

WHY ARE THERE NO HISTORICAL RECORDS OF JESUS?

Many people have asked this question. My own answer is based upon that simple word ETERNITY, so before we look at answering the question, let's remind ourselves about what that really is. To help us answer the question, the definition of eternity is not a simple 'It's a long time', 'it goes on forever', 'it's everlasting', and other quick replies. The following is a simple guide based upon a MEASUREMENT.

When human beings are fit in mind and body, they could expect to live for around 100 years. If we represented this on a tape measure as being 1 mm long; about the width of a needle. It would only need a very tiny bit of tape to represent it.

If we used the same scale to measure 2000 years when Our Lord Jesus Christ was on earth, we would need to show this as being 2cm, about the width of an adult thumb. Again, only a tiny bit of tape measure is needed, but 2000 years is a long time for human beings.

If we wanted to represent eternity on our tape measure, it would go all the way around our earth many times, then go out into space and never stop. This is an immense measurement, a tape that has no end.

OUR LIFE IN TERMS OF TIME IS NOTHING WHEN COMPARED TO ETERNITY.

Realising the unending vastness of eternity is crucial. Now, we can examine the above main question.

Throughout history, great nations, such as the Egyptians, Romans, Greeks, and many others have recorded their way of life and especially their triumphs in books, on papyrus, reeds, paper and on stone. This is probably why people ask the above question about Jesus, especially in Roman records.

We must remember that the Roman empire was built upon conquest for riches and slavery for a workforce. Jesus' followers were called Christians and practised his teachings of love: love God, one another, and even enemies. When we look at what Rome taught its people and other nations about conquest and slavery, Christianity must have been anathema to it.

The only possible answer to the teachings of Jesus was to eliminate Christianity and its followers into obscurity in any way possible. They certainly had the power, desire, money, ruthless methods and unlimited resources to do so.

WHY DID THEY FAIL? Especially as some methods used by the Romans included such things as boiling in oil, being stoned to death, crucifixion, being thrown to gladiators or wild beasts in the arena. As well as these ruthless and painful ways of putting people to death for being Christians, they also tried persuasion and bribery. Some of these pressures worked, but not for most Christians. The Romans tried all this, yet within 400 years Christianity became the religion of ROME.

Since Jesus founded Christianity, the Romans would have wanted to remove his name into oblivion, which explains why the name Jesus was not mentioned in Roman records.

SO WHY DID THEY FAIL?

The answer is very simple:

CHRISTIANS WERE PROMISED SOMETHING FAR BETTER THAN ANYTHING THE ROMANS COULD OFFER.

It was so much better that many sang while being put to death. They had witnessed what Jesus had taught or knew people who were witnesses. When asked why he was here on earth, Jesus had a simple answer:
TO SAVE SINNERS

He explained that when they died, their immortal souls were allowed to live with God in Paradise for all eternity, but only if they lived according to God's laws, that is THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

This is where our understanding of eternity comes in. These early Christians understood why their lifetimes were nothing compared to eternity. If they were to be tortured all their lives, this was nothing when compared to their soul, living with God in Paradise for all ETERNITY.

Although they were able to prevent their historians from using the name Jesus, this didn't stop the teachings of Jesus Christ from being told within the Roman Empire or anywhere else.