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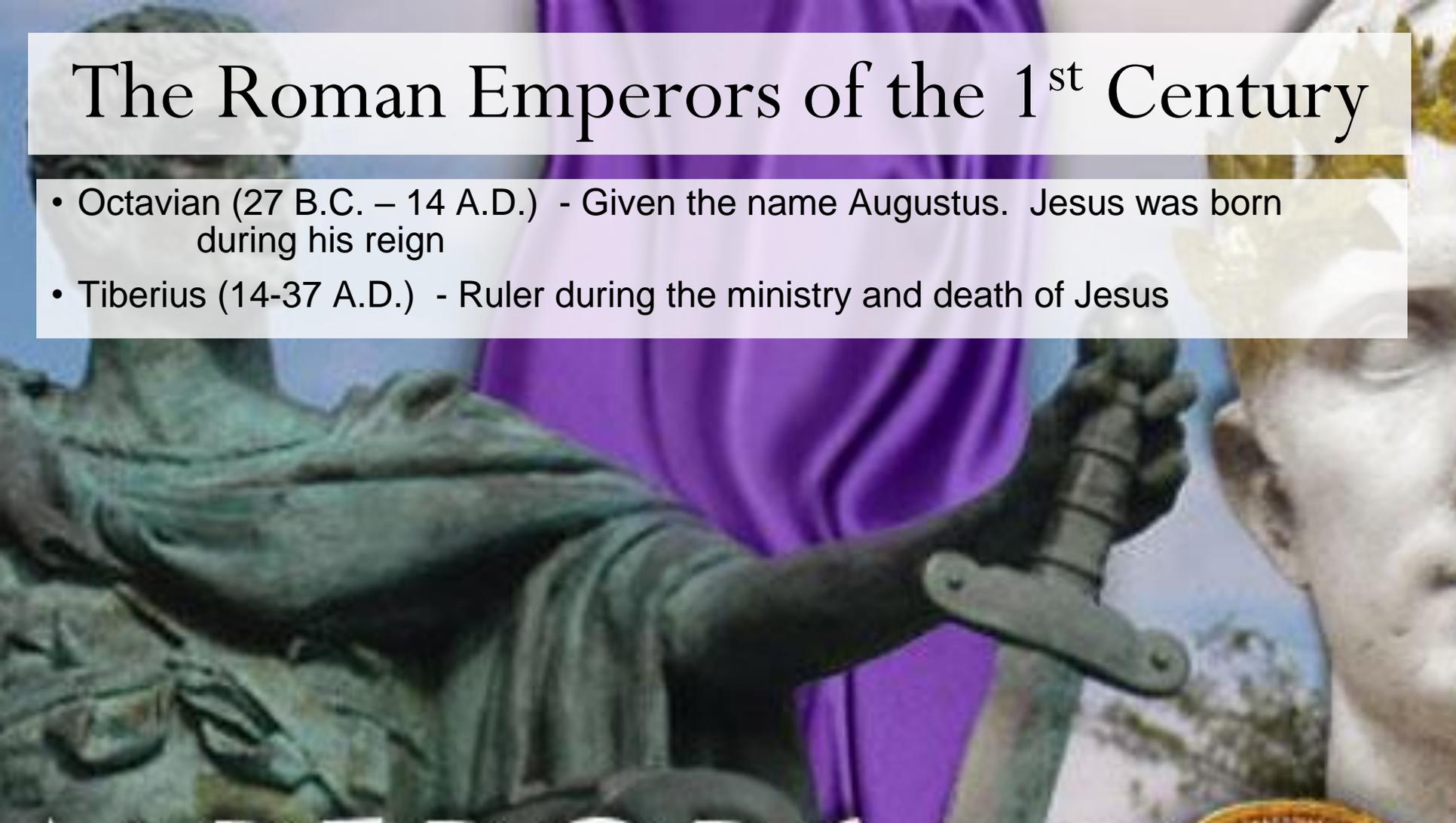


Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem . . . To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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Matthew 22:15-21

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk . . . Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto **Caesar**, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

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Acts 11:27-30

And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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Acts 25:9-12

But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? Then said Paul, I stand at **Caesar's** judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

Acts 25:20-21

. . . I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters. But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.

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- Galba, Otho, Vitellius
- Vespasian (69-79 A.D.) - Ruler when Jerusalem conquered and destroyed
- Titus (79-81 A.D.) - Son of Vespasian - was the general who destroyed Jerusalem
- Domitian (81-96 A.D.) – Also son of Vespasian - vicious persecutor of Christians

The 46 Presidents of the United States

- Warren G. Harding – an “unrestrained womanizer” who sold political favors to friends – the “Tea Pot Dome” scandal happened during his presidency – he was so indiscreet in his affairs that it is believed his wife poisoned him
- U. S. Grant – though he did not gain personally, his administration tolerated widespread graft and corruption
- William Harrison – died of pneumonia after 30 days in office (many think he fell ill after making a very long winded inauguration speech in bad weather)
- Hubert Hoover – it is widely held that his economic policies made the Great Depression much worse
- Franklin Roosevelt – had a 30 year long affair with his wife’s social secretary
- John F. Kennedy – “a man possessed” with sexual immorality
- Lyndon Johnson – had a 20+ year affair that produced an illegitimate son
- Bill Clinton – used the Arkansas State Police to arrange dozens of affairs

1 Timothy 2:1-2 NASB

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Peter 2:13-17 KJV

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Romans 13:1-7 KJV

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God . . . ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also . . . Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

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- Pray for those in authority
 - Pay our taxes
 - Obey its laws
 - Live righteously
 - Speak out / teach God’s truth
 - We can criticize its failures (while showing respect)
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