Jesus Before the Gospels

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Jesus Before the Gospels by Bart D. Ehrman is Religion & Spirituality. The bestselling author of Misquoting Jesus, one of the most renowned and controversial Bible scholars in the world today, examines oral tradition and its role in shaping the stories about Jesus we encounter in the New Testament—and ultimately in our understanding of Christianity. Throughout much of human history, our most important stories were passed down orally—including the stories about Jesus before they became written down in the Gospels. In this fascinating and deeply researched work, leading Bible scholar Bart D. Ehrman investigates the role oral history has played in the New Testament—how the telling of these stories not only spread Jesus’ message but helped shape it. A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman draws on a range of disciplines, including psychology and anthropology, to examine the role of memory in the creation of the Gospels. Explaining how oral tradition evolves based on the latest scientific research, he demonstrates how the act of telling and retelling impacts the story, the storyteller, and the listener—crucial insights that challenge our typical historical understanding of the silent period between when Jesus lived and died and when his stories began to be written down. As he did in his previous books on religious scholarship, debates on New Testament authorship, and the existence of Jesus of Nazareth, Ehrman combines his deep knowledge and meticulous scholarship in a compelling and eye-opening narrative that will change the way we read and think about these sacred texts.

More Recommended Books

Losing Our Religion

By Christel J. Manning

The fastest growing religion in America is—none! One fifth of Americans now list their religion as “none,” up from only 7 percent two decades ago. Among adults under 30, those poised to be the parents of the next generation, fully one third are religiously unaffiliated. Yet these “Nones,” especially parents, still face prejudice in a culture where religion is widely seen as good for your kids. What do Nones believe, and how do they negotiate tensions with those convinced that they ought to provide their children with a religious upbringing? Drawing on survey data and in-depth personal interviews with religiously unaffiliated parents across the country, Christel Manning provides important demographic data on American “Nones” and offers critical nuance to our understanding of the term. She shows that context is crucial in understanding how those without religious ties define themselves and raise their families. Indeed, she demonstrates that Nones hold a wide variety of worldviews, ranging from deeply religious to highly secular, and transmit them in diverse ways.
What ties them all together is a commitment to spiritual choice—a belief in the moral equivalence of religions and secular worldviews and in the individual’s right to choose—and it is that choice they seek to pass on to their children. The volume weaves in stories from the author’s interviews throughout, showing how non-religious parents grapple with pressure from their community and how they think about religious issues. Engagingly written and thoroughly researched, Losing Our Religion will appeal to scholars, parents, and anyone interested in understanding the changing American religious landscape.

**To Get A Job Blessing You Must Go Through A Job Testing**

By: Peta-Gaye S. Taylor

In her book, To Get A Job Blessing, You Must Go Through A Job Testing A True Story, author Peta-Gaye Taylor shares a riveting story of a young Christian woman who endured a rape, years of depression, ridicule and illness. However, her story does not end there as the delivering power of God rescued her and completely changed her life. Read the story of hope, faith and determination.

The second half of her book is an in-depth analysis of the book of Job. A man who lost everything he owned, endured illness and ridicule from friends and family, but in the end received double for his trouble. The story of Job is a story of faith and endurance. If you have ever experienced loss, depression, stress, illness, ridicule, sexual assault, or any other form of suffering all while serving God to your fullest, then this book is for you. Learn proven ways to get beyond your past and survive your present, and move towards total healing and restoration. My friends, a Job blessing is awaiting you. Author’s Biography Peta-Gaye Taylor born a native of Jamaica came to the United States at the young age of thirteen. Peta-Gaye attended Martin Luther King Jr. High school and went on to further her education at Temple University in the city of Philadelphia. She received her bachelor’s degree in Education and is currently a Middle School English teacher. In addition to all her accomplishments in life Peta-Gaye is a powerhouse for the Kingdom of God. Peta-Gaye became a missionary in 2005 and has allowed the Lord to use her to be a gift to those who are least fortunate. Peta-Gaye has dedicated her time to feed the hungry, and visits shelter to spread the love and gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Aligning with God**

By: Brian D. Russell

How do we communicate the message of the Scriptures in our twenty-first-century, post-Christian context? (re)Aligning with God: Reading Scripture for Church and World answers this question by presenting the Scriptures through the lens of mission and by teaching a method for reading Scripture with a missional hermeneutic. The biblical story seeks to convert us to its perspective and to transform its readers and hearers into God's missional community that exists to reflect and embody God's character to/for/in the world. Ready to revolutionize your reading of the Bible and expand your ability to unleash the Scriptures in your context? (re)Aligning with God will give you rich content and practical tools to become a profound, inspiring, and confident reader of the Bible for all who are seeking to hear its good news.

**At the Feet of the Spiritual Master**

By: Gerald Sheinfeld


**John Henry Newman. Una biografia teologica**

By: Giordano Frosini

La beatificazione del cardinale John Henry Newman (1801-1890), celebrata a Birmingham da
Benedetto XVI il 19 settembre 2010, ha riportato alla memoria della Chiesa uno dei suoi personaggi più illustri e una delle più grandi figure teologiche del secolo XIX. Dalla lontana Inghilterra, chiusa nei suoi radicati pregiudizi antiromani, egli portò il suo decisivo contributo a una Chiesa bisognosa di un profondo aggiornamento, richiesto dal mutare dei tempi e delle situazioni e dal ristagno in cui la comunità cristiana si trovava dopo l’ormai lontana celebrazione del concilio di Trento e l’estenuante polemica che l’aveva seguito. Quella di Newman è una figura a tutto campo che ha avuto il merito di anticipare in larga misura le intuizioni del concilio Vaticano II e che in ogni settore ha fatto sentire la sua presenza e la sua originalità, dal movimento patristico alla promozione del laicato in una Chiesa clericale e gerarchica. Il volume ripercorre l’opera di Newman a partire dalla conversione dall’anglicanesimo al cattolicesimo e presenta, in particolare, la sua teologia del laicato, l’elaborazione del rapporto tra fede e ragione fino agli sviluppi dell’escatologia.

**The Source of Miracles**

By: Kathleen McGowan

The real secret to happiness and abundance has been hiding in plain sight, and you already know it by heart. New York Times bestselling author Kathleen McGowan’s transformative new book unlocks the hidden power of the Lord’s Prayer in seven simple steps. In this brilliant handbook, Kathleen McGowan reveals the true secret to a joyous and fulfilling life: using the Lord’s Prayer to create real and lasting change in the soul. Each chapter in The Source of Miracles is a guide to one of the seven steps in the process, corresponding to a primary teaching of the prayer: FAITH: Understand that you are part of God’s plan SURRENDER: Find the ultimate liberation and peace SERVICE: Create heaven on earth through your own good works ABUNDANCE: Attract joy and fulfillment through gratitude FORGIVENESS: Release anger and resentment OVERCOMING OBSTACLES: Know that you can master temptation LOVE: Tap into the greatest power of all Featuring meditations, affirmations, and other activities designed to help readers work through life’s challenges.

**The Two Witnesses**

By: Doug Batchelor

Discover brand-new insights and biblical truths about the two great witnesses from the often neglected but pivotal story of the Mount of Transfiguration and the Bible's most faithful prophets. Moses, Elijah and Enoch are the only people that the Bible describes as being taken to heaven. Find out what these great men can teach you about the Bible, Christian character, and the end of the world.

**Beautiful Outlaw**

By: John Eldredge

Jesus is the most vague, misrepresented figure in the history of the world. Is it possible to know and trust someone so ethereal and lofty? What is he really like? BEAUTIFUL OUTLAW offers a look into the humanity of Jesus, dismantling all the religious nonsense and helping us understand who this man really was - on a personal level. Focusing on his compelling personality, bestselling author John Eldredge shows us the real Jesus - playful, wild, and often scandalous.

**Pourquoi le Voile dans l'Islam?**

By: Mohammad Amin Sheikho & A. K. John

Pourquoi le voile en Islam? Chers philosophes et hommes de Sciences de l’orient et de l’occident, chers personnalis de bonne moralité et de droiture, chers chercheurs de la vérité et du bonheur, voyez-vous où est arrivé l’humanité en ces temps?! ne voyez-vous pas sa dégénérescence, sa tombé dans les malheurs et dans la misère; et ne voyez-vous sa privation du bonheur et ses pleurs? Le
bonheur est inexistant et les maisons mélancoliques, les esprits humains sont ravagés par. Un vent dengue, attristés et stressés les gens se sont versés dans la consommation sans cesse des médicaments «répugnants» dans l’espoir de retrouver le bonheur perdu, cependant ils vivent une monté d’angoisse en eux qui les pousse à la déplaisance, aux ennui, à l’ivrognerie et à la consommation de la drogue à défaut d’être poussé au suicide. Mais ces désirs que Dieu a déposé dans l’esprit humain; n’existe-t-il pas un moyen raisonnable de se conduire honnêtement afin de retrouver le bonheur en soi au lieu de se plaindre? Cet univers circule sous un ordre strict et préétabli et nous vivons à partir des substances qui en résultent cela étant, ne devons-nous pas réfléchir et méditer sur les signes de l’univers et sur la grandeur de son créateur qui l’a ordonné? Tout ce qui est dans cet univers ne fonctionne-t-il pas pour notre cause? N’est-il pas clair que le soleil, la lune, les cours d’eau, les nuages, les arbres, les insectes et les récoltes tous sont à nos services et œuvrent pour notre survie sous un ordre strictement établi? Devrions-nous user nos désirs de manière stochastique et affolé pour produire de la flamme incendiaire en nous et un détresse agonisant? Celui qui a créé et organisé l’univers et nous l’a présenté comme nous la voyons dans sa juste forme, n’q-t-il pas mis en nous les moyens de maitriser nos désirs, Nos penchants et nos envies?

Silence

By : Robert Sardello

"Sardello continues in this, his fifth book, to turn readers to the center of soul life. He does it this time by turning to Silence as the very heart of the life of soul. In this chaotic world, we need Silence to maintain and enlarge the inner connection with the Mystery of this world, to find a sense of spiritual direction, and to be receptive to the healing of the spiritual worlds. Sardello's exquisite descriptions of heretofore unrecognized dimensions of Silence, along with exercises, help us to find what we all long for, an intimate feeling of the presence of the gift of being cared for."
In the New Testament, the Sanhedrin trial of Jesus refers to the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin (a Jewish judicial body) following his arrest in Jerusalem and prior to his dispensation by Pontius Pilate. It is an event reported by all four canonical gospels of the New Testament, although John's Gospel does not explicitly mention a Sanhedrin trial in this context.