

Who Was Jesus Who Was

In the prayer of John 17 Jesus not only verifies His preexistent nature and His purpose in coming to this earth, but He also reveals the glorious destination for Himself, and those who are His joint heirs. The purpose and place of prayer is herein established. Prayer releases the Father's will in heaven, which places into motion the answers. Jesus' prayer of John 17 precedes Him to the cross, through the cross, and into the bosom of His Father. It also precedes us and makes provision for us. The beautiful storehouse of Jesus' sacrificial blessing is revealed to us. The importance of "a family" to Father-God is revealed and His love spilled out that it would be accomplished. The heart-cry of Jesus is that we know Father-God. He shows us His relationship with Him and invites us into the family. John 17 reveals the depth of intimacy Jesus has with His Father. In a world that struggles profusely with fatherhood this reveals a relationship that lacks nothing! Ramona B. Jolly has an earned Ph.D. in Christian Education and Administration. In 1993-1994 she and her family lived in Kenya, East Africa as missionaries. It was in Africa that the purposes of God burst forth in her in bigger than life experiences. During this time a passion to serve Christ and flow in the purposes He foreordained was birthed. That passion remains to this day. In 1999 Ramona and her husband established YAHshua International, Inc., a 501(c)(3), to facilitate the ministries He has called them to. During a time of great trial when her husband was battling for his

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life with two kinds of leukemia raging in his body, she learned that Father-God could be trusted with life so precious. This was the beginning of a deep, true relationship with Him. Ramona and Billy have 3 children and two grandchildren. Website to purchase book: www.RamonaBJolly.com.

The long "Quest of the Historical Jesus" has come to an end--according to Floyd Hale, the author of HOW JESUS WAS LOST IN THE BIBLE ... AND FOUND. This is a brief review in his own words. Jesus was the "first Gandhi" (to sum it up in one statement). To make this obvious I first show--"by the Scriptures"--that all the other images and titles laid on Jesus after his death by the Church are false. That takes a few pages of what may be considered boring by some--even heresy by others. The real Jesus' primary task was to pick and train dedicated followers who would conduct nothing short of a revolution--"nonviolently." Needless to say this would cause enemies, whom they were to "love"--while "hating" their own families. Words like these have caused Bible scholars to miss seeing Jesus applied this kind of teaching to those whom he would "send out," and not to "all believers." Jesus's execution as a seditionist by the Romans stopped the "revolution" before it started. No "sender-outer," no revolution. But the "edited" plans were well remembered and can be gleaned from the Gospels. This reveals the image the "planner." Jesus was a Humanist and needs to be rescued from the Bible and let stand in History on his own, no longer shackled by religion. One of the purposes of this book is an effort to do just that. A full Review of "How Jesus Was Lost

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... And Found," is Mike Travelstead's Review which follows:

How Jesus Was Lost in the Bible ... and Found by Floyd Hale Reviewed by Mike Travelstead, Macedonia, IL In his latest of several self-published books, The Reverend Floyd Hale has taken on the Herculean task of redefining Jesus the Christ. Having read all of the previous books, which were thought-provoking for truth-seekers, I found this latest volume most compelling, following a consistent logic, using much illustration, explanation, and scriptural reference. If readers approach the text with an open mind and critical attitude, they will be rewarded with a cogent argument worthy of reflection, one that re-shapes the image of Jesus, who has had a profound and far-reaching effect on the history of our world. The thesis of How Jesus Was Lost in the Bible ... and Found claims that the traditional titles applied to Jesus—Christ, Messiah, Savior, Son of God, Son of Man—by the church are false because the Old Testament “prophecies” did not apply to him nor foretell him. Some liberal Biblical scholars have denied the divinity of Jesus, but maintain that he was a wise teacher. The Reverend Hale goes further by insisting that Jesus commanded his followers not just to “believe”, but to “act”. He trained them to conduct a non-violent revolution designed to change the system, a system which oppressed the poor and suffering. Later leaders, like Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., adopted this sacrificial but effective technique. However, Jesus’ plan was aborted by his premature execution. Hale’s style is conversational, infused with Southern Illinois humor, some

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references which may not be readily apparent to younger readers. Some analogies, too, are quite instructive. I like especially the football analogy he uses at the end. Hale speculates that Jesus “has a dream,” in which he forms a team that will carry the ball, but he dies a moment before kick-off. The game is called for a memorial service. But instead of going back to the field, they continue conducting memorial services. That is powerful. This plan never came to fruition because, as Hale claims, Jesus’ followers misinterpreted his idea of the Kingdom. As the early church was being established, many different beliefs contended for precedence. The historical figure who virtually single-handedly created the Christian Church as it is known was St. Paul. Completely ignoring the stories of Jesus’ miraculous birth, Paul emphasizes the resurrection as the basis of his faith, hoping for eternal salvation sometime in the future. Hale maintains that Jesus’ preaching of the Kingdom defines “eternal” as “now”—the Kingdom of God is here right now. This definition of “eternal” may not be the common perception, but Joseph Campbell, the late world renowned expert on world mythology and important influence on George Lucas’ Star Wars, also defines “eternal” as the “here and now.” Floyd Hale is no stranger to controversy. His writing and preaching over the years have created no small amount of unrest, readers and listeners experiencing bewilderment, disbelief, and even anger. But he has kindly and courageously held the line. His background is much like many of us who grew up in the traditional church environment, a literal reading of the Bible, with apparent contradictions which were not allowed to be

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questioned, fear instilled by a wrathful God who punishes and rewards. Hale entered seminary with a desire to "preach the word" and perpetuate the system, but his God-given intellect forced him to reconsider the orthodoxy. This has led him on a lifelong quest for truth, but it is a difficult and sometimes lonely road, "the road not taken" as Robert Frost would have it. Others have written on similar topics. One especially like it is *Why Christianity Must Change or Die* by John Shelby Spong, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. Spong maintains that in light of scientific advancement and modern biblical criticism, the church must implement this knowledge or become irrelevant, or even extinct. Floyd Hale may have the idea that could solve this problem. These four volumes record the visions of the famous 19th-century Catholic mystic; Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich; a nun who was privileged to behold innumerable events of biblical times; going back to the creation of the world. She saw the fall of the Angels; the sin of Adam; Noe and the Flood; the lives of Our Lord; St. John the Baptist; the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Mary Magdalen; and many others. She describes persons; places and events in intimate detail; and explains their mystical significance. This is the companion participant guide to the Feasts of the Bible 6-Session DVD-based Study. It gives the participant discussion questions, quizzes, a place for taking notes and listing prayer requests, additional Old Testament information about types of offerings, the role of the priests, the meaning of Jesus' teaching that he was "Lord of the Sabbath," and more. Includes a calendar of the feasts (they change dates each

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year) and diagrams and charts for the tabernacle and the feasts of the Lord. Some Christians miss the importance of the biblical feasts, seeing them as merely "Jewish" holidays, but Scripture says these are the Feasts of the Lord God established for all people for all time. Now you can connect the Hebrew roots of Christianity and the symbolism that points to Jesus Christ using this 6-session DVD-based study and Participation Guide, *The Feasts of the Bible*, sold separately.

As a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, over many years, the author has seen some trying times. It was during some of these difficult times that the Lord revealed his powerful name, which she used to help her overcome many trials.

Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 2003 in the subject Theology - Comparative Religion Studies, grade: cum laude, Concordia University Montreal (Concordia Theologica Institute; Neffs, Penns., USA), language: English, abstract: This paper sets out to examine the presence of Jesus Christ as presented in the Holy Quran. This is presented from the perspective of a twentieth century African Christian after an objective reading of the Holy Quran and some Hadith literature. Jesus comes through as a prophet and messenger of Allah, with whom Allah has established unique relationship and about whom the last word is not yet spoken. The Quran comes through as a great defender of what it reveals as the true nature and identity of Jesus, against different and conflicting misrepresentations of Jesus by rival Christian groups. The Quran presents a Jesus in whom Allah is greatly interested. Allah identifies and

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prepares Mary the mother of Jesus and entrusts her to the care of Zachariah. Allah gives a gift of a son to Zachariah in their old age; this son is John and called “Yahya” in the Quran. Allah then gives a Word from Himself to Mary. This word from Allah given to Mary becomes Jesus a son born of a virgin mother. Allah himself through the ministry of Angels and nature arranges for and takes care of Mary’s confinement and post-delivery care till Allah presents her back to her people with her infant son Jesus who as an infant miraculously spoke in defense of his mother. The Quran presents a Jesus who delivers a message to the children of Israel only. A Jesus who performs miracles and a Jesus who is rescued by Allah from the threat of being crucified by the Jews Allah takes Jesus unto Himself and before the day of judgement Jesus will come to do the will of Allah. After reading all the references of Jesus in the Quran, one develops an interest in this Prophet and Messenger of Allah and asks many questions about him. However, the Quran is silent. This silence of the Quran about so much historical information about Jesus becomes very loud and problematic. The quotations from the Holy Quran in this paper are from Ali, Abdullah Yusuf: The Holy Quran: Arabic Text, Translation and Commentary, University of New York Press, 1991. The purpose of this paper is:- 1. Trace Jesus in the Holy Quran 2. Compare and contrast the Jesus in the Quran and the Bible 3. Help Christian to understand Islam Religion and being able to answer the basic system of doctrine of a Muslim. 4. Have a picture of Jesus through the eyes of a Muslim and a Christian.

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Simplified Chinese edition of the Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown.

Empowering women to be all that God wants them to be! In early New Testament times, women gathered at the well, drawing water and talking to one another about their lives and probably helping to advise each other about the problems or dilemmas in their lives. But one woman went to the well when she knew the others would not be there because of her shameful lifestyle that was unacceptable. She waited until much later, thinking she would avoid a confrontation with those who she knew would avoid her and look on her with disdain. But along came Jesus, who knew when she would be there and brought along understanding, compassion, and love. He left out condemnation and judgment and instead brought GRACE. (God's Riches At Christ's Expense) It was this encounter that changed her life and her lifestyle. The purpose and the vision of Women on the R.U.N. for Jesus is to minister to the total woman (spirit, soul, and body); gather women from different ethnic backgrounds and Christian denominations; open the doors of communication through fellowship; and provide the tools necessary to become the women that God has called us to be. Women on the R.U.N. for Jesus started with two women who were hungry for the Word of God. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). The group meets once a month to empower women

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to become all that God wants them to be. Please join us!

The main purpose of the present volume is to set forth the evidence for believing in the historical reality of Jesus' existence upon earth. By way of approach, the characteristic features of more recent opinion regarding the historical Jesus have been surveyed, and, on the other hand, the views of those who deny his existence have been examined in detail. The negative arguments have been carefully analyzed in order accurately to comprehend the problem. - Preface.

Written in 1926, this is an exact facsimile of the original book. This powerful little book was intended by its author, Dr. B. Harvie Branscomb, for use in both personal and group study. To be a "Christian" is to be Christ-like. But who was Christ the Messiah, the one we call JESUS, and what was he like? He taught us that The Way is to Love, but not without repentance and personal accountability, righteousness, and justice. Above all, his Message was to teach us how to draw closer to our Heavenly Father and His Divine Kingdom. Jesus came to lead ALL of the children of God Almighty out of spiritual darkness and into His great redeeming Light. The Message of Jesus was simple, and timely for each generation, but does your heart really know what it is?

****WARNING:** This book takes a drastic departure from Christian doctrine regarding the man known as Jesus Christ and offers an alternative set of facts

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regarding his life and teachings based upon what we currently know about the psychological and emotional effects of bullying and mobbing behaviors on the mind of the person who is the target of these behaviors. The systemic bully-bystander-enabler-target model of behavior that I describe in *Patterns of Human Consciousness* underpins all instances of bullying and mobbing, including that of Jesus. His enlightened teachings were at odds with the authoritarian Pharisees who ran the Jewish community. Jesus was essentially a rabbi who went rogue when he decided it was his purpose to teach the true meaning of the scriptures instead of the legalistic interpretation that gave the Pharisaic power structure the agenda it needed to keep the Jewish population under its thumb enforcing Mosaic law through the top-down hierarchy of the Temple. I do not treat Jesus' story as a religious story in this book. I treat it as the very real story of a man who was working within a corrupt religious environment where the politics of power took priority over the truth. By any religious or moral standard, Jesus should have been defended and protected. Instead, the religious leaders of his day made people perceive him as a criminal deserving of one of the most horrific methods of execution ever devised by mankind just so they could get their win and protect their turf. They turned the tables on Jesus and to do so, they had to turn over truth itself. They used the strategies of mobbing, which have been identified by

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Heinz Leymann, to make their actions of killing a righteous man appear reasonable to the general public. Although their actions were none of those things, they got away with the killing by using a process of role reversal that is common to all mobbings, whereby the innocent target is made to look guilty and the guilty gets off scot-free because they are perceived as the saviors of the situation. I incorporate writings outside of the New Testament which have been discovered and are now available to us to create a cohesive narrative of what I believe happened to Jesus and his legacy as an interpreter of the Old Testament whose teachings would have organically brought all people together under the umbrella of a common humanity. It has been hard for me to write about Jesus from the standpoint of thoughts and emotions we all have as human beings. I still hold on to the perfect, sinless, Son of God image of Jesus that was taught to me in church. I continue to feel pangs of guilt when I try to interpret his words and actions on the human level. The voice of my Sunday School teacher always comes back to me and makes me feel like it is a betrayal to the Christ to whom I owe so much. I have shed many tears and said many prayers during the course of researching and writing this book coming to a place in my mind where I am comfortable that what I have written comes from a place of logic, knowledge, experience and truth where agendas, doctrines and ideologies, religious or

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otherwise, have no place.

Examining Mark's gospel, this book reveals, not a safe, nice guy Jesus, but a militant Messiah with a powerful love who dares believers to follow Him.

Jesus came from the closed village of Galilee. He was originally a lower-class Jewish missionary. He was convicted of illegal activities and was crucified for treason. But shortly after his death, his followers began to declare that he was the incarnation of God, and later even directly declared that Jesus is God, the Lord of heaven and the world. So the question is: how did a farmer who was crucified become the creator of all things? The author of this book has been a regular Christian since he was a child. He went to church every Sunday and served as a sacrifice. But as time passed, his thinking changed.

This study uses composition criticism to consider everything that Luke wrote about Jesus. Jesus was a human being and a prophet, yet Luke wished to say much more. He has a very extensive and developed portrayal of Jesus as a saviour. His roles as Servant of Yahweh and Son of Man play a real part in explaining a number of Jesus' experiences and actions, including his passion. Jesus' identification as the Christ can be associated with the being Son of God, but each of these identifications has its own nuances. Luke 1:35 proves crucial for a correct understanding of Son of God and guides the reader's

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comprehension of Jesus' identity. The OT background of Lord leads to a correct interpretation of this title when applied to Jesus, and Luke willingly predicates similar things of God and of Jesus.

In this fascinating "CSI-style" investigation, Murdock, author of the controversial book "The Christ Conspiracy," examines evidence for the life of Jesus Christ, revealing that with Christianity what is seen is not always what one gets. (Christian)

When world-class biblical scholar Bart Ehrman first began to study the texts of the Bible in their original languages he was startled to discover the multitude of mistakes and intentional alterations that had been made by earlier translators. In *Misquoting Jesus*, Ehrman tells the story behind the mistakes and changes that ancient scribes made to the New Testament and shows the great impact they had upon the Bible we use today. He frames his account with personal reflections on how his study of the Greek manuscripts made him abandon his once ultraconservative views of the Bible. Since the advent of the printing press and the accurate reproduction of texts, most people have assumed that when they read the New Testament they are reading an exact copy of Jesus's words or Saint Paul's writings. And yet, for almost fifteen hundred years these manuscripts were hand copied by scribes who were deeply influenced by the cultural, theological, and political disputes of their day. Both mistakes and intentional changes abound in the surviving manuscripts, making the original words difficult to reconstruct. For the first time, Ehrman reveals where and why these changes were made and how scholars go about reconstructing the original words of the New Testament as closely as possible. Ehrman makes the provocative case that many of our cherished biblical stories and widely held

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beliefs concerning the divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, and the divine origins of the Bible itself stem from both intentional and accidental alterations by scribes -- alterations that dramatically affected all subsequent versions of the Bible.

A book designed to help the reader live the questions Jesus asks.

Very little is known about the life of Jesus. The gospels were written to propagate an image of Jesus as the prophesied Messiah, and give few details of his life. Moreover, most of the fundamental tenets of Christianity are not derived directly from the gospels but from the teachings of St Paul. Between and indeed within these sources there are baffling inconsistencies. This book seeks, as far as possible to uncover the historical figure of Jesus, and to explore what it was about his teaching that created a dedicated and able following that propagated a religion in his name. It also traces the life and teachings of St Paul, asks what Paul knew of the man, Jesus, and suggests that there may have been a conspiracy between Paul and Peter to disseminate a selective and distorted image of Jesus' life, character and teaching.

Explores three different views of Jesus Christ--the historical Jesus, the mythical figure created by the church to represent years of church teaching and theology, and the radical teacher who taught his followers how to change the world.

This provocative work examines the recent Jesus publications in the context of the many modern Jesus books, dominated by Albert Schweitzer's masterful portrait, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* (1906). Wright shows that the modern "quest" displays many variations on the same themes, so that the latest portraits of Jesus are not nearly as novel as they are thought to be.

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What was it like in the time of Jesus? What was Jesus really like? Did he really perform those miracles? In this book the author seeks to answer these questions and many others about the Jesus of history. The author centers on two main concerns: how much Jesus was a part of his Jewish culture, and how much he moved beyond this culture to new and unique insights. Tambasco explores the very human face of Jesus. This book will be a useful tool to undergraduates seeking an overview of the Jesus of history and his claims. To those in adult education the book presents a useful summary of the foundational Christian story and its teaching. To those outside of Christianity or to the non-committed the work will satisfy curiosity over why Jesus has attracted such a following. To all its readers the book tries to answer the basic questions: Who was Jesus of Nazareth? What would it have been like to meet him in history? What makes him so special?

This was the first biography of Jesus to present him as a gifted and spiritual man, but as a man only, who was entirely human. He had wisdom, taught using parables, but being human, the Jesus of Renan was clever and opportunistic in his approach to achieving his aims. As time goes on, Jesus is shown to become increasingly enthusiastic and fanatical in the eyes of the author, to the point of deliberately allowing himself to be killed. Although one cannot prove this book to be more accurate than the traditional story (it is a matter of interpretation and opinion), it does offer a different view of Jesus that has been both criticized and praised. Renan had studied to be a priest by attending Catholic seminaries, had

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taken the minor orders of the Roman Church, but in 1845 abandoned the faith. This work sparked fierce controversy because of his priesthood connection and it caused him to be dismissed from the Chair of Hebrew at the College de France. This was the first in a series of four books meant to outline the complete history and formation of the Christian faith. Considered a classic work to this day, it is still widely referenced.

Drawing on examples from literature, art, and popular culture, as well as theology, this engaging book reveals the importance of the question, "whose was he?" in fully understanding the life and legacy of Jesus. A concise, accessible and engaging exploration of Jesus's life and enduring influence. Charts the changing global status and influence of Jesus, a Galilean Jew born when the ancient Roman Empire ruled the Mediterranean world, and how he has come to be honored as the Christ and recognized by billions of people around the world. Traces the reception history of Jesus and his story over the past two millennia, through art, literature, and culture, as well as theology. Draws on a fascinating range of materials - from ancient texts, creeds, and theological treatises, to the visual and dramatic arts, including books like *The Da Vinci Code* and films such as *The Passion of the Christ*.

The four Gospels are a treasure trove of wisdom and truths that Jesus shared

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with those around Him. WORDS OF JESUS FOR MEN is the perfect devotional for men with its 366 succinct messages by well-known radio personality and author, Riekert Botha. Each devotion begins with a Scripture verse consisting of Jesus' words. Men will view Jesus' words from a fresh perspective by studying short Scripture quotations from our Master Teacher with Riekert. Themes such as right and wrong, Jesus' example and love are passed on with nuggets of advice, challenges and encouragement. Each devotion in WORDS OF JESUS FOR MEN is accompanied by a prayer for the day or a practical application to not just listen to Jesus' words, but to LIVE them!

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Most people do not realize that the Apostle John was actually using terminology familiar to 1st Century Jewish people. It was familiar, because it was language read in the Targums in the Synagogue every week. What John was doing by stating his first sentence in the manner was very similar to the technique used at the time (and today in some Orthodox Jewish sects), whereby one person would recite the first verse of a Psalm, and the students (or members of the Synagogue), would begin to recite the rest of the Psalm. Jesus did this as is recorded in the New Testament. The hearers should have understood to recite the entirety of Psalm 22 in response, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out

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with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 Using this technique, John the Apostle, was calling on Jewish familiarity with the Aramaic Targums and calling them to apply what they learned from the Targums about The Word of the Lord, to Yeshua/Jesus himself. This study is simply highlighting all of those passages that would have been read in the Synagogue throughout the course of a year in 1st Century Judaism, calling attention to the passages mentioning The Word of the Lord. Jewish theology of the period understood that The Word of the Lord was a "lesser Yahweh." In other words, he was the God who interacted with humanity and creation directly, performing miracles, signs and wonders and simply speaking to humans. The "Greater Yahweh" was understood to exist in the Heaven. The "lesser Yahweh" did the will of and spoke the words of the "Greater Yahweh." This is the theological and social context of the 1st Century Jewish mind that first encountered the Apostle John's words: John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This work is a side-by-side comparison of passages in the various Targums showing that "The Word of the Lord" was considered an important person of the Godhead in the understanding of Judaism predating 3 AD/CE.

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Psalm 75 is the inauguration speech of Jesus at the Second coming. Psalms 75 1. Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. 2. When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. 3. The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah. 4. I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: 5. Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. 6. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. 8. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. 9. But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10. All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted. Chapter 12 is a Second Coming Chapter about Jesus Christ's return. Isaiah 12 1. And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. 3. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the

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Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. 6. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee. Jesus will be in the midst of us and He is God Almighty. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion. I am the Herald of Jesus. Some say Obama and Ronald Reagan and the Herald are the antiChrist or the false prophet, but the Bible says Magog and Gog are from the children of Japheth. The AntiChrist is Asian, not European or from Ham the black nations. Also that means the Europeans are not the revived Roman empire. The AntiChrist is Asian not the revived Roman empire, and this will be in 40 billion years from now when Satan will sift the children of Japheth, because he thought that with a big enough of an Army he could defeat God. All nations rebelled against Jesus Christ in WWIII. The Theologians have all lied to you concerning a revived Roman empire or the children of Ham being the enemy. The Jesus who will come back at the Second Coming with all of His Angels is not Asian. The picture I gave of Jesus is not Asian, He is Jewish, the Son of David. Ebola is the pestilence noted in Luke 21:11.

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5 Thesselonians 21: Test everything and hold on to what is good. On-going Bible research makes clear that there is a definite agenda rather than just an attempt to tell a true story in the progression of the four canonical gospels. The claims regarding Jesus grow and are extended upon in each until in John we find the awe-inspiring God of Moses coming from behind the clouds at Jesus' baptism in the Jordon, wiping away all doubt that Jesus is much more than just another prophet. All this makes "want to be" Jesus followers like myself stop at a crossroads. Do we take the conflicting assertions which the many gospels have to make about Jesus as "gospel"? Do we include the Jesus of almost 1.5 billion Muslims, who was never crucified, or do we limit ourselves to the historical Jesus in his historical context and eliminate the most unlikely elements that have been pencilled in along the way? I have tried to walk a tightrope between all the above in my "Justifying Jewish Jesus." My intention isn't to insult or confront people in

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their beliefs, but to do justice to my own search for a credible Jesus who lives up to the basic standards of today's thinking Christians and more. We need to admit that there are more questions than answers about Jesus. A good starting point would be to be logical enough to admit the possibility that we are all wrong in part, in our presumptions about him and his message/s. My Jesus story is certainly no less true than the huge range of conflicting stories in the gospels and elsewhere, but then that isn't the point. As Antoine de Saint Exupery contended, we can only really know people when we look at them with our hearts. Working with this idea brought me closer to the Jesus I want to respect and take inspiration from. The man I depicted is unique and yet very human. He is somebody I would willingly listen to and spend time with. Friendship with such a Jesus would entail letting go of the common comfortable Christianity and standing up for what is right and just. That would certainly end in conflict with the very people who are absolutely certain who Jesus is and what he was sent here to do. However, one can see from their hardened faces that they only know him with their heads, not their hearts, and that is where we part company. My Jesus was a very unlikely hero and still he became the greatest and that has to be inspiring or?

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of Jesus' Time To understand Jesus' life and ministry, we need to understand the history and culture of his world. Marty, author of the popular *The Whole Bible Story*, provides readers with a thoroughly readable, easy-to-understand history of Israel leading up to the time of Christ. Each chapter ties closely to the events of the New Testament as Marty carefully answers such questions as •Who were the Pharisees and why was Jesus upset with them? •Why didn't anyone like the Samaritans? •When and why did the Jews start worshiping in "synagogues" rather than the Temple? The book will include call-out boxes, summaries, and other tools to make this the most accessible book available on the topic.

Harvard Divinity School has now confirmed that "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" papyrus fragment is ancient, after detailed testing. With Jesus's wife confirmed, it is time to find out who was Jesus' daughter and granddaughter and how St. Paul was his son-in-law. It is all shown for the first time in this book "Paulina's promise to her grandfather. This book is not another half-cocked book about Jesus going to India or Mary Magdalene sitting at Da Vinci's Last Supper or of founding a Grail Dynasty. It is a well-documented and consistent, although alternative, history. It is hoped that the truth about Jesus will help to diffuse misguided religious fanaticism that continues to trouble the future of this world! We have only now begun to feel the impact of the Nag Hammadi Books and the Dead Sea Scrolls

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on our view of religion. These books were found when I was born and that was a mere sixty-five years ago. Books like Da Vinci Code and Holy Blood, Holy Grail are just the tip of the iceberg because there have never been facts that can explain it and prove all of the story. This book can! Paulina is a real person who lived and is just as real as her mother Phoebe and father Paul, her grandfather Jesus, her grandmother Mary Magdalene, her great-grandfather Joseph, and her great-grandmothers Mother Mary and Salome-Martha. People will say that this book threatens to turn Jesus into a mere person, but Christianity can survive this as it did in the Protestant Revolution. There will always be fanatics who cause religious wars in the name of God and violate the true principle of God of "turning the other cheek". When the Protestants dared to demote Jesus from God to 'Son of God', there were years of bloodshed, but now both sides have learned to respect each other as Christians. In these times, the "moneychangers" of the Churches are beginning to understand that perhaps their churches have become empty because myths cannot stand up to science and common sense anymore. Clearly, we are now moving to a new paradigm that requires respect for all religions and non-religions. Christianity can no longer have the exclusive hold to "Peter's keys" as the only door to heaven, because heaven is open to all good people or rather I should say that heaven is all good people. The solution to the

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vitalizing of Christianity is to go back to the roots of the early Christian Church. In those days, all were brothers and sisters who dealt with values of conscience between ones Self and God. It did not require Jesus or Paul or the Disciples or the clerics to be the only conduit to God. These early leaders taught by example and it is their personal mistakes and successes that are so much more valuable to us in this electronic age of personal empowerment. Have you wondered why there must be a Second Coming? Even in 70 AD when Jesus was still alive, having survived the Crucifixion, he was still wishing to tear down the myth about his Resurrection. He begged his granddaughter Paulina to expose this lie. In her own loving words she describes the truths by using the contents of explicit first century references from historians, apocrypha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and carefully translated passages from original Greek New Testament. Her book, having been hidden in a cave by Paulina before her martyrdom by the Church leaders, was found by Bernadette of Lourdes and it has only now come to light. It is the spreading of this book to the world that will finally replace the feared Apocalypse with a true Revelation of true Revelation that will foster humanity's desire for global conscience and consciousness. Note from the author: Although the Kindle ebook faithfully reproduces the paperback, it is somewhat difficult to navigate due to the limitations of the ebook, so please consider purchasing the

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sought to kill Jesus. The Anti-Christ will use this same reasoning once again to deceive the whole world, when he is crown as the Messiah in the underground chambers of the old Temple of Solomon in Israeli. This will occur within the next generation, and that time will be shorten. Many of the believers in Christianity to this day fail to realize that the Aaronic Priesthood ended upon the death and resurrection of Jesus who is the Messiah, and High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. To this very day many Christians Churches still hold fast to the teachings of the Aaronic Priesthood and this misunderstanding is exactly what Lucifer wants and he will use it to declare to the world that he is the promised Messiah. In this manner he will attempt to establish his church in place of Jesus. However God Almighty has promised us that his time will be shortened for the elect's sake. One of the purposes of this book is to explain this in greater detail. Please read "Matthew 13: 36 – 53" I am a scribe that was given the task to bring this message to those that have eyes to see, and ears to hear.

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