

When and where did Christianity start?

The hero of the N.T. is the *sixteenth* crucified savior in history. There are fifteen *other* false religions that *preceded* the N.T. that have a savior that are of miraculous birth and died for the sins of mankind.

Christianity and its offspring (including Messianic Christianity) are the same, old, *false*, *PAGAN* religions, but this time, wrapped in a prayer shawl (tallit) and covered with a kepa (yarmulke), which the Christians attempt to justify with totally out-of-context references to the Tanakh.

There are far too many similarities between other ancient pagan religions and Christianity.

As found on the web, at: <http://www.messiahtruth.com/response.html>

“Origins of the Jesus Mythos”

“*Christianity is based on the unique belief that Jesus was God's Son, born of a virgin, sacrificed for the Salvation of man.*” **In reality**, as sacrificed virgin-born Savior Son of God, Jesus was **not** unique. *Not even close.* The Jesus mythos simply followed the traditional model of the [ancient pagan](#) savior-gods.

“At the time of [Jesus of Nazareth](#), as for centuries before, the Mediterranean world roiled with a happy diversity of creeds and rituals. Details varied according to location and culture, but the general outlines of these faiths were astonishingly similar. Roughly speaking the ancients' gods:

- Were usually born on or very near our Christmas Day [*winter solstice*]
- Were usually born of a Virgin-Mother, or in some other way of miraculous birth
- Were born in a stable, a Cave, or in an Underground Chamber
- Led a life of toil for Mankind
- Were called by the names of Light-bringer, Lamb of God, Healer, Mediator, Savior, Deliverer
- Were however vanquished by the Powers of Darkness
- And descended into Hell or the Underworld
- Rose again from the dead, and became the pioneers of mankind to the Heavenly world
- Founded Communions of Saints, and Churches into which disciples were received by Baptism
- Were commemorated by Eucharistic meals

“**Krishna** was born of the **virgin Devaki**; the Savior **Dionysus** was born of the virgin **Semele**. Buddha, too, was born of a virgin, as were the Egyptian [Horus](#) and [Osiris](#). The old Teutonic goddess Hertha was a virgin impregnated by the heavenly Spirit and bore a son. Scandinavian Frigga was impregnated by the All-Father Odin and bore Balder, the healer and savior of mankind.

“**Mithras** was born in a cave, on December 25th, of a virgin mother. He came from heaven to be born as a man, to redeem men from their sin. He was known as "Savior," "Son of God," "Redeemer," and "**Lamb of God.**" With twelve disciples he traveled far and wide as a teacher and illuminator of men. He was buried in a tomb from which he rose again from the dead -- an event celebrated yearly with much rejoicing. His followers kept the Sabbath holy, holding

sacramental feasts in remembrance of Him. The sacred meal of bread and water, or bread and wine, was symbolic of the body and blood of the sacred bull.

“The celebration of [Christmas](#) on December 25 was originally the pagan birthday of **Mithras**, the sun god, whose day of the week is still known as “**Sunday**.” The halo of light which is usually shown surrounding the face of [Jesus](#) and Christian saints, is another concept taken from the sun god. The theme of temptation by a devil-like creature was also found in pagan mythology. In particular, the story of Jesus's temptation by [Satan](#) resembles the temptation of [Osiris](#) by the devil-god [Set](#) in Egyptian mythology.

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So we can see that the closest match to **Jesus** is **Mithras**, and there is nothing about this kind of religion that is based in Torah teaching.

Where is the historical connection? [Paul the apostle](#) was raised on the island of [Tarsus](#), which was the center of [Mithras worship](#). All Paul had to do was **substitute Jesus for Mithras**, and he had an immediate following. As we know from the speech made by Paul on [Mars Hill](#) [[Acts 17:22-23](#)], Paul was perfectly comfortable with substituting Jesus-worship for the worship of other pagan gods.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the **firstfruits** of them that slept.

[*This is the claim that **Jesus** is the **ONLY ONE** who had **ever** raised himself from the dead, but there are at least a dozen other, identical stories. The rest of their story is Jesus raises from their own graves those who **BELIEVE** in **HIM** whether or not you **obey the Laws** of YHWH.]*

The sons of the virgins became the Messiahs.

Then they were crucified or died some other ignominious death.

Then they rose from the dead.

The similarities are too frequent and obvious to ignore.

Mithraism-type religions have **NOTHING, WHATSOEVER**, to do with the religion that is given to us in the Torah, Neviim, and Kethuvim.

In the Tanakh, the worship is of **The Eternal ONE**, who created us all.

Worship is not directed at one of His *created* or *begotten* beings, but to **YHWH**, Himself.

YHWH gave us sensible, easy **laws** to **obey**, so we will **live** and have **peace and joy**.

Pagans gave us a **creed** to be **believed** so we can **avoid eternal torture** of all **non-believers**.

Ultimately, which one makes more sense?

More importantly, which one is in line with Torah?

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The name of our Creator is made up of four, Hebrew vowels, Y H W H יהוה. Vowels are sounds, not just marks on paper. (source: **Flavius Josephus** - *Antiquities of the Jews*)

The letter ה (h) when used as a vowel, usually has the "ah," "ha," or the "huh" sound. The ה is the *definite* article, or *THE, SPECIFIC, to the EXCLUSION of ALL others*.

This is exemplified in showing the difference between the word "eretz," meaning land, and the words "ha Eretz," meaning *THE Land of Israel, to the exclusion of all others*.

In Hebrew, the letters י (y) and ו (v)(w) are used interchangeably, and when located in the first, second, or third position in a word, indicate the tense of the word, either past, future, or continuing.

Being placed in the first and third positions, the י and ו indicate that the name is **both past and future**, or, - *Eternal*.

The ה associated with **both** the י and the ו means that the name is specifically, to the exclusion of all others, both *past* and *future*, or **THE Eternal**.

Furthermore, being *singular*, and *being found twice*, the ה would also allow the addition of the word, **ONE**, as a descriptor.

The Name, **YHWH**, could then be logically rendered as **The Eternal ONE**, because **He** has eternal existence, **to the exclusion of all others**.

It is pronounced in one, long breath, like the wind, with the accent on the middle syllable. .

eeeeeeaaaaaa UUUUUU' waaaah