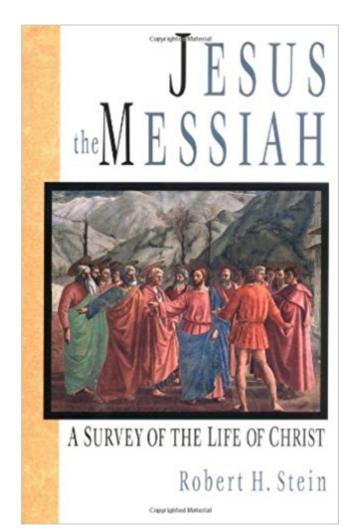


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# Jesus The Messiah: A Survey Of The Life Of Christ





## Synopsis

The time is ripe for a new account of the life of Jesus. It has been over twenty-five years since an evangelical New Testament scholar has written a textbook survey of this type. Today the landscape of Jesus and Gospel studies has been radically transformed by new questions and critical challenges. No less remarkable is the contemporary renaissance of our knowledge of the world of Jesus. In Jesus the Messiah Robert Stein draws together the results of a career of research and writing on Jesus and the Gospels. Every episode in the life of Jesus is here treated with historical care and attention to its significance for understanding the life and ministry of Jesus. Clearly written, ably argued and geared to the needs of students, Jesus the Messiah will give probing minds a sure grounding in the life and ministry of Jesus.

#### **Book Information**

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Stein, professor of New Testament at Bethel Theological Seminary, here attempts to remove the study of the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth from the realm of historical-critical study that has marked the quest for the historical Jesus from Albert Schweitzer to the Jesus Seminar. Stein declares that Jesus' supernatural nature, confirmed through Jesus' miracle-working ability, is the proper starting point for a study of the life of Christ. It is necessary, he argues, to speak of the Jesus of faith rather than merely a historical figure whose life may be dissected by the scalpel of academic criticism. Rather than engage in polemics, Stein very carefully examines every episode in the life of Jesus, from his birth through his boyhood to his death and resurrection, in a quest to understand the

life and ministry of Jesus in its first-century context as well as its meaning for 20th-century culture. Stein's thoroughly researched and well-informed study of the life of Jesus offers a good introduction for any reader interested in the historical Jesus. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Stein notes in the first chapter of this popular survey of the life of Jesus that "where you start determines where you finish." In this regard, it is significant that the author is an Evangelical New Testament scholar who employs historical-critical tools in his study of Scripture but remains "open to the supernatural." His survey attends to recent developments in historical Jesus research but follows the synoptic Gospels in narrating Jesus' life. Evangelical readers troubled by recent historical Jesus research will find Stein's discussion of sources of particular interest. His synthesis of the synoptic accounts is hardly groundbreaking, but it is accessible. Though there are no footnotes, each chapter is followed by a short bibliography that will guide readers interested in further research. Readers who start with Stein's account and his bibliographies may be predisposed to finish with an "Evangelical" portrait; those who wish to critically examine that portrait will need also to follow the trail of books not included among Stein's suggestions. Steve Schroeder

This book by Robert Stein was helpful in many ways, serving as a help for my morning devotions. It contains some helpful material on the life of Christ, but also dwells quite a bit on refuting liberal criticism. The latter was not what I was looking for, but all in all, the book was worth the price and the time spent reading. It honors Christ and the Scriptures.

Great book on the life of Jesus the Messiah by Robert Stein. This book is a great read as you study the life of Christ and discover that He was whole He claimed to be...

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