

The name of Jesus Christ has continued to be researched and sought after throughout human history. Exactly who is Jesus of Nazareth? Many want to know.....many think they know. The good news is that He can be known.

Have you ever thought about why Jesus was born when He was, or considered the world conditions that Jesus lived in as a man? To know Jesus for whom He really is, we must consider the world into which he was born....

A. The History and Government of Rome

Sermon Notes:

Bible Verses to Study

Matthew 2:13-23, Luke 3:1-3; 23:1-16

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What kind of government was Jesus born into?*
- 2. How was Jesus treated by the established government?*
- 3. How can this knowledge affect a person who is considering the claims of Jesus today?*
- 4. How can you as a believer use this knowledge in your own walk with God and in your efforts to share Jesus with your world?*

B. The Religious world of Palestine

Sermon Notes:

Bible Verses to Study

Matthew 23:1-39

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Describe and discuss the “religious world” that Jesus lived in.*
- 2. How is it like or unlike our world today?*
- 3. How does this knowledge help you see Christ more clearly?*

3. The Morality of the Roman Empire

Sermon Notes:

Bible Verses to Study

Galatians 4:3-4

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Discuss Galatians 4:4 in reference to when, why and how Jesus came into this world. What does this mean to today’s world?*