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Lesson: 10 - Is Jesus More than a Great Religious Leader?

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The Jesus movement has shown a remarkable ability to survive persecution and hostile criticism.

Christianity survived Roman persecution

Christianity survived Roman intellectual critiques

Christianity has survived the modern critique.

The Jesus movement is the most beneficial movement in history.

The philosophers of the ancient world recognized the brotherhood of all men, but never succeeded in getting many to live as if it were true. But the church that Jesus established practiced this brotherhood to a remarkable degree.

Christianity has converted more people without force than any other system.

What movement in all of history has built more orphanages and hospitals and refuges for the poor?

What movement in all of history has done more to end slavery?

Christianity has done more than any other movement in history to end other abuses of human beings.

Almost all of the great universities of the West were begun for religious purposes. Oxford, Cambridge, the Sorbonne, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, were all originally Christian colleges.

The ideal of universal education received its largest impulse from Protestant Christianity, to promote wider reading of the scriptures.

Modern music and visual arts in the West have been decisively shaped by Christianity.

And on and on the list goes. If you are benefiting now from Western Culture, you should at very least give thanks for the influence of Jesus of Nazareth.

If you are a thinking person, you may well on this basis alone wonder if Jesus was not more than just a man.