

## ICONIC

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- *There are many famous musicians who have become legends over the years because of the incredible impact they have made on the world through their music.*
- *Each generation has iconic musicians who stand above others and leave lasting impressions on their fans — fans who often listen to and cherish their music for the rest of their lives.*
- *These are the people who continue to remain legends well past their death.*
- *There is one legendary person who has continued to impact the world for thousands of years past His death.*
- *He was not a famous musician but famous for what He taught and how He lived.*
- *He has left an impression on countless lives and will continue to impact many more; His name is Jesus.*
- *This week at Edge, we are going to explore the evidence that shows us that Jesus was a real person who lived in a particular time and place.*

**Survey Questions (5 min)**

# Gain A Following



**1 minute**

Choose band name, genre of music, and instruments



**4 minutes**

Write lyrics for chorus of your hit song. Each member contributes one line



**1 minute**

Come up with 2 or 3 hashtags to promote your band

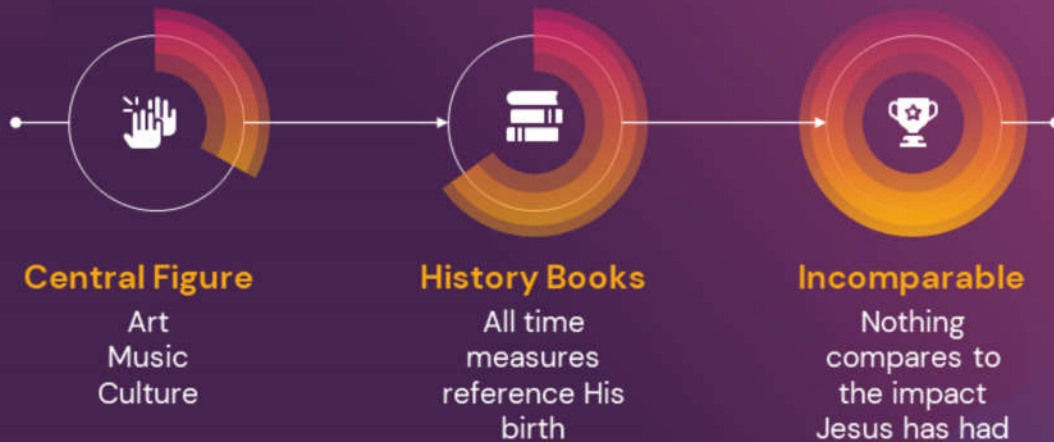
- **Gain A Following (15 min)**
- Break into small groups.
- Designate one youth to write for the small group.
- Each small group has about six minutes to create a band and campaign to get followers.
- You'll have one minute to come up with a band name and genre of music, including what instruments your band members would play.
- Then you have four minutes to write the lyrics for the chorus of your first hit song. To do so, go around the circle and have each group member contribute one line to the chorus.
- Finally, you have one minute to come up with two to three hashtags you would use on social media to promote your band.
- After you have finished creating your band, share.
- After all of the groups have shared, we will choose most creative, best band name, best hashtags, and best new song.
- Maybe a people's choice by having the youth applaud for their favorite band.



*Which musicians from your generation do you think will become legends.*

- If we look for the greatest legend of all time, the biggest influencer who has ever lived, one stands above them all.
- Roughly 2,000 years ago, a man was born who changed the world. He is a central figure of human history, and His name is Jesus.

# Most Significant Person



- Over the past 2,000 years, countless books have been written about Jesus. He was and still is a central figure in art, music, and culture.
- The very birth of Jesus determines how we divide time. Our modern calendar measures years based on Jesus' birth. When we say the year is 2020, we mean it has been 2,020 years since Jesus was born.
- In history books, any year that is referenced as occurring before the birth of Jesus is noted as B.C. (Before Christ). All of the time after the birth of Jesus is referred to as A.D. (*Anno Domini* or in the year of the Lord). Regardless of the term used, all time measures reference the birth of Jesus.
- While history is full of many remarkable people who did amazing things, none of their words, inventions, or contributions compare to the impact Jesus has had on the world.
- Jesus, a real person who lived at a specific time and in a specific place, is the most influential person who has ever lived. He is the most significant person in history.



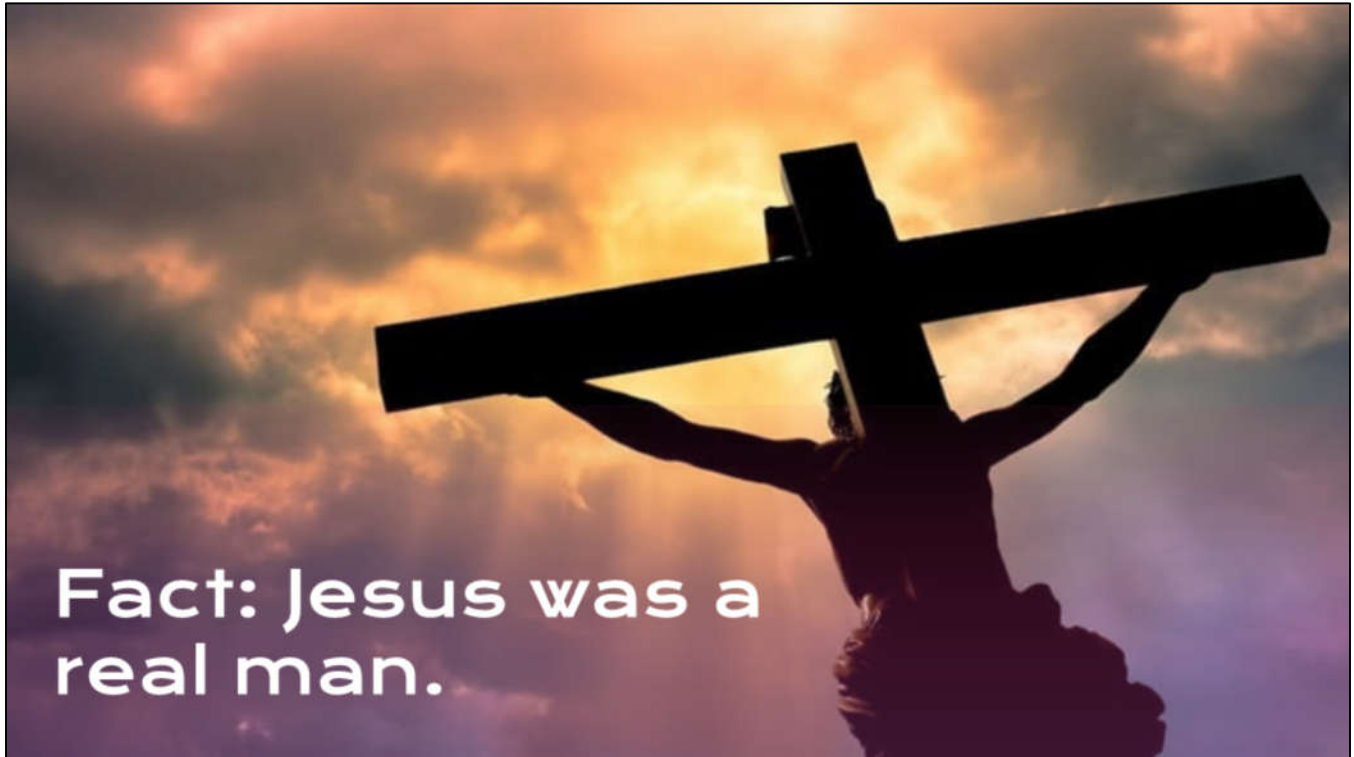


- Luke 2:2-7 says:
- This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.
- And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,
- to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
- While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,
- and she gave birth to her firstborn son.\* She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus was born to a Jewish woman named Mary. He was born in Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and Caesar Augustus.



Jesus was a carpenter by trade,



who died by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate during the reign of the Emperor Tiberius.

- While the majority of the information we have about the life and existence of Jesus comes from the Bible, there are multiple pieces of historic evidence from secular sources that have no motive of spreading Christianity and prove Jesus really did exist.
- Some historians and writers who lived during the first 100 years after Jesus' birth made mention of Jesus in their works, referring to His death and followers. This is significant historical data because, in the first 100 years after Jesus' death, people were still alive who knew Jesus when He was alive or knew someone who knew Him.
- While there has been controversy throughout history surrounding the works and teachings of Jesus, a legitimate historian has never claimed that He did not exist.
- Jesus was a real man who lived in a specific place in the world, in a specific time in history.

*What do you think it takes to become an influencer and, on average, how many followers the biggest influencers on social media have.*



# The Greatest Influencer



## No Followers

Traveled,  
preached,  
miracles



## Disciples

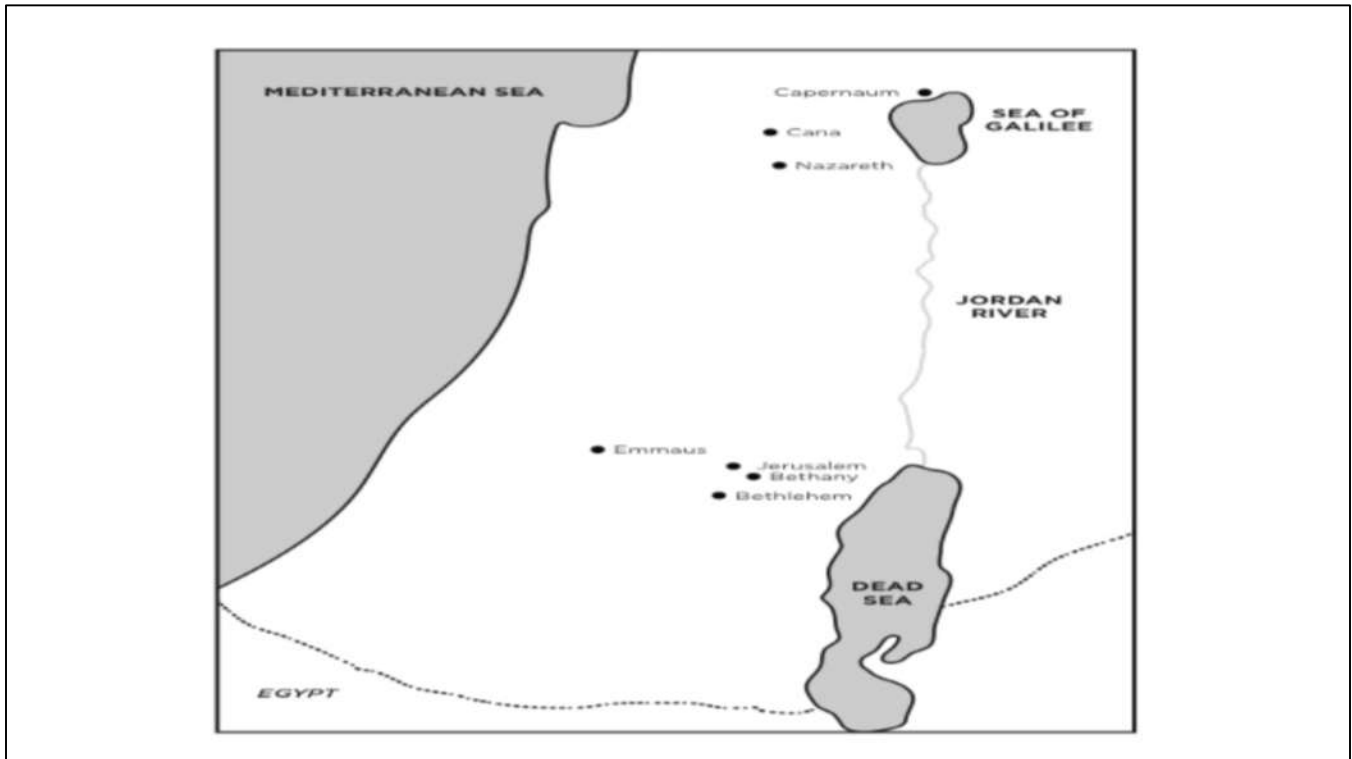
Spread the word  
and grew His  
followers



## Death Defying

His influence kept  
growing.  
Worldwide!

- Jesus began His ministry with no followers. As He started to travel, preach, and perform miracles, He invited 12 men to be His apostles. As His disciples went forth and spread the news about Jesus, His following grew even more.
- According to a Pew Research Report from 2015, Christianity is still the world's largest religion. Of the nearly 7 billion people on Earth, about 2.5 billion people identify as Christians. There are about 1.8 billion people who identify as Muslim and 1.2 billion people who do not affiliate with any religion.
- Jesus' influence did not end when He died; rather, His following continued to grow. While there are many great people who influenced the world and are celebrated after their death, there is something different about Jesus. Jesus claimed that He is God, and this sets Him apart from every other person in history, making Him and the movement He inspired worth considering.
- The effect Jesus had on the world is remarkable: A man who lived thousands of years ago is still remembered, followed, and loved. Jesus continues to impact the lives of billions of people.
- This semester at Edge, we will discover why Jesus is the most influential person who has ever lived, the legitimacy of His claims to be God, and how He continues to work and move in our world and everyday lives.



- **BETHLEHEM**
- Jesus was born here. This is also where King David was born about 1,000 years before Jesus.
- **EGYPT**
- Joseph and Mary fled here from Bethlehem when Jesus was a baby to keep Him safe from King Herod, who wanted to kill Jesus.
- **NAZARETH**
- A village in Galilee where Jesus grew up.
- **JORDAN RIVER**
- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist here.
- **CAPERNAUM**
- Jesus lived here after leaving Nazareth. This is where Jesus met Peter and some of the other apostles.
- **CANA**
- Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding here. *Note: Jesus traveled to many places during His public ministry.*
- **JERUSALEM**
- In this city, Jesus celebrated Passover with His apostles. Here He was accused and sentenced to death. Jesus was crucified on Golgotha, right outside of the city. It is also the site of His burial and Resurrection.
- **EMMAUS**
- After He rose from the dead and people could not find His body, Jesus was

found walking with two disciples on a road to this town.

- **BETHANY**
- Jesus ascended into heaven somewhere near this town. He also raised His friend Lazarus from the dead here, which is the event that caused the chief priests and Pharisees to make a plan to put Jesus to death.



- *We have spent this entire Edge Night exploring the fact that Jesus was a real, historical person.*
- *We have seen where He was born and grew up.*
- *We have identified the places where He met with His friends, performed incredible miracles, died, was buried, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven.*
- *But Jesus' influence and power are not limited to that particular time in history or the work He did in the Middle East.*
- *Jesus is not just a legend who lived "then" and "there"; He is "here" and "now."*
- *The stories in Scripture happened in a particular time and place, but they can transform our lives at this very moment.*
- *We are going to take some time in prayer to visualize ourselves in the story of Scripture, so it is not only someone else's story long ago but our story right now.*



## The Healing of Two Blind Men

### **Matthew 9:27-31**

*And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed [him], crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!"*

*When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they said to him.*

*Then he touched their eyes and said, "Let it be done for you according to your faith."*

*And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."*

*But they went out and spread word of him through all that land.*

- Read once slowly
- *Close your eyes and visualize the scene in the story: Who is in the story? Where are they? What are they doing? How do they feel?*
- Read the Scripture passage a second time.
- *Now, with eyes still closed, put yourselves in the story and use your five senses*
- *(sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste) to imagine the scene. (E.g., Do you feel the press of the crowd following Jesus? Do you hear the voices of the blind men? Do you smell the dust being kicked up by the feet of all the people in the crowd? Do you feel the touch of Jesus' hand on your eyes? Do you see the amazement on the faces of the people in the crowd?)*
- Read the Scripture passage a third time.
- *This time pay attention to any words, phrases, or images from the story that stand out to you.*
- Read the Scripture passage a final time.
- Now let's take a few moments in silent prayer to talk with Jesus about what you experienced during this exercise and what words, phrases, or images stood out to you. Ask Jesus to reveal how this passage might relate to your life.
- Hail Mary...





## ICONIC

- Leaderboard update
- New guidelines:
  - Temperature check and mask required
  - Sanitize hands immediately and often
  - Only touch your bag and board for entire class
  - Before snack, put all items back in bag and place items on designated tables for sanitizing
  - After snack, throw away all of your trash and sanitize your hands
- If anyone would like to provide snacks for class, please have your parents contact us!