There is a major disagreement among biblical scholars as to whether Jesus actually existed, or was just a mythological character. Here is a brief list of some great verses attributed to Jesus:

Matthew 5:43-45

*“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you ...."*

Matthew 7:12

*“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them ..."*

Matthew 22:39

*"... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."*

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And here is a brief list of some horrible verses attributed to Jesus:

Matthew 10:34-36

*"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."*

Matthew 15:4

*"For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."*

Luke 19:27

*"But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me."*

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Unless Jesus had the worst case of bipolar disorder in recorded history, this cannot be the same man. The more likely explanation is that these were stories about different men that got combined, to represent one person. Whether these stories represent men who actually lived ... is still hotly contested.

In what may be the only thing on the planet Earth on which Jews and Muslims agree ... it is that Jesus lived, but was just a man.

Atheists and agnostics don't really care either way. If irrefutable proof was found that proved that Jesus actually lived, Atheists would yawn and say "that's nice."

But to Christians, the answer is of ultimate importance. If Jesus was a fictional character ... they are done; they are finished; game-set-and-match.

If Jesus really lived, then they still have the nearly impossible task of proving His divinity ... but at least they are still in the game.