

Superman's Origin

As with many ideas, Superman's origin is shrouded in mystery. **Probable** and possible influences on creation are:

- A sleepless night
- Desire to be popular
- Desire to be a reporter
- Science fiction novels
- Strongmen, especially Zishe Breitbart
- The stories of Moses and Samson
- Hebrew words
- Movie stars
- Death of father
- The Great Depression
- (crushed spirits, etc.)
- Being stronger on the inside than outside
- Treatment of Jews in Germany
- The original "Super Jew": Jesus



Comic Books

Comic books were Superman's original home. Much of what relates Superman to Jesus comes from Superman comic books.

Superman's origin story is one of the main reasons he is similar to Jesus.

Also, Superman fights for American values. Since many American values have their origins in Christianity, they are likely a main reason for Superman's similarity to Christ.

Another point of interest is the triangular symbol on Superman's chest. It alludes to the Holy Trinity, according to author Stephen Skelton.



Superman and Jesus

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Jesus

- Does not kill
- Loves His enemies
- Raised in Nazareth
- Resurrected after being dead approximately three days
- Earth is a temporary home while He helps humans
- Wants to save humans from eternal Hell
- One authoritative source of story and one version

Both

- Iconic symbol
- Savior
- Not from Earth
- Represent hope
- Often seen with feet together and arms outstretched
- Resurrected after death
- Talk to father
- Killed on occasion
- Huge weakness (Kryptonite)
- Earth is a new home
- Resurrected after being dead approximately three months
- Raised in Kansas
- Sent to earth by father
- Supernatural powers
- Die to save humanity
- Resurrected after death
- Uses violence against enemies
- Father dies
- Wants to save Earth from Krypton's fate



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Movies

Consistently, Superman movies have depicted the character in ways that echo Jesus. In recent years, this has been done on purpose to sell tickets. Some examples:

Superman: The Movie (1978) - Superman's father sounds a lot like God in the lines he has in the very first Superman movie. For example, he says, "They can be a great people, Kal-El, they wish to be. They only lack the light to show the way. For this reason above all, their capacity for good, I have sent them you... my only son."

Superman Returns (2006) - During the film, according to BBC News, "A female nurse rushes into [Superman's] hospital room to find it empty just as Jesus' tomb was found to be empty by female followers."

Man of Steel (2013) - When Lois Lane's life is in danger, Superman's disembodied father helps him escape a spaceship and tells him, "You can save her, son. You can save them all." Superman then steps out of the spaceship and poses like Jesus before turning around and rushing to save Lois.

Batman v. Superman (2016) - Superman dies to save humans. It is only after he is dead that he is loved instead of controversial. At his funeral, the dirt near his coffin begins floating.

