

Today's Class

- Introduction: How do we “study about Jesus?”
- The Historical Jesus of the Bible
- What Jesus said about himself
- What others said about Jesus

The Historical Jesus of the Bible

- Jesus' birth and early life: *Jesus was born to an unmarried Jewish couple who lived in the general area of modern Israel/Palestine*
 - Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:21-24, Luke 2:41-42
- Jesus' period of ministry: *At the age of 30, Jesus began a teaching and healing ministry that lasted apx. three years.*
 - Luke 3:21-23
 - Mt 4:23-25
- Jesus' rejection by the religious leadership: *Jesus met with resistance from the religious established, spent a tumultuous week in Jerusalem, climaxed (so people thought) with his execution by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman government.*
 - Mt 26:1-5, 26:14-16
 - Mt 27:20-23
- Jesus rose from the dead: *Though clearly physically dead on the cross, Jesus rose again and was seen by many witnesses.*
 - John 19:28-35
 - John 20:24-29

What Jesus Said About Himself

- Sent by God, the Father
 - John 5:36-40
 - John 7:28-29
- The bread of life
 - John 6:35-40
- Jesus existed before Abraham, and Jesus knew Abraham.
 - Jn 8:54-58
- The Good Shepherd
 - John 10:14-18

THE WAY to GOD

- **John 14:6-7**

What others said about Jesus

- God
 - Mark 1:9-11
- The apostle Peter
 - John 6:68-69
 - Mt 16:13-17
- The apostle John
 - John 20:30-31
 - John 1:1-5, 10-14
- The apostle Paul
 - Col 1:15-20

Summary

According to the Bible...

- Jesus was a real, physical man, raised under the Jewish Law and traditions
- Jesus preached a message of repentance
- Jesus was crucified, rose from the dead
- Jesus claimed close fellowship with God
- Jesus claimed to be the only way to God
- Jesus is co-eternal with God, the Father
- Through the blood of Jesus, we may be reconciled to God.