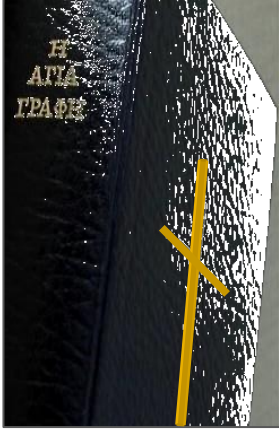


## The Jesus Accounts: Fact or Fiction?

### Who is Jesus?



Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He is the founder of their faith, Christianity. He was born in Bethlehem around 2000 years ago and was a travelling preacher. He was crucified by the Romans aged 33 and Christians believe that he rose from the dead three days later. Approximately one in every three people in the world is categorized as a Christian.

Read these two statements taken from the internet:

*'Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history.'*

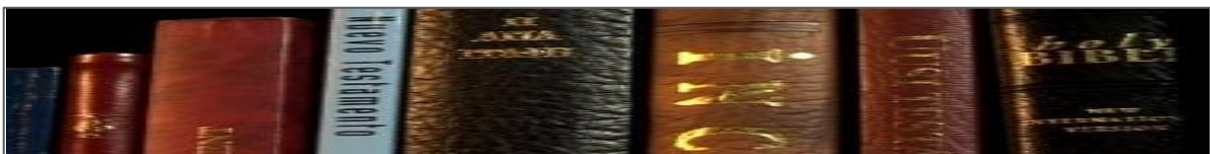
H. G. Wells, British author.

*'I now feel it is more reasonable to suppose he [Jesus] never existed.'*

F. R. Zindler, Author and Editor of 'American Atheist Magazine'.

H. G. Wells believed in God, but was not a Christian, believing that all religions have truth in them. F. R. Zindler is an atheist and, therefore, does not believe in God.

*Think about how their viewpoints have influenced their views about Jesus. What is your viewpoint – do you believe in God? How may your viewpoint influence what you believe about Jesus? What would need to happen to change your viewpoint?*



*Make a list of what you know about Jesus or things that the narrator told you in the documentary. Tick everything you consider to be true and put a question mark against anything you are not sure about. Compare your list with that of your neighbour in class. Explain why you have put question marks against some of the statements on your list.*