

“What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?”

1. Explain why you do, or do not, agree with the following statement:
Even if the Resurrection of Jesus were a hoax, the world has benefitted immeasurably by the influence of Christ's teachings and so we should continue to spread the gospel even if it turned out to be pure fiction.

Read what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:17–19. Why did Paul say that “your faith is worthless” if Christ has not been raised from the dead? Isn't he ignoring the great benefits of Jesus' example and teachings *that stand on their own*?

2. Tell what you imagine your condition would be without the influence of Christ in your life. (For this exercise, assume that Christ has come into the world, but just not into your life.)

Now really stretch your imagination. Tell what you think your life would be like without the influence of Christ in the world at all.

3. Jesus calls us to be salt and light in the world. What worthy organizations or ministries are you involved with, or aware of, that are making a real difference in the lives of people around the world? How can an ordinary person have an impact through these organizations?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?