

BORN INTO POVERTY CHANGED HISTORY



Jesus has been the dominant historical figure for the last 20 centuries. Even our dating system divides time before and after his life. His influence has shaped every part of our social and political fabric and countless people around the world claim to have a real, personal relationship with him that gives them meaning and motivates their actions.

We can forget that this Jesus is the same Jesus born in a stable and laid in an animal feeding trough. This Jesus was a refugee, fleeing with his parents to Egypt as a young child. This Jesus was a carpenter's apprentice, and then an itinerant preacher with no home and few possessions. He died a criminal's death and was buried in a borrowed tomb. Resurrected to new life, he came to the marginalised and poor.

The Jews had been waiting for a saviour, a 'Messiah,' for centuries before Jesus' birth. Struggling under multiple foreign powers from the Babylonians to the Assyrians to the Romans,

they had pinned their hope on a great military leader who would gain them victory and national independence.

Jesus was not what they had been expecting. His power was in weakness. He transformed through love. He gathered society's rejects around him and challenged the authorities. They thought executing him would shut him up, but he was raised to life and continues to live.

Maybe Jesus isn't what you think you need. But he is. He has changed history and he can change your story. Is now the time to get to know him?

