

A wooden cross stands in the foreground on the right side of the image. The background features a dramatic sky with dark, heavy clouds and a prominent reddish-orange glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

**Jesus :  
The Greatest  
Leader of All Time**

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# Every Leader Has a Choice

- A Key Motif Question:
  - Am I seeking to serve or to be served?
- In Matthew 20
  - Jesus called them together and said, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be the first must be your slave -- just as the Son of Man [Jesus] did come to be served, but to serve, and to his life as a ransom for many."
- There is no Plan B, for it's not an option, it's a mandate, to be a true leader.

- Jesus, was incarnated/born in Bethlehem in 6 B.C., who serves, ministers, and leads humanity in indefinite time (even to this day), in people's hearts reflecting his actions not to condemn, but by love to save which was lost.
- Jesus is premier example of a leader by:
  - Love
  - Morality
  - Integrity
  - Humility
  - Decisiveness
  - Stability
  - Diplomacy
  - Vision
  - Sociability
  - Perceptive Effective
  - Common Sense Effective
- Do you have these qualities?

# The Greatest Leader

# Jesus' Life

## Annunciation

Some time before Jesus' birth the angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her that she was going to have a very special baby.



6 BC

## Visit to the Temple as a Boy

According to the Gospels, at age 12 Jesus made a visit with his parents to Jerusalem during the feast of the Passover. St. Luke tells us how suddenly he disappeared and eventually his parents found him in the Temple where, to their great astonishment he was holding a serious conversation with learned men that were astonished by his wisdom.

7 AD

## The First Miracle

During the first part of his ministry Jesus made tours from his base at Capernaum in Galilee to the neighboring towns and villages, proving the authority of his mission by performing miraculous deeds. The Gospels describe various miracles, such as raising the dead, casting out devils, healing the sick, calming the waves and winds by command, and other wonderful deeds.

26 AD

## Jesus Chooses the 12 Disciples

Jesus had chosen a little group of 12 disciples, or followers called apostles, to help him in his work. He began to give them special teaching and shared with them some of his own deepest religious experiences so that they could understand fully who he was.

28 AD

## Arrest and Trial

After the meal, Jesus and the disciples went to Mount of Olives, a hill on the east side of Jerusalem. That is the place where Judas Iscariot brought man to arrest Jesus. They took him to the Jewish leaders for trial. The High Priest asked Jesus, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed, and Jesus replied, "I am". Consequently, he was sentenced to death. The sentence the Jewish leaders had passed could not be carried out until it had been approved by the Roman governor of Judea Pontius Pilate. Pilate was uncertain what to do and after consulting the crowd he gave in and sentenced Jesus to be crucified (this was the Roman method of executing criminals by nailing them to a cross).



Today He's a local and central figure of where he influences millions for the good life.

30 AD  
Friday

Crucifixion and  
Death

Today

6 BC 0

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea. According to the Gospels, Jesus was not the son of Joseph in the ordinary sense. He was miraculously conceived by Mary through God, without any human father. That is why Christians say that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born to the Virgin Mary.



Birth

## Baptism

Jesus must have been around 30 years old when he met a man called John the Baptist, who had started a religious movement preparing for the coming of the Messiah, or saviour. Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan.



26 AD

Jesus left Galilee and returned to Jerusalem. Soon, he realized that his teachings had aroused opposition. Worse still, he knew that one of his own disciples was turning against him. Jesus knew that the danger was great, and he must prepare for the end. He gathered his 12 disciples together for a final meal, known as the Last Supper, and explained to them that his death was necessary because it would establish a new covenant between

That evening (Friday) the dead body of Jesus was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb, and a great stone was rolled across the entrance of the tomb. Early on the Sunday morning, Easter Sunday, a group of women disciples went to the tomb and found the stone rolled back and the body gone. Soon after this discovery Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the disciples, and the news quickly spread that Jesus returned from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is a matter of great importance for Christians, for the Christian faith is based on the resurrection of Christ.

30 AD  
Sunday

30 AD  
Thursday  
The Last Supper

30 AD

Resurrection

Thursday

The Last Supper

# Birth & Early Life

- When Jesus was 12 years old Jesus' family went to Passover feast, but when his family left, Jesus was missing they found him in four days later at the Temple talking to the wise religious leaders, where they question “Why do you do this to us son” He replied “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s House.”

Luke 2:47

- Even when Jesus was young, he showed signs of leadership confounding even the wise.

# Marks of a Servant

- He offered us a powerful model of servanthood.
  - When not one of His disciples was prepared to wash the accumulated dust off the feet of the disciples (even of Jesus), it was Jesus, the Lord of glory, who took up the basin and towel and washed the feet of his friends (John 13:5).
- Jesus taught the obligation of servanthood.
  - In the most radical way Jesus continued this theme in Matthew 5. "Don't resist an evil-doer. if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn the other to him also (5:39). If anyone forces you to go one mile with him, go an extra mile" (5:41).

# Quotations/Teachings

- **The Golden Rule:** "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." (Matt 7:12; par. Luke 6:31)
- **The Greatest Commandment:** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31; par. Matt 22:37-39, Luke 10:27; citing Deut 6:4-5 & Lev 19:18)
- **Love of Enemies:** "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28; par. Matt 5:43-48)
- **Faith & Prayer:** "Have faith in God... Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours." (Mark 11:22+24; cf. Matt 17:20; 21:21; John 14:1)

# Healings

- Healing was demonstrated to the leader of of Jesus because He had the power to perform miracles. They flowed from within Him as heat from the sun, as mist from a waterfall, as dry from sirocco winds. He knew it, people sensed it, and to Him they came in droves and multitudes.
- He stressed miracles that fulfilled the description of the coming Messiah as proof of his person and mission. Said Jesus, “The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them” (Luke 7:22).



# Marks of A Leader

- Jesus led by action:
  - When decisive action was needed, Jesus acted. When the Temple was despoiled by manipulative, unscrupulous commercial interests, Jesus overturned the money changers' tables (Matthew 21:12)
  - Jesus was a strong man, a decisive leader. He confronted what was wrong or harmful and led by action.
- Jesus led by example
  - Jesus was tempted in every way, hunger, power, testing in faith, and idolizing or addictions, yet he was without sin. (Luke 4:1-13)

# Marks of A Leader

- Jesus led by love and compassion, not fear
  - Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 13:34). When the sister of Lazarus was under pressure from her activist sister, Martha, Jesus came to her defense (Luke 10:42). Leadership without compassion is arid and sterile. Jesus, a strong, bold leader, revealed a sensitivity and compassion that enhanced and balanced His strength of character and dynamic leadership.
- Jesus led by making the ultimate sacrifice
  - Only a person of immense strength could look death squarely in the face and walk serenely towards it. Only a person of absolute conviction could have endured the lashes, the nails, the thorns and the spear and accept the loneliness and agony of the Cross of Calvary.

# Present Local Leader

- Jesus is a local leader that you can't find anywhere, but by the Holy Spirit within your heart.
- He resides in evangelical Christian believers, where you are crucified and no longer live, but Christ lives in you. (Gal. 2:20a)
- He changes lives everyday whether it is a politician, slave, prisoner, student, teacher, or coach. He's a motivator of life. He is the "way, truth, and life." for all people, he is not a religion, He is the life style / the way of life. (John 14:6)

# Present Local Leader

- Jesus is still a leader--Most all credible Christian Church's hold Jesus as front and center of their faith and teachings. That being said, the multiple thousands of Church's and the millions of Christians hold Jesus as holy, salvation, God incarnate, righteous, to be praised & worshiped=leader. Other things for example:  
The Bible is the best selling book ever written  
Regardless of when written, the words - "One nation under God", "God Bless America", "In God we trust" and more- were put there for a reason.  
There are millions of books & articles on this subject and all have access to them.  
Look at the sky line of almost any city and Church steeples aren't hard to find, for they points to Jesus.

# Jesus The Paradox

- Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
- He Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
- Jesus Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
- He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
- Jesus won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
- Jesus committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
- He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Jesus has power over nature, the supernatural, death & sickness, and guilt. Jesus simply asked to follow him, and have simple faith in Him.

Now would it be a crime to follow and befriend such a leader?

