

Did Jesus really exist?

If Jesus never existed, how can you explain the origin of the revolutionary ideas about God that were attributed to Him? After you throw a pebble into the water, only the ripples remain. However, it can be inferred that a pebble, or something like it, must have existed, because the ripples must have a point of origin. In the case of Christianity, a theological tidal wave of epic proportions originated at about the time of Jesus. The most plausible explanation for the origin of those theological ripples is the person, Jesus. The movement began its greatest surge of growth less than 30 years later, under the leadership of the Apostle Paul, who was definitely an actual historical figure. Paul, by his own testimony, was personally acquainted with the disciples of Jesus. Every single individual involved in that great early Christian tidal wave attributed its origin to the man, Jesus. These ideas didn't gradually develop over a two hundred year period, as skeptics claim. They emerged in all of their full-blown glory and completeness (in writing) only 30 years later. No serious Biblical scholar disputes the dating of the earliest letters of Paul. The Gospel of Luke was written by one of Paul's missionary companions, and it was not the first Gospel to be written. If Jesus never existed, someone or something else must have been the originator of the movement. If that other person were the true originator, don't you think there would be a record of that somewhere? Great movements such as this don't originate spontaneously, without a cause. The only possible cause would be the person of Jesus. 100% of all followers of this movement attested to this. There is no contradictory testimony, written or otherwise, anywhere!!!!!!