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## Apologetics Homework Assignment 15

Did Jesus Even Exist?

Workbook pages 25-28

### Factual claims made about Jesus in the Bible:

Look up each Bible verse in the right-hand column, and draw a line to match it to the claim that it makes about Jesus in the left-hand column.

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| 1. His mother named him Jesus  | John 11:45-53   |
| 2. Jesus was called Christus (“Christ”) in Greek                         | Luke 23:32-33   |
| 3. Jesus had a brother named James                                       | Matthew 1:21-25 |
| 4. Jewish leaders of that day expressed unfavorable opinions about Jesus | Mark 6:1-5      |
| 5. Pilate rendered a decision that Jesus should be executed              | Mark 8:27-29    |
| 6. Jesus’ execution was specifically by crucifixion                      | Mark 15:12-15   |

### Factual claims made about Jesus outside the Bible:

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions. This excerpt was taken from an ancient book by Flavius Josephus (“joe-SEE-fuss”), an ancient Jewish author who lived in the time of the apostles of Christ. Specifically, the excerpt is from *The Antiquities of the Jews*, book 18, chapter 3, paragraph 3.

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.

7. Name two things that Josephus claims Jesus did.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Modern scholars generally agree that the original version of this passage was about Jesus, but that some of it has been changed to sound more positive about Jesus. Josephus himself, for example, never actually became a Christian. Write one quote from the text above that would probably not be written by a non-Christian.

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9. What is the benefit of learning what non-Christian people of ancient times said about Jesus? (2 pts)

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### Memory Work:

1 Corinthians 15:6: [Jesus] appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

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## **Books of the Bible**

Don't Forget! From now on, books of the Bible will appear as extra credit opportunities on memory quizzes.

Past students have found it helpful to learn the song at <https://youtu.be/K9DodTRI3vU> for this assignment  
(or just search for "Books of the Bible song" on Youtube)

### Torah

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

### Prophecy, Part 2

Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

### History

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

### Gospels & Acts

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts

### Wisdom

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

### Pauline Epistles

Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians  
1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon

### Prophecy, Part 1

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah

### General Epistles & Prophecy

Hebrews  
James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude  
Revelation