

# Uninspired Statement from Josephus



Josephus, a contemporary of the apostles (A.D. 37 - approximately 100 A.D.), a Jew and not a Christian, was convinced that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The following statement is of considerable interest:

**N**ow there was about this time, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was (the) Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.

William Whiston. *Josephus' Complete Works*. Antiquities of the Jews, XVIII, p. 379