

Chris Jones to Atheists Against Pseudoscientific Nonsense

"Did Jesus really exist?"

The simple answer is: No.

Jesus (Yeshua) never actually existed. There is no historical evidence that such a man ever was. When was he born? Not on Christmas. When did he die? Not on Easter. Where was he born? Locals in Bethlehem tell tourists Jesus was born there, even though there's no evidence that the town even existed before the 6th Century.

If we dig a little deeper the situation only gets more murky. Is there any evidence that Judea ever had a Roman governor named Pilate? No. Mary and Joseph were his parents? When were they born? When did they die? Where were they buried?

Increasingly it becomes only more problematic when we see that the Gospels were all written long after the events they supposedly chronicle (badly). The Gospels are so rife with legend and contradiction that they cannot even agree on what the last word of the dying Christ are supposed to be.

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

"My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34) and (Matthew 27:46)

It doesn't help that there are no writings one can attribute to Jesus and that no historian that was alive in the early 1st century makes any mention of such a man. Tacitus (56-120) mentions Jesus but he also mentions Hercules.

It's high time to admit that Jesus was a myth no different than King Arthur, Krishna and Thor.