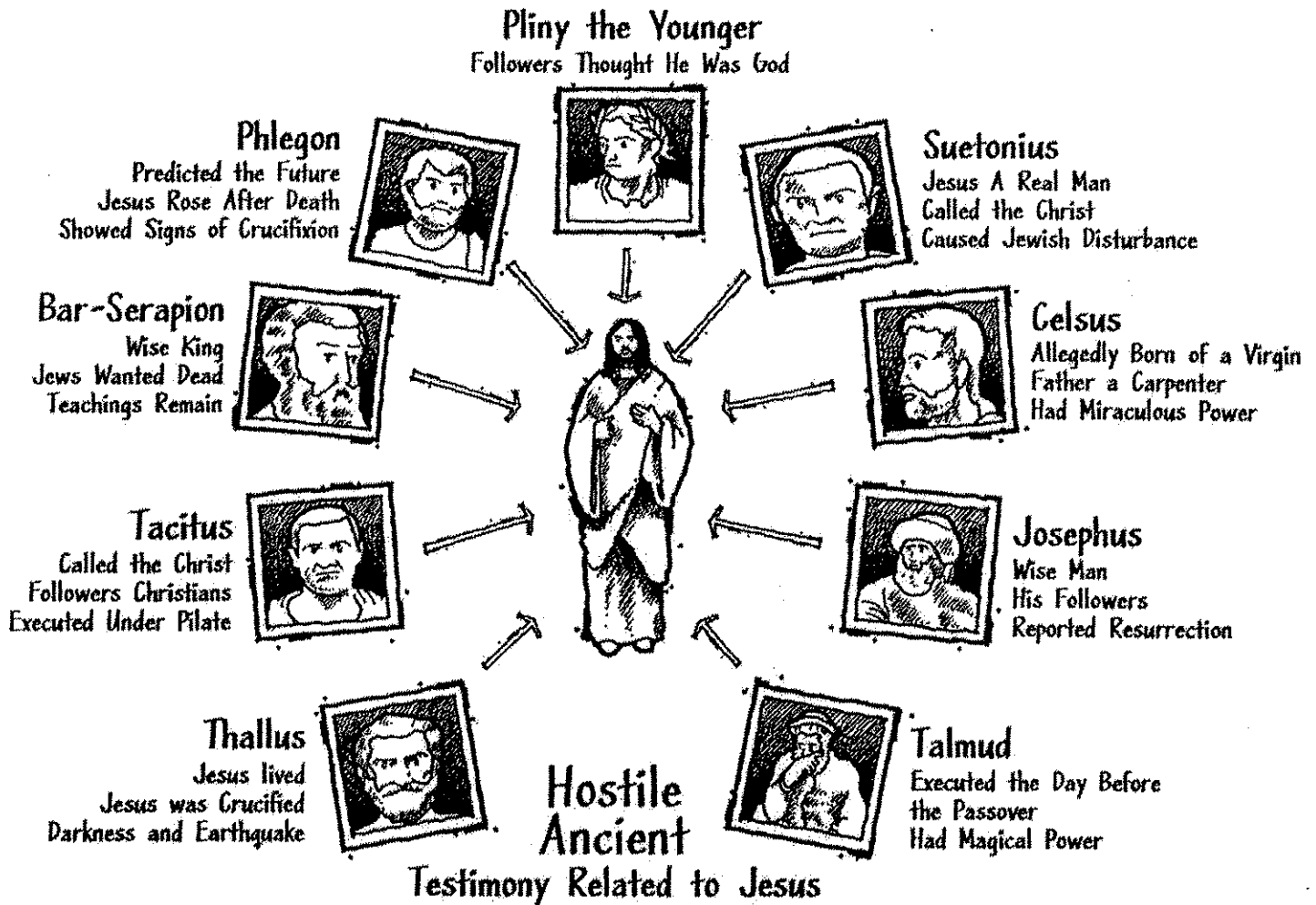


# Why Jesus?

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Session #3 The Historical Jesus – Does it even matter?



Picture from Forensic Faith by J. Warner Wallace

## Historical witness regarding Jesus Christ

1. Jesus died due to the rigors of crucifixion and was buried.
2. Jesus' death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope.
3. The disciples had experiences that they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus
4. Transformation of disciples from doubters who were afraid to identify themselves with Jesus to bold proclaimers of his death and Resurrection.
5. Disciples believed and confessed to the death that Jesus was God.
6. Message of Resurrection was central in the early church preaching.
7. Proclaimed in Jerusalem, where Jesus died shortly before.
8. The church was born and grew rapidly against persecution.
9. Sunday was the primary day of worship.