

## Jesus' Effect on Our World

Our calendar is dated from the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ! It is over 2000 years since Bethlehem! And we owe Him an eternal debt of gratitude for coming into this world.

## Are You Living Like This Never Happened?

All man's religious attempts have only added to the problems of this life. None of our problems are fixed by our good works, no matter how noble they may be. Only Jesus can save us! Jesus came not to be just another man in a long line of religious teachers. He came to be *the Lamb of God*, to take away the sins of the world! (John 1:29) The angel said, "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt 1:21). Without Him, none of us could be reconciled to an all holy and righteous God! *That's why the first Christmas happened!* And that's exactly what our modern world is missing today!

We started going in the wrong direction when we moved away from the Lord of Christmas! We may have our "religion" but the problem is that we don't have Jesus! "***Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners***" (1 Timothy 1:15). Our greatest need is to be saved from sin so we don't have to face the eternal consequences of our sin. Have you been saved from your sin? Have you invited Jesus Christ into *your life*? Have you asked Him to save you from *your sin*?

## Take a good look at the way you are living.

You are probably living as though you are just fine. You live a good enough life; you don't harm anyone on purpose, and when you die you will most likely end up in heaven – that is, if there is a heaven! And that is exactly where we have come to in our society, my friend. We are not sure any more about God and the Bible. Our modern information age has robbed us of our faith in God. Yes, our modern age can explain away a lot of things, but it cannot explain away the guilt we feel because of sin.

You sin! We all sin, and those sins separate us from the God of Heaven now and forever unless those same sins are taken away. Only Jesus can remove sin. We will not find forgiveness by doing good, going to church or being religious. We can only find *eternal life* by placing our faith, not in a church, but in what Jesus has done for us on the cross of Calvary. "***The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord***" (Romans 6:23). *Have you received that gift?*

**So what should you do now?** Talk to God! Repent of your sin, and stop trying to earn His forgiveness. Believe Jesus did everything needed to offer you forgiveness, and ask Him *to save you right now!* He will! "***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***" (Romans 10:13). Admit to God you need more than "a little help" – you need Jesus! Talk to God right now.



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## What if Jesus had never been born?

Would it make any difference to this world? What if there were no angels singing or shepherds running to see where He was born? What if there really was no manger? What if we took Jesus completely out of the picture? **Would it still be Christmas?** Perhaps many would say it wouldn't make any difference at all. The shops would still be packed; the turkey would still be baked; we would still have the gifts, the lights, and the Santa. But would anyone miss the baby that was placed in the manger?

And yet, the truth is that if Jesus had never been born, the only true source of hope would be gone! The Child of Bethlehem, who was Jesus the Nazarene, has had the single greatest impact on humanity. He has changed virtually every aspect of human life for the better: from the way that we treat each other to the way we care for the weak and infirm. He has also changed how we view and treat material possessions!

By just being born, Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh, made an enormous impact on history. Yet, most people give little or no thought to the critical importance of His coming!

## One Solitary Life

By Dr. James Allen Francis, 1926 (Modified)

This child was born in an obscure village, to a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three brief years as an itinerant preacher. He proclaimed a message about a different life. He never wrote a book. He never held a political office. He never raised an army. He never had a family of his own. He never owned a home. He never went to college. He never travelled more than two hundred kilometres from the place where He was born. Yet He did gather a little group of friends about him and taught them His way of life. While still a young man, the tide of popularity turned against him. One of His friends denied knowing him; and another betrayed him. He was turned over to His enemies, where He went through the mockery of a false trial. Within hours, He was whipped, beaten and cruelly nailed to a cross between two thieves and left to die. And when He died, He was hastily laid in a borrowed grave out of pity by a friend. Yet those are not all the facts about this life! Because, three days later He rose from the dead! And today, 2000 years later, we realise that "***all the armies that ever marched, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as much as this one solitary life!***"

## Before Jesus came, human life had little value.

- Children were easily abandoned, especially if they were weak or sickly.
- Women were treated like slaves
- Most of the Roman empire was made up of slaves
- Cruel blood sports were the entertainment of the day as men fought to the death against animals or other men
- Human sacrifice was rampant in worship
- Suicide was seen as a noble exit from this life.
- Drug induced abortions, and euthanasia were the norm in homes where there were too many mouths to feed.
- A person's worth consisted only in the things he possessed and in the slaves he owned.

## But Jesus Came!

Human life received dignity through Christianity. Many gave of themselves sacrificially to open up hospitals to care for the sick and dying. Henry Dunant, among them, started The Red Cross. Democracy is built upon the teachings of Jesus who taught all people (not just the rich) are of immense value, especially to God! It took a while, but women were made equal, slaves were freed, and people became equal as cultural barriers came down between different nationalities. Cruel sports were abandoned and human sacrifices were stopped! Not because of religious institutions, but because of the effect of Jesus Christ upon hearts! The good news is that He still can affect human hearts today!