THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW

Who is Jesus?

"The historian's test of an individual's greatness is 'What did he leave to grow? Did he help men think about new ideas with a vigor that persisted after he was gone?'"

H.G. Wells

"By this test, Jesus stands first."

H.G. Wells

"I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history."

H.G. Wells

"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene... No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus.

His personality pulsates in every word.

No myth is filled with such life."

Albert Einstein

"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of people would die for Him."

Napoleon Bonaparte

"Socrates dies with honor, surrounded by his disciples listening to the most tender words – the easiest death that one could wish to die.

Jesus dies in pain, dishonor, mockery, the object of universal cursing, the most horrible death that one could fear."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

"At the receipt of the cup of poison, Socrates blesses him who could not give it to him without tears; Jesus, while suffering the sharpest pains, prays for His most bitter enemies. If Socrates lived and died like a philosopher, Jesus lived and died like a god."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

"Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander the Great, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined;"

Philip Schaff

"without the eloquence of school, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times."

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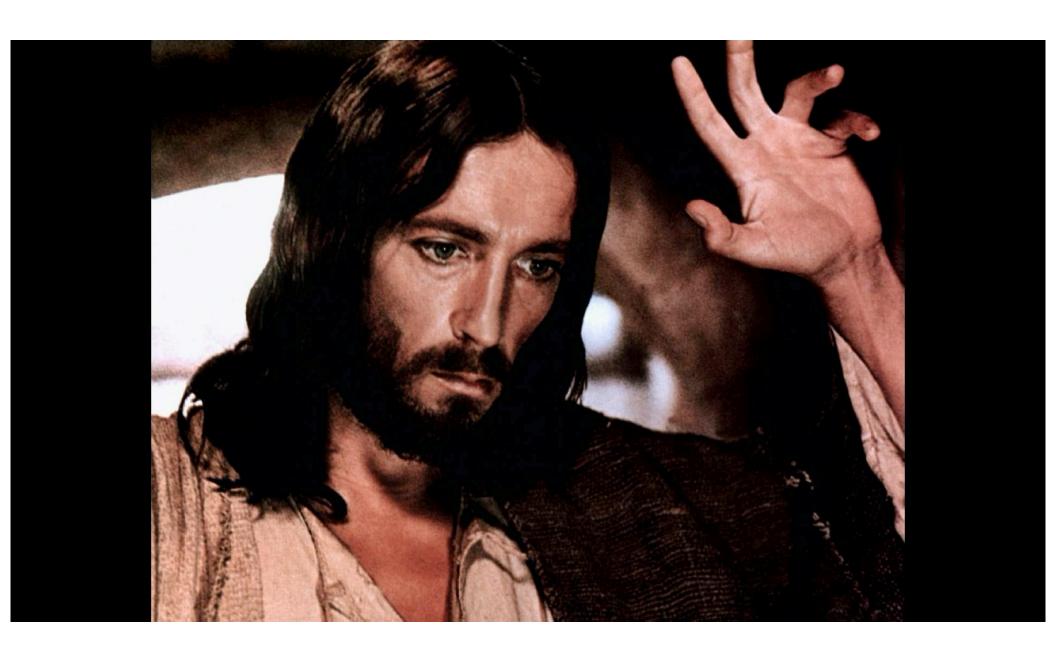






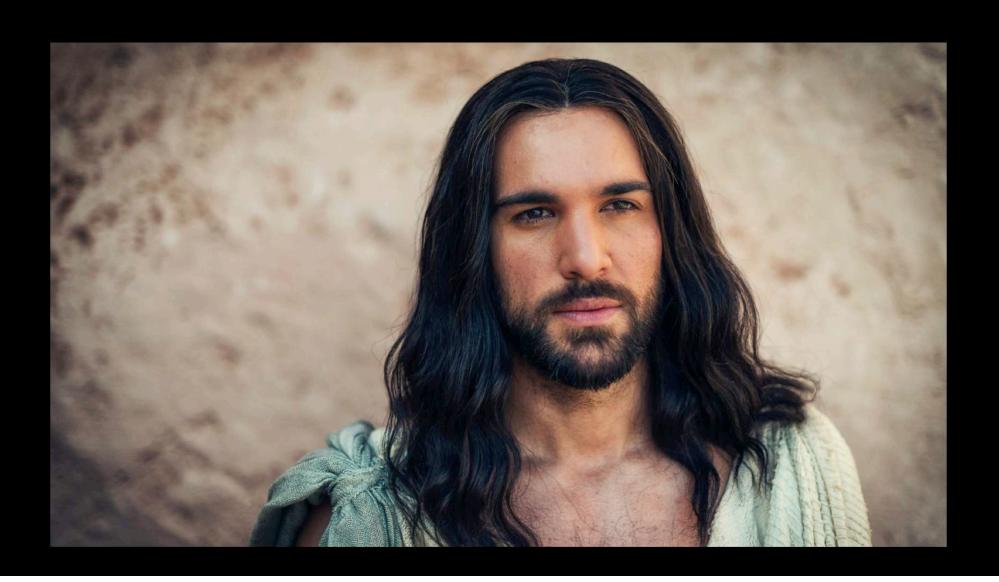


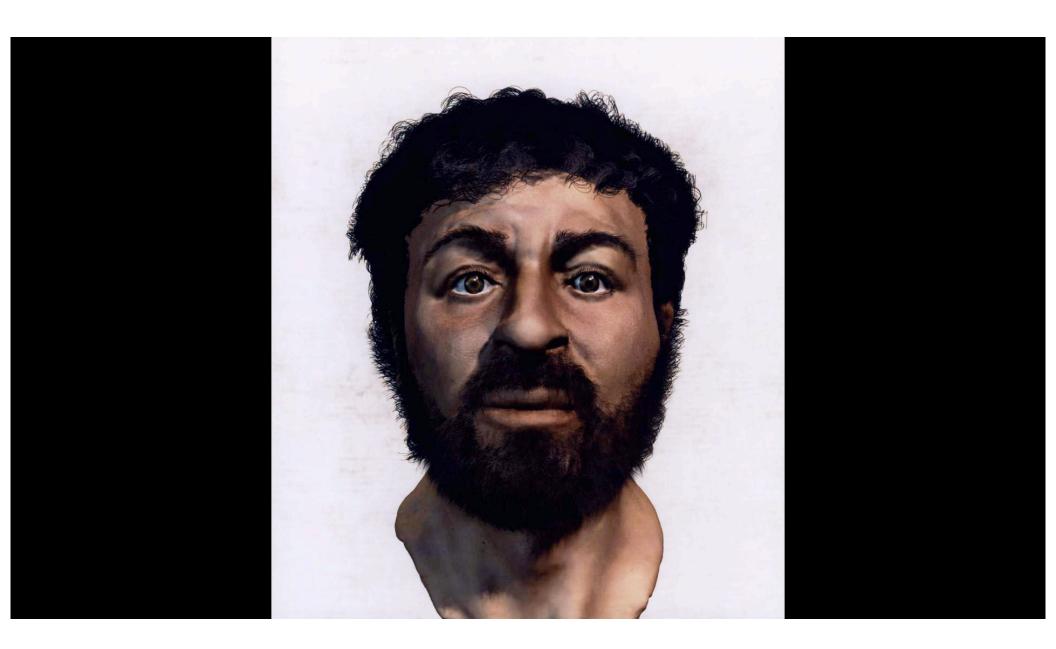


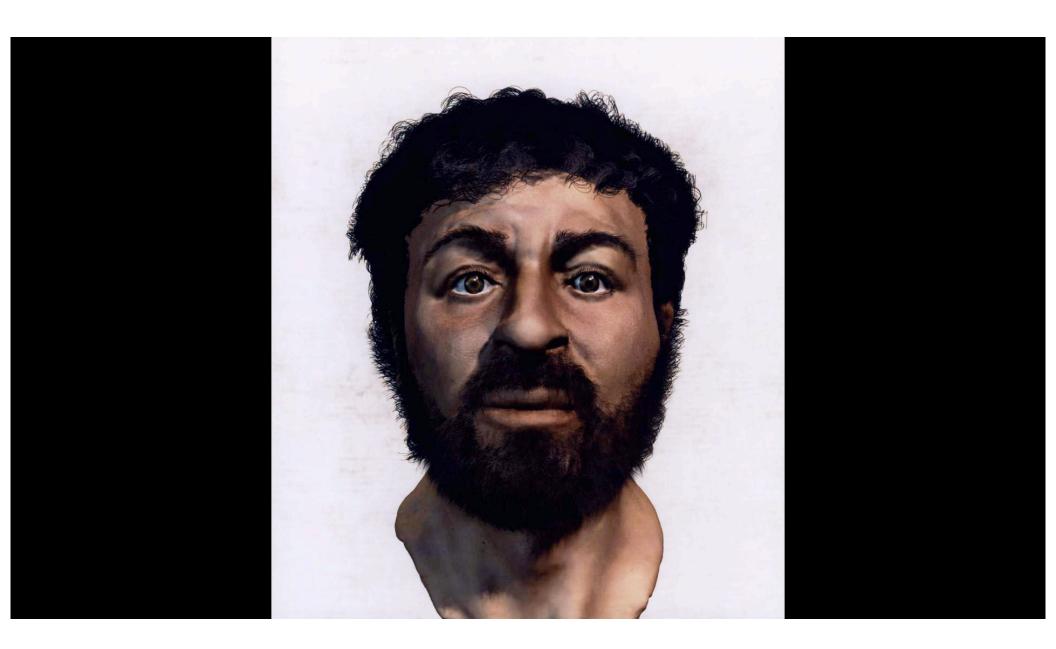


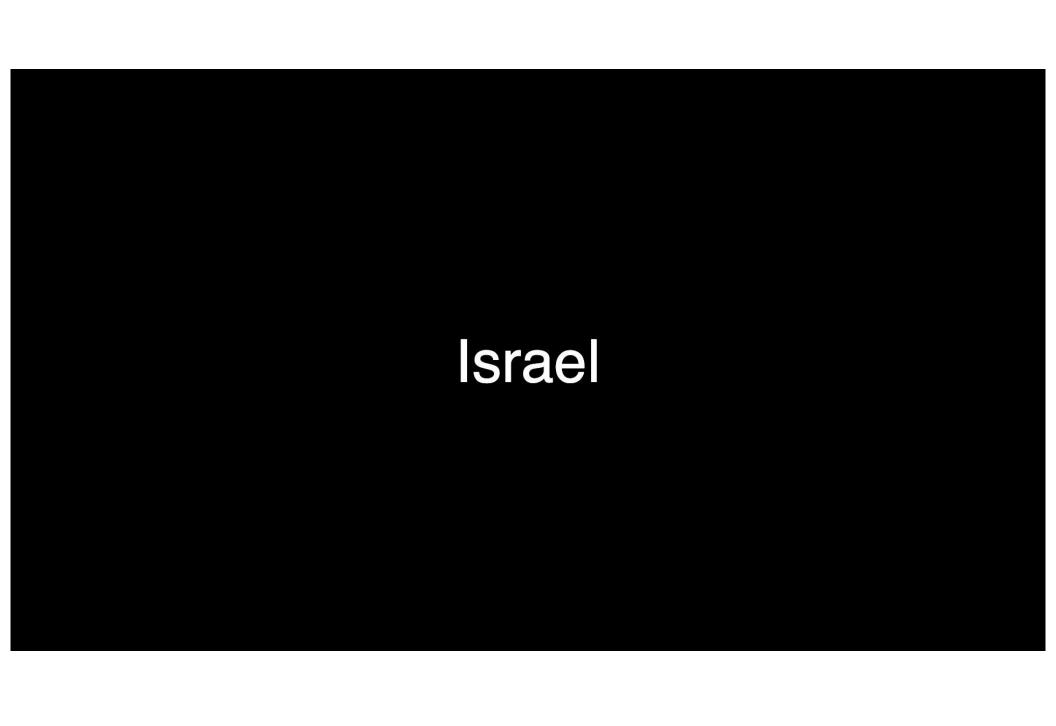












Rome

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the highpriesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, **Luke 3:1-2 NIV** the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 3:2 NIV

The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:5 NIV

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

Luke 3:15 NIV

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

John 1:19 NIV

He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

John 1:20 NIV

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

John 1:21 NIV

Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John 1:22 NIV

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

John 1:23 NIV

Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

John 1:24-25 NIV

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

John 1:26 NIV

He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

John 1:27 NIV

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John 1:29 NIV

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Jesus came to die on the cross in my place for my sin.

To forgive us

To justify us

To redeem us

To save us

To take away our sin

To prove God's love for us to us

The Lamb of God came into the world to prove the love of God for the world.

Your past is no longer a memorial of guilt but a trophy of grace.