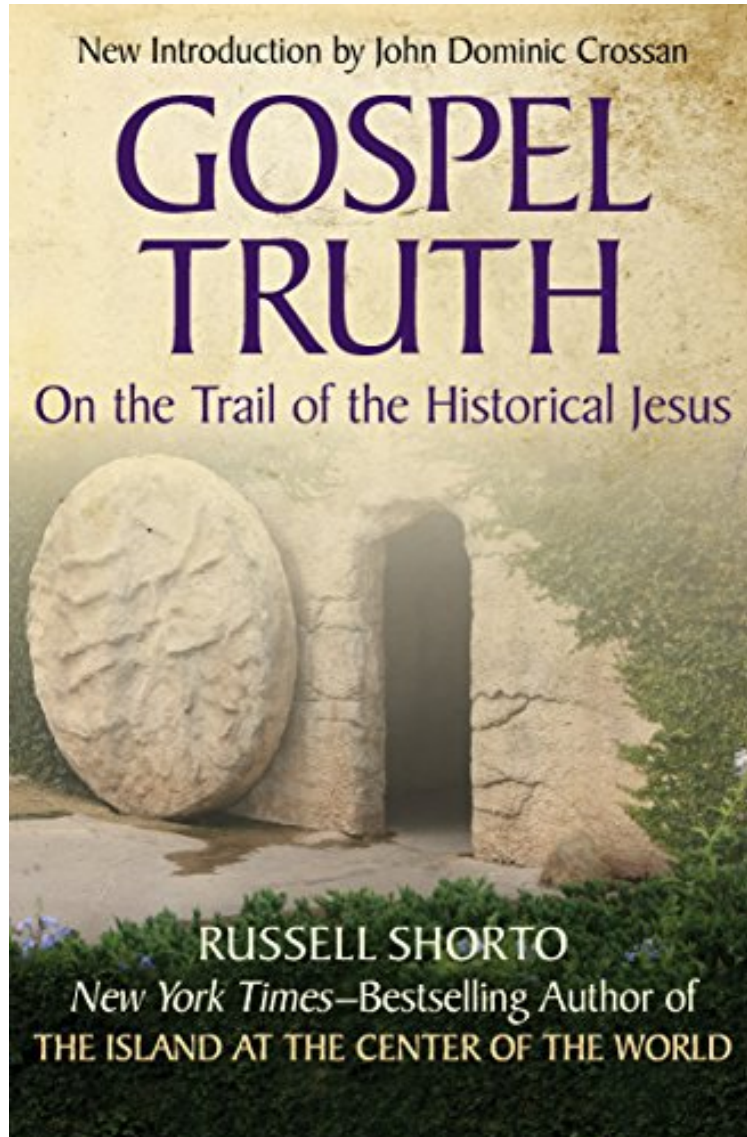


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Von Russell Shorto : Gospel Truth: On the Trail of the Historical Jesus (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gospel Truth: On the Trail of the Historical Jesus (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A clear unbiased summary of historical Jesus researchVon Ein Kunde Shorto's Gospel Truth is a discussion of various conclusions drawn by many biblical scholars searching for the historical Jesus (as opposed to the Christ of faith),

which will disappoint Fundamentalists. Shorto is a journalist rather than a biblical scholar, but he has a good grasp of recent research in this field. He has done his homework, which included personal interviews with some scholars. Considering the topic, the book is surprisingly easy to read. He has no axe to grind, as do most biblical scholars, so his presentation is relatively fair. Although he devotes the most space to the Jesus Seminar and Crossan, he does present alternative viewpoints. He discusses some aspects of the work of Sanders, Frederiksen, Schillebeeckx, Funk, Borg, Mack, Raymond Brown, John Meier, Spong, N.T. Wright, and others, as well as the criticisms of William Craig. The current trend among Bible scholars is the historical approach. Shorto states "The historical Jesus movement has not only taken over New Testament studies but has swept into the popular consciousness" thanks primarily to the publicity surrounding the Jesus Seminar. The ranks of historical scholars includes ministers and priests. "Far from trying to undo Christianity, many of them [historical scholars] were working toward a new definition of it." Because the evidence about the historical Jesus is so sparse, the conclusions drawn by all historical scholars are tentative. Every author has at least some bias, and it is primarily for this reason that there are so many different viewpoints. Although the Jesus Seminar has contributed greatly to the historical Jesus study, in reference to their minority opinion that Jesus was noneschatological, Paula Fredriksen [quoted by Shorto] claims "Basically what they're doing is relieving themselves of the embarrassment of having a Jesus who is so terribly wrong about something." There is, however, a consensus among historical scholars that the following are not factual: birth narratives, nature miracles, and most of the passion narrative. Shorto emphasizes the Jewishness of Jesus. Following the majority of scholars, he accepts the primacy of Mark. He states "many if not most scholars who accept the Q theory are Christian clerics." He debunks the recent claim of extremely early fragments of Matthew. Concerning the kingdom of God, Jesus "seems never to have defined it the same way twice, and every definition he gave seemed to cause as much confusion as insight." Concerning the crucifixion, Shorto says "A remarkable number of the details of the scene in the gospels seem to come directly from Psalm 22." "Jesus saw the Old Testament prophecies about to be fulfilled by him, on earth." He has some unusual chapter titles; one I particularly enjoyed was THE BIG DIPPER, which refers to John the Baptist.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Well Told Story Von Don W. Dotson Books are finite products written for specific purposes. In this work, the author is very explicit about his aims and goals: this book was written by a journalist to tell a story about recent historical Jesus scholarship. With that purpose in mind, the book is a huge success and something of an intellectual tour de force. Those expecting original scholarship or conclusions backed by detailed argumentation are missing the point. It is especially disingenuous, as one reviewer has done, to take material out of context as exemplary of the author's use of "unsupported assumptions." The detailed scholarship and arguments are to be found in the works cited by Shorto and the reader is referred to them for further study. As one who has read and studied most of the works in the reference list, I can attest to the masterful job Shorto has performed in making sense of a huge amount of scholarship. I literally could not put it down and finished it the day I purchased it. Since many of us get caught up in the trees and miss the forest, Shorto's book serves a great service by bringing the contours of the forest of historical Jesus scholarship in sharp focus. Highly recommended.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sloppy scholarship Von lorden@msn.com When I played football in school, my coach used to keep me working by saying, "You know, you're clumsy, but you ARE slow." After reading this book, I must say that while most of the conclusions in GOSPEL TRUTH seem to me to be unsupported, the scholarship IS sloppy. Under the guise of the critical evaluation and a search for the "historical Jesus", the author makes assumptions which are not supported and in some cases almost laughable. For example, in support of the position that the virgin birth of Jesus was manufactured by some gospel writers, the author states "...there was no virgin birth story in Mark's gospel.." Why would there be? Mark never even addressed the Nativity or its circumstances. The writer C.S. Lewis used to scribble a line or two at the end of each book he read to remind him of his opinion of the work immediately after reading. In some, he simply wrote "N.A." or "Not Again" or not to be read again. I'm afraid my opinion of GOSPEL TRUTH is "N.E.A."

Kurzbeschreibung Russell Shorto meticulously investigates Christian history and the Bible's New Testament to reveal the true, historical Jesus Christ. For roughly two thousand years, the world has known only the biblical depiction of Jesus: the virgin birth, miraculous life, and resurrection. Recently, scholars have pursued the historical Jesus Christ by poring through texts, examining ancient documents, and even holding votes. They make a fresh attempt to answer some of history's greatest questions: Who was he? Where did he live? What did he think? And was the Bible's account true? In *Gospel Truth*, bestselling author Russell Shorto (*The Island at the Center of the World*) brings a journalist's eye to the life of Jesus Christ. Shorto looks into the Jesus Seminar, where historians seek and analyze evidence of the world's most famous carpenter's son. He compiles their research and ideas to create a composite biographical portrait of Yeshu, a man of ordinary beginnings who changed the world in extraordinary ways. A skillfully compiled biblical interpretation, Shorto shows a Jesus stripped of the unhistorical (*Library Journal*). The result will fascinate believers

and nonbelievers alike.