

The Jesus Of History And The Christ Of Faith

How does one begin the search for the historical Jesus? What are the rules or criteria for sorting through the evidence? These are the most important questions in the quest of the historical Jesus, and their answers are not obvious. In *Finding the Historical Jesus*, six veterans of the Jesus Seminar help readers negotiate this thicket. Robert Miller develops criteria for differentiating between history and belief. Robert Funk examines the oral character of the Jesus tradition. Stephen Patterson takes readers through the issues involved with the Gospel of Thomas while Robert Fortna looks at the significance of the Gospel of John and Joseph Tyson explores the dating of ancient texts. The volume concludes with a survey of the history of the quest by Lane McGaughey who shows how the criteria have emerged and shifted over the years. For readers looking to discover who Jesus was, this is where the quest begins.

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In this book, Dale Allison addresses ongoing historical-theological questions concerning Jesus Christ. What should one think of the modern quest for the historical Jesus when there is such enduring discord among the experts, and when personal agendas play such a large role in the reconstructions? How much history is in the Gospels, and how much history does Christian theology require that there be? How does the quest impinge on conventional Christian beliefs, and what might it contribute to contemporary theological reflection? --From publisher's description.

Virtually all the current debates about the historical Jesus have their roots in questions that have been pursued by biblical historians over the past two centuries. This anthology brings together seminal essays by those scholars who have been

most influential in the rise and development of Jesus studies, enabling the reader to compare their differing points of view.

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Contents Include: Christianity as an Historical Religion - The Historical Tradition in the New Testament - Historical Criticism of the Gospels - The Gospel Story - The Church in History

Written in the genre of Henry David Thoreau's travel-thinking essays, *Jesus, History, and Mount Darwin: An Academic Excursion* is the story of a three-day climb into the Evolution Range of the High Sierra mountains of California. Mount Darwin stands among other mountains near fourteen thousand feet high and that are named after promoters of religious versions of evolutionary thinking. Rick Kennedy, a history professor from Point Loma, uses the climb as an opportunity to think about general education and how both the natural history of evolution and the ancient history of Jesus can find a home in the Aristotelian diversity of university methods. Kennedy offers the academic foundations for the credibility and reliability of accounts of Jesus in the New Testament, while pointing out that these foundations have the same weaknesses and strengths that ancient history has in general. Natural history, Kennedy points out, has a different set of strengths and weaknesses from ancient history. Overall, the book reminds students and professors of the wisdom in being humble.

The Historical Jesus in Context is a landmark collection that places the gospel narratives in their full literary, social, and archaeological context. More than twenty-five internationally recognized experts offer new translations and descriptions of a broad range of texts that shed new light on the Jesus of history, including pagan prayers and private inscriptions, miracle tales and martyrdoms, parables and fables, divorce decrees and imperial propaganda. The translated materials--from Christian, Coptic, and Jewish as well as Greek, Roman, and Egyptian texts--extend beyond single

phrases to encompass the full context, thus allowing readers to locate Jesus in a broader cultural setting than is usually made available. This book demonstrates that only by knowing the world in which Jesus lived and taught can we fully understand him, his message, and the spread of the Gospel. Gathering in one place material that was previously available only in disparate sources, this formidable book provides innovative insight into matters no less grand than first-century Jewish and Gentile life, the composition of the Gospels, and Jesus himself.

This multifaceted work contextualizes Jesus in religion and culture by bringing together articles on folklore, history, literature, philosophy, popular culture, and theology. • Offers hundreds of alphabetically arranged entries that detail the presence of Jesus in world civilization and creative works over the last 2,000 years, showing how religion informs world history and culture • Includes some 40 primary documents to provide firsthand accounts of the influence of Jesus on world history and culture • Presents an extensive selection of images to help students visualize key topics • Supports the Common Core State Standards by promoting critical thinking skills • Supports National Center for History in Schools (NCHS) content standards for world history, particularly those related to the origins and influence of Christianity: Era 3, Standard 3B; Era 4, Standard 4A; Era 5, Standard 2C; Era 6, Standard 2B

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A Critique of Schleiermacher's Life of Jesus
Augsburg Fortress Publishing
The Historical Jesus in Context
Princeton University Press

"Vivid style and keen insights make this book a delight and a genuine educational experience." —Moody Magazine In this richly illustrated volume--formerly titled *In the Fullness of Time*--Paul Maier visits the origins of Christianity, taking the reader back to the first Christmas, the first Easter, and the first Christians. His impressive research and brilliant insights correlate history, archaeology, and the New Testament to bring alive the true drama of earliest Christianity. This skillful narrative sheds a brilliant new light on the life of Jesus and the adventures of the courageous men and women who carried His message throughout a hostile empire. A host of magnificent color and black-and-white photographs recreate the world, the mood, the people, and the events with an immediacy that sweeps readers into the exciting first years of Christianity. "The author is at home in the vast literature of his subject." —The New York Times Book Review "For the supremely pivotal event of the Resurrections, Paul Maier's book lends fresh and scholarly support." —Billy Graham "Fascinating. . . . Brings a new perspective to a story we have known all our lives." —Redbook "Fact-filled, interesting, and successful . . . splendid research. This is a beautiful book." —Christian Century

"I regard it as a high privilege to be associated with this volume. There are few gifts more precious than this." --Randall Centaur "T.R. Glover goes beyond the pros and cons of interpreting a phrase or an episode. From the historical testimonies, he sees a Figure emerging that speaks with unique depth. He takes the words of Jesus seriously and

ponders them until they reveal the mind of the Master and the Master's new and challenging exposition of what God means, what sin means, what his choice of the cross means. He says things such as 'Jesus has a genius for friendship, a gift for understanding the feelings of men.' And a gift of 'arresting phrase.' Jesus urges 'seriousness in reflection,' and also an 'emphasis on doing.' For Jesus, God is the great Fact by which he lives, and prayer is attuning ourselves to that great caring Reality which knows and embraces all living things. We need a concentrated and strenuous effort to get there." -John Hoad, *Translating Jesus for Today* Originally published in 1920, *The Jesus of History* was prepared after the urging of a number of leading Christians for the British Student Christian Movement. A perennial bestseller, it comprises ten detailed chapters examining the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Thoroughly recommended for inclusion on the bookshelf of any Christian theologian or historian, it also contains a wealth of information and anecdote that is still useful and relevant today. Contents Include: The study of the gospels; Childhood and youth; The man and his mind; The teacher and the disciples; The teaching of Jesus upon God; Jesus and man; Jesus' teaching upon sin; The choice of the cross; The Christian church in the Roman Empire; Jesus in Christian thought. Glover also incorporated material from a variety of his articles that had been published in the periodicals of the day. *The Jesus of History* is an important book for every student of Christian history. You will never look at the Lord Jesus in the same way. "I believe that no one will read Mr. Glover's description of the parable-teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ without a whole series of fresh and fruitful thoughts." -Randall Centaur (From the Foreword)

Large numbers of atheists, humanists, and conspiracy theorists are raising one of the most pressing questions in the history of religion: "Did Jesus exist at all?" Was he invented out of whole cloth for nefarious purposes by those seeking to control the masses? Or was Jesus such a shadowy figure—far removed from any credible historical evidence—that he bears no meaningful resemblance to the person described in the Bible? In *Did Jesus Exist?* historian and Bible expert Bart Ehrman confronts these questions, vigorously defends the historicity of Jesus, and provides a compelling portrait of the man from Nazareth. The Jesus you discover here may not be the Jesus you had hoped to meet—but he did exist, whether we like it or not.

A biography of the historical figure of Jesus. The book studies the relationship between Judaism and Christianity, distinguishing the certain from the improbable, and assessing the historical and religious context of Christ's time. The spread of Christianity is also discussed.

This book is the result of the author's involvement with the Jesus Seminar. The premise is that the quest for the historical Jesus has always been closely related to the Christian search for God, and that this is both good and necessary, provided that one properly understands the relationship between history and theology and does not confuse the two. Patterson develops s theology

that might properly be called a "Jesus Theology" and it is here that his contribution to the discussions of and about Jesus makes it a most distinctive contribution.

Christology, that is, the study of Jesus, is a many-faceted subject. In this new edition of *Jesus, the Christ*, Brennan Hill clearly and cogently explores this critical theological area, resulting in a luminous and reliable portrait of the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith. He deftly surveys both the breadth of information covered in the previous edition as well as the wealth of developments that have occurred in the field since the early 1990s. *Jesus, the Christ* looks at the people and places in Jesus' time, then moves to a search for the historical Jesus. Hill next looks at the many areas of Jesus' life and mission: teacher, prophet, miracle worker, man of the earth, advocate for women, savior, and liberator. He examines the main gospel stories about Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, and illustrates how the early christological doctrines developed. This new edition is written in a more informal and accessible style, enabling students to well understand and grasp the concepts and facts about the subject. Each chapter ends with discussion questions and a list of suggestions for further reading. *Jesus, the Christ* is eminently readable, constantly challenging, and filled with timely information in nontechnical language. It is strongly rooted in the best of modern biblical translation, and will be welcomed by students, teachers, and the general reader alike.

Combining the faith-development theory of James Fowler with the psychodynamics of Viktor Frankl, and utilizing many of the insights of contemporary biblical scholarship, the author has here proposed a unique and provocative interpretation of the life of Jesus as described in the Epistle to the Hebrews as the "leader and perfecter of faith." No doubt, many will find this approach to a "life of Christ" to be novel, even disturbingly "unorthodox". Yet it has been written in the conviction that the faith of most Christians, for the most part, has fallen into the heresy of "monophysitism", if not in theory, at least in practice amounting to a denial of Jesus as a human being and, as a result, a person of faith. In addition, in his "Christological Postscript", the author has sketched out the beginnings of a new, more evolutionary approach to understanding how Jesus might be understood to be divine, even while remaining the fully human character depicted in this book.

I regard it as a high privilege to be associated with this volume. Many who know and value Mr Glover's work on *The Conflict of Religions in the Early Roman Empire* must have wistfully desired to secure from his graphic pen just such a book as is here given to the world. He possesses the rare power of reverently handling familiar truths or facts in such manner as to make them seem to be almost new. There are few gifts more precious than this at a time when our familiarity with the greatest and most sacred of all narratives is a chief hindrance to our ready appreciation of its living power. I believe that no one will read Mr Glover's chapters, and especially his description of the parable-teaching given by our Lord, without a sense of having been introduced to a whole series of fresh and fruitful thoughts. He has expanded for us, with the force, the clearness, and the power of vivid illustration which we have learned to expect from him, the meaning of a sentence in the earlier volume I have alluded to, where he insists that, "Jesus of Nazareth does stand in the centre of human history, that He has brought God and man into a new relation, that He is the present concern of every one of us and that there is more in Him than we have yet accounted for." [1] In accordance with its title, the single

theme of the book is "The Jesus of History," but the student or exponent of dogmatic theology will find abundant material in its pages. I commend it confidently, both to single students and to those who nowadays, in happily increasing numbers, meet together for common study; and I congratulate those who belong to the Student Christian Movement upon this notable addition to the books published in connection with their far-reaching work. RANDALL CANTUAR Preface This book has grown out of lectures upon the historical Jesus given in a good many cities of India during the winter 1915-16. Recast and developed, the lectures were taken down in shorthand in Calcutta; they were revised in Madras; and most of them were wholly re-written, where and when in six following months leisure was available, in places so far apart as Colombo, Maymyo, Rangoon, Kodaikanal, Simla, and Poona. The reader will not expect a heavy apparatus of references to books which were generally out of reach. Here and there are incorporated passages (rehandled) from articles that have appeared in *The Constructive Quarterly*, *The Nation*, *The Expositor*, and elsewhere. Those who themselves have tried to draw the likeness attempted in this book will best understand, and perhaps most readily forgive, failures and mistakes, or even worse, in my drawing. The aim of the book, as of the lectures, is, after all, not to achieve a final presentment of the historical Jesus, but to suggest lines of study that will deepen our interest in him and our love of him.

This collection of essays on John by J. Louis Martyn gathers four additional Johannine essays into a single volume, augmenting the three published earlier in *The Gospel of John in Christian History* (1978). In addition to the essays published in the third edition of *History and Theology in the Fourth Gospel* (2003), these two volumes preserve for later generations the complete set of Martyn's published works on John. In a timely way, the publication of this volume follows the 50th anniversary of the publication of *History and Theology* (1968), which John Ashton regarded as the most important single Johannine monograph since the commentary of Rudolf Bultmann. It also follows the 40th anniversary of the publication of his second Johannine book, which serves as the core of the present volume. —From the Editor's Preface

Confronts the "legendary Jesus" case, showing how the Synoptic Gospels are the most historically probable representation of the actual Jesus of history.

The past two or three decades have witnessed significant activity in research on the Jesus of the Gospels and history. In fact, there has been such a plethora of publication on such a wide variety of facets of this issue that it is difficult to keep pace with the rate of publication. In this volume, Dunn and McKnight have collected and provided introductions to a wide cross-section of essays on the topic, ranging from classic essays by the likes of Bultmann, Cadbury, and Schweitzer to the most recent investigations of Horsley, Levine, and Wright. This volume will be a very useful book for courses and seminars on Jesus or the historical Jesus, because it draws together in one place a wide variety of perspectives and approaches to the issues. Authors represented include: P. S. Alexander, D. C. Allison, P. W. Barnett, M. J. Borg, R. Bultmann, H. J. Cadbury, P. M. Casey, G. B. Caird, B. Chilton, C. E. B. Cranfield, J. D. G. Dunn, R. A. Horsley, J. Jeremias, M. Kähler, W. G. Kimmel, E. E. Lemcio, A.-J. Levine, G. Luedemann, J. P. Meier, B. F. Meyer, R. Morgan, J. A. T. Robinson, E. P. Sanders, A. Schweitzer, K. R. Snodgrass, G. N. Stanton, P. Stuhlmacher,

G. Theissen, N. T. Wright.

In this Spanish bestseller, now available in English for the first time, the famous Biblical scholar Jose Antonio Pagola reconstructs the historical Jesus with a scholarly exegetical and theological approach. He addresses basic questions about who Jesus was; how he understood his life; what was the originality of his message; how the vision of the Kingdom of God centered his life; and why he was executed and who intervened in the process. The author presents a lively and passionate narrative of Jesus of Nazareth within the milieu of the first century, locating him in his social, economical, political and religious contexts based on current and accepted research. He also analyzes the perspectives and conclusions of the most important scholars in this research and presents a profound and extensive scholarly theological reflection about Jesus.

An informed, scholarly approach to the study of the historical Jesus that takes the Gospels seriously as a source of historical information.

The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith examines the conflicting views of Marcus Borg and N. T. Wright on the long-standing question of the relationship between the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth and the Christ of faith as depicted in the New Testament. Demetrios has created a study designed to supplement and expand on the discussion laid out in Borg's and Wright's widely read, *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Views*. While the author is more empathetic to Wright's emphasis on the continuities between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith, as illuminated throughout the New Testament, he is critical of Wright's overemphasis on history. In placing his interpretive emphasis on the revelatory dynamic of the canonical Scripture and the Great Tradition of Christian orthodoxy, Demetrios calls for a fourth quest for the historical Jesus that starts from a position firmly rooted in biblical faith and works backwards in search of historical roots. In this, he draws on the Pauline vision of "God . . . reconciling the world to himself in Christ" (2 Cor 5:19) as his underlying hermeneutics. In exploring the broad range of issues that underpins the continuity/discontinuity question, Demetrios has provided a resource designed to span a wide audience, from Christian adult study groups interested in tackling books like *The Meaning of Jesus* to graduate level seminary students and professors.

A critical analysis of the historicity of the Gospel of John Since it began in 2002, the John, Jesus, and History Project has assessed critically the modern disparaging of John's historicity and has found this bias wanting. In this third volume, an international group of experts demonstrate over two dozen ways in which John contributes to an enhanced historical understanding of Jesus and his ministry. This volume does not simply argue for a more inclusive quest for Jesus—one that embraces John instead of programmatically excluding it. It shows that such a quest has already indeed begun. Contributors include Paul N. Anderson, Jo-Ann A. Brant, Peder Borgen, Gary M. Burge, Warren Carter, R. Alan Culpepper, James D. G. Dunn, Robert T. Fortna, Jörg Frey, Steven A. Graham, Colin J. Humphreys, Craig Keener, Andreas Köstenberger, Tim Ling, William Loader, Linda McKinnish Bridges, James S. McLaren, Annette Merz, Wendy E. S. North, Benjamin E. Reynolds, Udo Schnelle, Donald Senior, C.P., Tom Thatcher, Michael Theobald, Jan van der Watt, Robert Webb, Stephen Witetscheck, and Jean Zumstein. Features A state-of-the-art analysis of John's contributions to the quest for the historical Jesus, including evaluative

responses by leading Jesus scholars •An overview of paradigm shifts in Jesus scholarship and recent approaches to the Johannine riddles Detailed charts that illuminates John's similarities and differences from the Synoptic Gospels as well as the gospel's contributions to the historical Jesus research

A natural sequel to "The Historical Jesus Quest", this book provides commentary on the work and significance of the classic writers presented in that volume: Spinoza, Strauss, Schweitzer, Troeltsch, Bultmann, Kasemann, and others.

This groundbreaking work, which established the reputation of Albert Schweitzer as a theologian, traces the search for the historical figure of Jesus (apart from the Christ of faith) and establishes the author's own views.

Collects entries tracing the study of the life of Jesus Christ discussing topics that include authenticating historical records, examination of the sources, and the events in the life of Jesus.

"Jesus and the Gospel in Africa collects writings by Kwame Bediako and is the best source for his insights into the Christ of present-day African history and the Jesus of African faith. Bediako shows how intimately bound together are such elements as the message of Jesus and the struggle to give birth to African democracy." --Book Jacket.

The introduction to this new guide sets out the sources (Graeco-Roman, Jewish and Christian), noting the problems connected with them, paying particular attention to the nature of the gospels, and the Synoptic versus the Johannine tradition. A substantial section will discuss scholarship on Jesus from the nineteenth century to the explosion of works in the present day, introducing and explaining the three different 'quests' for the historical Jesus. Subsequent chapters will analyse key themes in historical Jesus research: Jesus' Galilean origins; the scope of his ministry and models of 'holy men', particularly that of prophet; Jesus' teaching and healing; his trial and crucifixion; the highly contentious question of his resurrection; and finally an exploration of the links between the Jesus movement and the early church. Throughout, the (often opposing) positions of a variety of key scholars will be explained and discussed (eg. Sanders, Crossan, Dunn, Wright, Brown).

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The earliest substantive sources available for historical Jesus research are in the Gospels themselves; when interpreted in their early Jewish setting, their picture of Jesus is more coherent and plausible than are the competing theories offered by many modern scholars. So argues Craig Keener in *The Historical Jesus of the Gospels*. / In exploring the depth and riches of the material found in the Synoptic Gospels, Keener shows how many works on the historical Jesus emphasize just one aspect of the Jesus tradition against others, but a much wider range of material in the Jesus tradition makes sense in an ancient Jewish setting. Keener masterfully uses a broad range of evidence from the early Jesus traditions and early Judaism to reconstruct a fuller portrait

of the Jesus who lived in history.

Historian John Dickson examines what can be trusted as reliable history in order to answer the question: is Jesus fact or fiction? More importantly, he asks: if Jesus really did exist and was who he claimed to be, what does that mean for you today? Great to give away to people interested in the evidence for Christianity.

Including a range of materials dating from the nineteenth century to the present, this comprehensive collection brings together the essential research into the historical reality of Jesus the man, his teachings, and the acts and events ascribed to him that comprise the foundational story of one of the world's central religions. The set features a substantial new introduction by the editor in the first volume and a full index in the last, and provides work covering all of the key aspects of the field, including the recent discussions concerning anti-Semitism in early Christianity, and the political and ideological filtering of the Jesus story through the Roman empire and beyond.

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