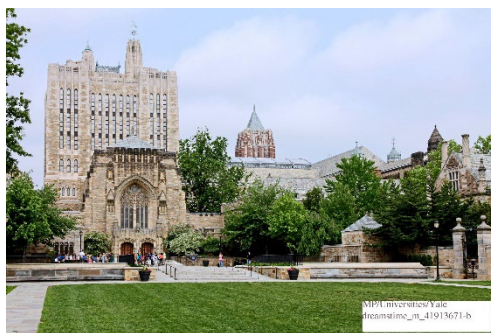
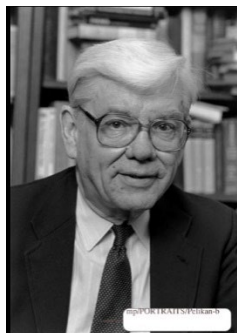


ANCHORS IN HISTORY FOR CHRIST

- I. Do we have any historical writings, sculptures, etc. of people and activity of Christ's day and before?



- A. As he opens his Gospel, St. Luke the physician writes as a matter of historical fact, that:
1. "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:1–4).



- B. In his *COMMENTARY ON ACTS*, Yale historian, Jaroslav Pelikan, writes:

- II. Some say "very few" recorded histories of Christ's life exist today. Why?

- A. *PERSECUTION IN THE EARLY CHURCH* by British author Workman;

1. Non-Christian Jews often made it their key activity to ~~~~ burn all histories of writings about Christ. Why?
 - a. People were converting from Judaism by thousands (Acts 2:41).