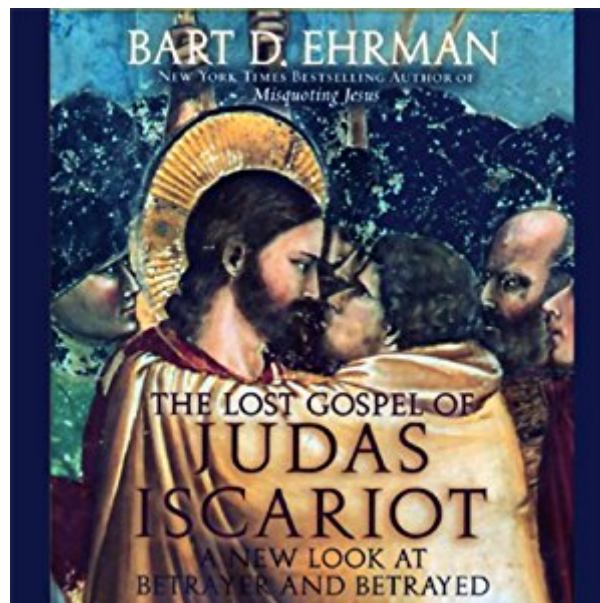




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The Lost Gospel Of Judas Iscariot: A New Look At The Betrayer And Betrayed



Synopsis

The recent National Geographic special on the Gospel of Judas was a major media event, introducing to tens of millions of viewers one of the most important biblical discoveries of modern times. Now, a leading historian of the early church, Bart Ehrman, offers the first comprehensive account of the newly discovered Gospel of Judas, revealing what this legendary lost gospel contains and why it is so important for our understanding of Christianity. Ehrman, a featured commentator in the National Geographic special, describes how he first saw the Gospel of Judas--surprisingly, in a small room above a pizza parlor in a Swiss town near Lake Geneva--and he recounts the fascinating story of where and how this ancient papyrus document was discovered, how it moved around among antiquities dealers in Egypt, the United States, and Switzerland, and how it came to be restored and translated. More important, Ehrman gives the reader a complete and clear account of what the book teaches and he shows how it relates to other Gospel texts--both those inside the New Testament and those outside of it, most notably, the Gnostic texts of early Christianity. Finally, he describes what we now can say about the historical Judas himself as well as his relationship with Jesus, suggesting that one needs to read between the lines of the early Gospels to see exactly what Judas did and why he did it. The Gospel of Judas presents an entirely new view of Jesus, his disciples, and the man who allegedly betrayed him. It raises many questions and Bart Ehrman provides illuminating and authoritative answers, in a book that will interest anyone curious about the New Testament, the life of Jesus, and the history of Christianity after his death.

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Customer Reviews

Professor Ehrman is the finest author of popular books on the New Testament and he continues his remarkable record of churning out engaging and informative books. This one is special as Professor Ehrman was part of an accomplished team of experts assembled by National Geographic that analysed the Gospel of Judas when its existence first became known to scholars. He has traced a history of this gospel's discovery, given a description of its Gnostic character and its contents and in the most engaging part of the book, given his views on the relationship of Jesus with his apostles and possible reasons why Judas betrayed him. Some parts will be familiar to other readers of Professor Ehrman's prolific output but that is hardly a blemish on the book. Read it and you can almost feel his excitement and passion on probably the most significant Biblical find of our times

Erdman is a favorite, but spends too much time on the history of the document (1/2 the book!).

A very good read and researched completely as far as I can tell but I haven't finished it yet.

I feel like I've been reading this book forever! I started it several months ago, and I was really enjoying it at first. But it seemed to drag a bit in the middle (despite being a pretty short book), and I more or less put it down for a couple of months. Fortunately, it was easy to pick up again; Ehrman writes clearly and explains everything thoroughly, so I didn't feel lost at all. The flip side of this is that the book is pretty repetitive; he emphasizes things and makes sure his point is clear by saying the same thing over and over. This was effective in its way; I feel like I learned a lot from this book and am likely to retain that knowledge. It did make for a slower than necessary reading experience, though. On the whole, I'm glad I read this book; especially as someone with a limited knowledge of Christianity, I found it very informative. People who are more familiar with Christianity in general and early Christianity in particular might find it too simplistic and repetitive, but it worked for me. It's definitely very accessible.

I enjoy the books written by Bart Ehrman and suspect that I will enjoy reading this books as well. (I need another word for this review)

Another superb book written by Dr. Ehrman. It's more recent translation into English by Dr. Ehrman

shows Judas as a hero and not a villain. One who did what none of the other apostles had the strength to do. Without his "betrayal" of Jesus, there would be no Christianity. Why? Because without the death and resurrection, there would be nothing for Christians to believe in. Jesus had to die in order for Christianity to happen. His task was to facilitate the miracle that turned the religion into what it is today. Great read.

This is somewhat epic but kinda creepy find

An intelligent, insightful look at the church-shaking teachings within the Beautiful 'Gospel of Judas Iscariot' recently deciphered and shared. This book opens up the world of Christ and the many subtleties of His teaching which have been lost within the PC version of "The Word of God".

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