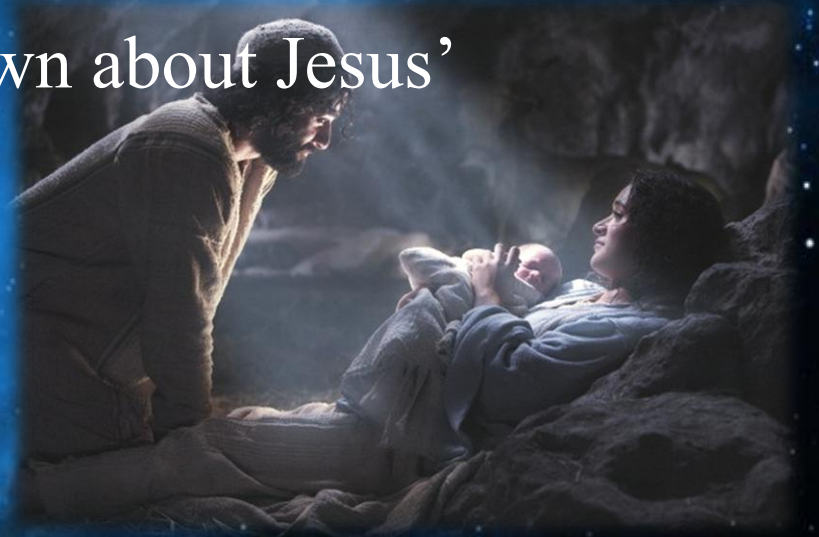
Joshua



Hebrew

son of

- “Hidden Life”: Little known about Jesus’ childhood



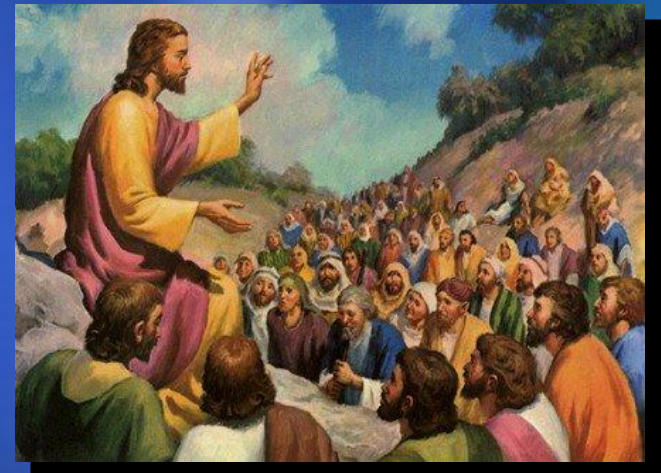
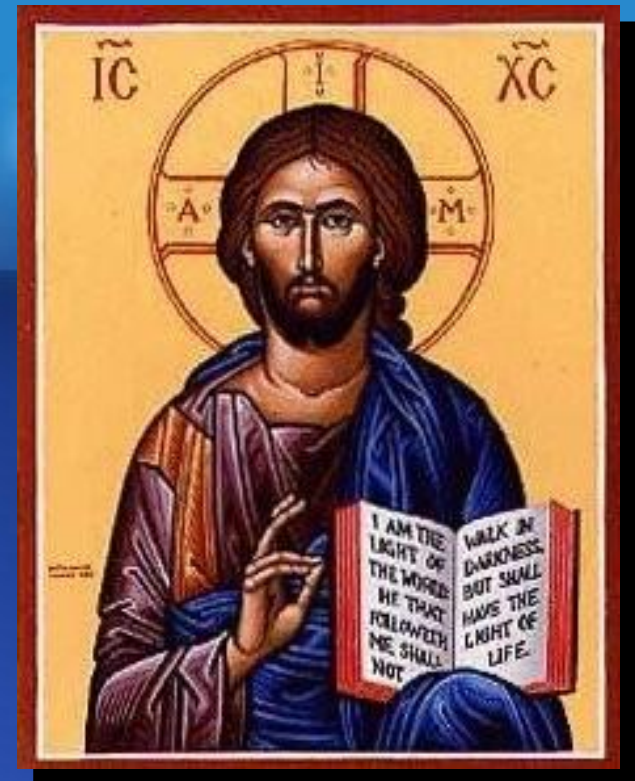
- **Appearance:**

- Rugged, face leathered and tan, well-muscled, dark hair and dark skin
- Typical height for a man at the time: Slightly over 5 feet

- 29 CE: Jesus becomes an itinerant preacher

moves

- For about 1-3 years
- During this time taught, performed miracles/healings



Jewish Belief

- Messiah: Special leader sent by God to save the Jewish people
- Messiah= Anointed One
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Hebrew
- Christos=Christ
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Greek
- Eventually followers of Jesus came to believe Jesus was the Messiah/Christos
- Christianity stems from Christos

Method of Teaching

- *Parables*: simple stories that contain a message/truth
 - ex: The Good Samaritan
- Served Three Purposes:
 1. to seek the right path in life
 2. the greatness of God's love
 3. importance of loving others



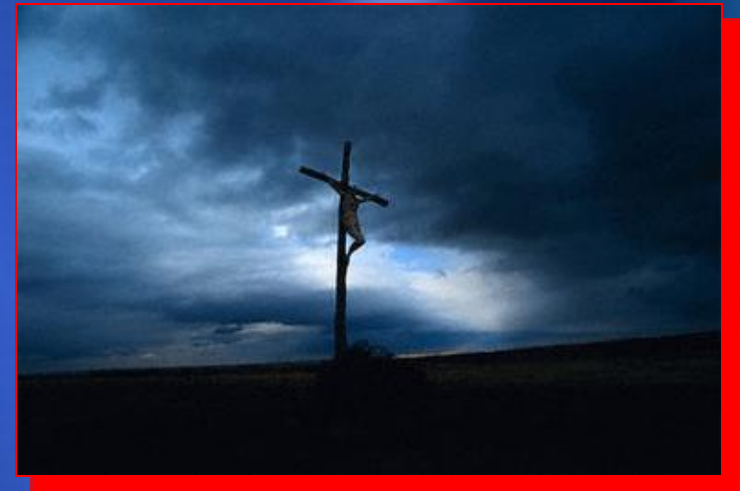
Jesus popularity didn't go over well with Rome

Crucifixion

1. Feared a revolt/rebellion
2. Feared Jesus wanted to be king
 - set up a new kingdom

Jesus arrested and questioned

- Sentenced by Roman governor
Pontius Pilate
- **Crucifixion: form of execution reserved for slaves/criminals**
- **Executed around 30 CE**



After the Crucifixion...

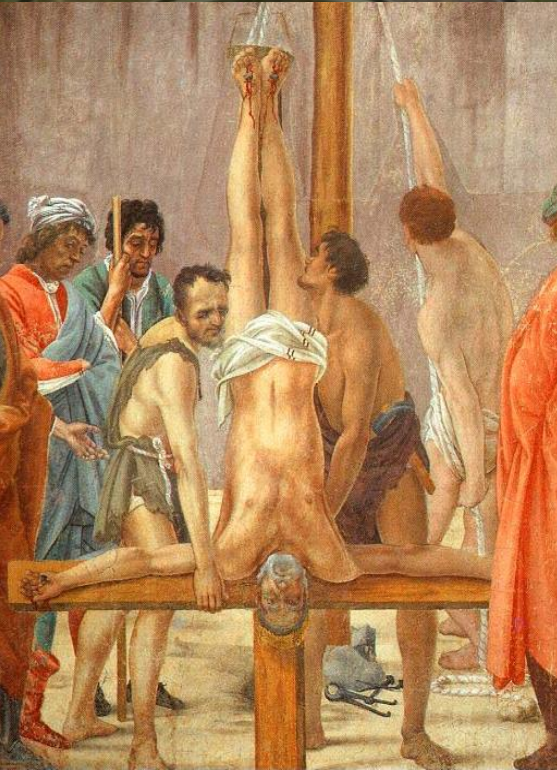
- After Jesus death & resurrection the Christians scattered to many cities
 - set up churches
 - spread the message of Jesus
- Christians were tortured and killed by the Romans
 - Christianity kept flourishing; many died spreading Jesus' message



Christianity in Rome



- Peter: first bishop, leader of the church
 - given the title *pope=father*
- Currently an estimated 6.7 billion people on the Earth.
 - Approximately 33% of those/ 2.2 billion, are Christian. 1.1 billion are Roman Catholic
- Christianity is the largest religion in the world by far.
 - Islam is currently growing at a higher rate than Christianity.



Vatican City is the smallest sovereign state in the world

- **The economy is dependent on the printing industry, production of coins, postage stamps and financial activities.**
- **supported by the annual tax collected from the Roman Catholic dioceses all over the world. The sale of coins and postage stamps of Vatican City also earns it quite an amount of revenue. It is also a tourist place.**
- **In 326 AD Emperor Constantine (who had Christianity officially recognized) built a Basilica over St Peter's tomb**

- **The flag of Vatican City has two bands of yellow, which are vertical and white, in the center of which are the crossed keys of Saint Peter**
- **The ethnic groups that reside in the state are: Italian, Swiss and many other nationalities from all over the world.**
- **population is approximately 932.**
- **Since it is a small state with a small population the crime rate is much higher than Italy and approximately 90% of the cases remain unsolved.**



The basilica's dome is the world's largest measuring 42m in diameter and reaching 138 meter high (more than 450ft).

- includes 45 altars, is decorated by St. Peter's Basilica
- many famous artists works appear here
- famous Swiss guards. Swiss Guard
 - Since 1506 when pope Julius II invited Helvetian soldiers to join the small Vatican army, they have been the guards of the Vatican and the pope in particular.



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