



LESSON PLAN

CHAPTER 2

Seekers Summit

Std 11th & 12th

Jesus: The Historical Person

Objective

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

1. Understand and explain the historical evidence that supports the life of Jesus.
2. Strengthen their faith in Jesus through factual, archaeological and literary references.
3. Develop the ability to respond to doubts regarding Jesus' existence.
4. Recognize Jesus not only as a historical person but also as the divine Son of God and Savior

Introduction

Begin with the question:

"If someone asked you how you know Jesus lived, what would you say?"

Collect a few spontaneous answers.

Presentation

Use a PowerPoint presentation or chart to present the four major sources of historical evidence:

A. The Gospels

Written 65–95 AD, based on eyewitness accounts.

Supported by early manuscripts like (Gospel of John).

Real people: Pilate, Herod, Augustus Caesar.

Real events: Census, Crucifixion.

B. Early Christian Communities

Direct disciples and eyewitnesses spread the message.

Archaeological proof (e.g., Dura-Europos House Church, 3rd century).

Catacombs: Artwork and worship confirming belief in Jesus.

C. Historical Writings

Jewish Writers: Talmud, Midrashim – mention Jesus' trial and crucifixion.

Flavius Josephus: Describes Jesus as "a wise man" and "Christ."

Roman Writers: Pliny the Younger, Tacitus – refer to Christ and early Christians.

D. Places & Monuments

Church of the Nativity, Jordan River, Mount Tabor, Golgotha, Holy Sepulchre.

Historical geography of Jesus' journeys matches today's map of Galilee and Judea

Habit formation

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Activity

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Bible Verse

– 1 Corinthians 15:14

> "And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain."

Conclusion

1. Jesus is a historical person.
2. Jesus is fully God and fully man.
3. Jesus, the historical person and Son of God, is the only Saviour of the world.