

For more than 2,000 years, people have been fascinated with Jesus' life. Songs about His life date back to His resurrection. Some estimations say that over a million books have been written about Jesus. One of the very first movies ever produced was about Jesus. *From the Manger to the Cross* is a 71-minute silent movie created in 1912. In the 106 years since that film's debut, hundreds of other movies have been made in an attempt to tell the story of Jesus. Some of the movies are factual, such as *The Gospel of John* (2003), which has a word-for-word script from the Bible. Others, like *The Young Messiah* (2016), use a little fact and a whole lot of imagination to fill in Bible blanks about Jesus' life. A new movie, *The Second Coming of Christ*, moves beyond fact to show how the future—a yet-to-be-witnessed part of Jesus' life—might play out.

Think About It . . .

- Why is it important to know about the people and events in Jesus' life?
- What are some ways you have learned about Jesus' life?

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The Plot

Provide paper and pencils. Divide the class into three groups and assign one period from Jesus' life to each group: Jesus' Birth and Early Years; Jesus' Ministry Years; Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Have each group list specific events they would include in a movie that portrays Jesus' life during their assigned time period. Ask the groups also to come up with titles for their movies. Allow five minutes; then have the groups share what they planned. **SAY: It would have been awesome to have lived when Jesus did and to have known Him. But it's definitely great to live now because we know that God sent salvation when He sent Jesus to earth!**

What will you do this week to show thanks for and tell others about God's plan for salvation?