

CHRISTMAS (1)

The birth of Jesus Christ, next to His crucifixion, was the greatest event in the history of the world. It became the focal point of all history. Everything before Christ looked forward to His birth, and everything since then looks back at Him. It was such a crucial event that now all the world numbers years according to it. B. C. means before Christ, and A. D. means anno domini (in the year of our Lord).

Jesus made an impact on the world that has never been, and never will be, equaled by any mere man. In all the annals of the human race, no one is like Him. It's been said, He never wrote a book; He never held a political office; He was not wealthy or particularly influential in His lifetime; yet He altered the world completely. In fact, no human being has affected history remotely like He has.

He has been opposed, hated, censored, banned, and criticized in every generation since His birth. Yet His influence continues unabated. After two thousand years, the impact of His life goes on so powerfully that it is safe to say that not a day passes that lives are not revolutionized by His teaching.

Scripture: King James Version: Matthew 1:18-2:12; Luke 1:26-35.

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