

# Welcome to the Sanctified Skeptic: Finding Faith Through the Facts

## Day 3 – Did Jesus Really Exist?

*He's not just a story. He's a person rooted in history.*

Maybe you've heard:

"Jesus is just a myth—like Zeus, Thor, or a bedtime story that got out of hand."

But what if Jesus is *the* most historically verified person of His time... and the real question isn't "Did He exist?"

It's: **Will you respond to who He claimed to be?**

Skepticism is healthy when it's honest. But history doesn't leave much room for doubt on this one: **Jesus of Nazareth lived, taught, was crucified, and launched a movement that changed the world.**

Secular historians like Tacitus, Josephus, and Pliny the Younger—not Christians—mention Jesus by name and reference His death and the early Christian movement.

These are not religious texts—they're ancient receipts stamped in Roman ink.

Even **Bart Ehrman**, a secular agnostic scholar, says:

"The idea that Jesus did not exist is a fringe theory that no serious historian takes seriously."

Luke 1:1-3 (AMP) shows us that Scripture itself was written as *investigative history*: "Since [as is well known] many have undertaken to compile an orderly account of the things which have been fulfilled among us... it seemed fitting for me also... to write an orderly account for you... so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught."

Christianity doesn't rest on blind belief—it rests on verifiable history.

And that history leads to one unavoidable question:

**If Jesus was real... what do you do with Him now?**

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## Devotional Scriptures (AMP):

— **Luke 1:3-4 AMP**

*"It seemed fitting for me as well, [and so I have decided] after having carefully searched out and investigated all the events accurately, from the very beginning, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact*

*truth about the things you have been taught [that is, the history and doctrine of the faith].”*

— **Matthew 16:15 AMP**

*“Jesus said to them, ‘But who do you [yourselves] say that I am?’”*

**Reflection:**

Have you ever questioned whether Jesus really existed?

What new evidence or insights surprise you?

Ask God to help you see Jesus not just as a historical figure—but as your personal Savior.

**If you’ve downloaded the devotional PDF for today, go to Day 3 and say this simple declaration and prayer with me.**

**Declaration & Prayer:**

**I believe Jesus existed and changed history forever** (Luke 1:3-4)

**I seek to understand who Jesus truly is and what He means for my life** (Matthew 16:15)

**I welcome both historical truth and spiritual revelation** (John 20:31)

**I am open to the evidence that points to Jesus as the Son of God** (Romans 1:4)

Jesus, I want to know You.

Thank You for anchoring truth in history and inviting me to explore it honestly.

Open my eyes to what’s real—not just what’s popular or comfortable.

Draw me closer to the truth that leads to life.

In Your name, Amen.

**Challenge:**

Look up two non-Christian historical sources that mention Jesus (e.g., Josephus, Tacitus).

Write down one quote that stands out—and reflect on what it means for your view of Jesus.

**Additional Scripture:**

—**John 20:31 (AMP)** “but these have been written so that you may believe [with a deep, abiding trust] that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of God; and that by believing [and trusting in and relying on Him] you may have life in His name.”

—**Romans 1:4 (AMP)** “and [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly designated to be the Son of God with power [in a triumphant and miraculous way] by *His* resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”