## Yes ... Jesus Does Exist

Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, who came down from Heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. This is the essence of the Creed that many Christians say every week at Services.

We should all believe in Jesus Christ. To me, believing is not an option. Jesus was a reality. To claim that He never existed, or was a mere prophet, or that He is simply a myth or legend, or a figment of people's imagination, is to ignore reality. Do people believe that Julius Caesar, or Plato or Alexander the Great existed? There are thousands more surviving documents testifying to Jesus' existence, His life and His works than there are for Caesar, Plato, Alexander or any other "historical" person from antiquity. Certainly, no massive conspiracy could have created such a widespread and enduring myth or legend as Jesus.

I know that Jesus exists. How can I know that? Do you love your mother and your father? If they have passed away and gone to Heaven, don't you still love them? Of course you do. You loved them while they were here on earth and you still love them now that they are in Heaven. But answer this, do you love Mickey Mouse, Superman or Spiderman? Of course not. You may like these fictional characters, but you can only love that which is real. Like your parents. And that's how I know Jesus exists. Because I love Him. Even though he is not here on earth, I love him just like I love my parents who are now in Heaven with Him.

Apostle Peter said; "although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy," (1 Peter 1:8)

I know I loved my parents and I know they loved me. There is no gauge, no digital readout, no dipstick to let you measure and quantify that love, but I know that it was real. True, you could look for evidence of that love by the way we treated and took care of each other, but you could not grab hold of it and measure it. We can see the same evidence of our love for Jesus and His love for us. Those who can look at the world and not see evidence of Jesus' love are truly blind. Those that look and can see only the pain and suffering are missing the point. My parents would be disappointed with me when I let them down and punish me if I deserved it. Likewise, we can disappoint and be punished by Jesus. But their love was there and so is Jesus'. To know that Jesus is real and not myth, you only have to know His Love.

It's Lent and the Passion and Joy of Easter will soon be here. Tell everyone Jesus Does Exist!

**God Bless!** 

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