



Jesus Christ of Nazareth, a Galilean carpenter turned itinerant minister whose appeals to piety and whose repute as a healer had galvanized a growing contingent of believers died on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate just outside Jerusalem. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood, only days after his followers had welcomed him triumphantly to the city as “the anointed one” and “the Son of David.” He was about 33.

His family was devoutly Jewish, probably one of a hundred or so Jewish families in a windswept, mostly mud-and-brick hilltop village in lower Galilee populated largely by peasants and laborers. Although it is only an hour’s walk from cosmopolitan Sephoris, the Nazareth in which he was born still remains unidentified on most maps, an indication of its insignificance.

Even less is known about Jesus’s youth. He was born Yeshua bar Joseph (his very name, “Yahweh saves,” or freedom, after Joshua, could be considered incitable), in all likelihood in Nazareth (he was known as “the Nazarean”). Some adherents, however, insist that he was born in Bethlehem, a claim that would polish his bona fides as an heir to King David.

Jesus spoke Aramaic, probably with a smattering of Hebrew and Greek, but although Nazareth had a synagogue, there is no record of his having had access to a formal education. Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the good news, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind.



## Order of Worship

### Prelude

Don Gibson

### Opening Prayer

Jane Hill

### Welcome

Sterling Bolden

### Worship through Music

### Church Life

### Intercessory Prayer

Barbara Williamson

### Worship through Music

Shepherd’s Adult Choir

### Mission Statement

Harold Lane

### Reading of the Obituary

Linda Robinson

### Sermon: Life and Times of Jesus

#### Christ Pt. 1:

Dolphus Williamson

Kenneth Barker

### Worship Through Giving

Harold Lane

### Song of Praise/

Benediction

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There are many ways the dates surrounding Christ's death have been calculated. However, the calculated date of Wednesday, April 1 AD 33 for the Last Supper allows all four gospel accounts to be astronomically correct, with Jesus celebrating Passover before his death according to the original Mosaic calendar, and the Jewish authorities celebrating Passover just after the crucifixion, using the modified Babylonian calendar. The chronology supports John's narrative that Jesus died at the same hour the Passover lambs were slaughtered.

*\*The dates of Christ's birth and death are truly insignificant as they relate to His reason for coming and the blessing it brought to mankind. We just want to celebrate Him and praise God for the love He lavished on us through His son whenever we have a chance!*

# In Loving Memory



## Jesus Christ

Fall 0 BC - Spring 33 AD\*

### FOR TODAY

March 18, 2018

10:30am

### SERMON

Life and Times of  
Jesus Christ Pt. 1:

Dolphus Williamson

Kenneth Barker

### ELDER ON DUTY

Barbara Williamson

### WORSHIP LEADER

Carissa Mebane

Today is day 17 of 30.

Enjoy your dedicated  
time with God.

There are 13+ more  
days of absolute bliss  
with God!

