

Judas? The Story Of Paul Cooke

Judas Iscariot has been demonized as the quintessential traitor, the disciple who betrayed his master for the infamous thirty pieces of silver. But the recent sensational discovery and publication of the long lost Gospel of Judas, with its remarkable portrayal of Judas Iscariot as the disciple closest to Jesus, raises serious new questions. Was Judas the only member of the Twelve who truly understood events that would redeem all of humankind? In search of answers, Marvin Meyer, one of the world's leading experts on the Gospel of Judas presents a collection of the earliest accounts of Judas, which together paint a fuller portrait of this most enigmatic disciple. This book presents the essential texts that deal with the figure of Judas, including New Testament writings, Gnostic documents, testimonies about Judas and include selections from the gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, the Acts of the Apostles, and relevant passages from Paul. The centerpiece of the book is the Gospel of Judas, followed by excerpts from three other Gnostic texts—the Dialogue of the Savior, the Concept of Our Great Power, and the "Round Dance of the Cross"—which may shed new light on the centuries provide glimpses of the vilification of Judas and the emergence of anti-Semitic themes. Meyer offers evidence of traitors before Judas—the Genesis story of Joseph's brothers who sold him into slavery, the duplicitous friend of the poet in Psalm 41, and Melanthius the goatherd in Homer's Odyssey—all of which raise the question of whether the story of Judas Iscariot could be simply a collection of original sources that tell the story of Christianity's most infamous figure, offering the fullest understanding of Judas Iscariot's undeniable importance in the climax of Jesus's life.

Judas Iscariot. He's been hated and reviled through the ages as Jesus Christ's betrayer- the close friend who sells him out for 30 pieces of silver. But history also records other information about Judas Iscariot. One such reference was written in 180 by an influential Church Father named St. Irenaeus who railed against the Gospel of Judas for depicting the last days of Jesus from the perspective startlingly different story than the one handed down through the ages. Once it was denounced as heresy, the Gospel of Judas faded from sight. It became one of history's forgotten manuscripts. Until now. In this compelling and exhaustively researched account, Herbert Krosney unravels how the Gospel of Judas was found and its meaning painstakingly teased from the ancient Coptic script that a journalist and master storyteller, Krosney traces the forgotten gospel's improbable journey across three continents, a trek that would take it through the netherworld of the international antiques trade, until the crumbling papyrus is finally made to give up its secrets. The race to discover the Gospel of Judas will go down as one of the great detective stories of biblical archaeology. It was printed in block letters with a felt tip pen across the top of the mirror in the men's restroom in a restaurant in San Francisco: JUDAS COME HOME--ALL IS FORGIVEN! The story of Judas is the story of each of us, to some degree. The past cannot be corrected nor failures erased by remorse. I suspect that the wounds to the soul of Judas were deep and devastating, particularly because they have failed ourselves. Judas is the voice within us that will not be put to rest with platitudes nor silenced with sensible palliatives for nonsensical pain. Where human love, even self love, turns away with regret, or even disgust, divine love persists and prevails as the amazing grace of God. It is of this grace that I write, of Judas and of the healing of the deep wounds to his soul. The healing begins as we see ourselves reflected in the face of God.

For 1,600 years its message lay hidden. When the bound papyrus pages of this lost gospel finally reached scholars who could unlock its meaning, they were astounded. Here was a gospel that had not been seen since the early days of Christianity, and which few experts had even thought existed—a gospel told from the perspective of Judas Iscariot, history's ultimate traitor. And far from being a reinterpretation, Jesus asks Judas to betray him. In contrast to the New Testament Gospels, Judas Iscariot is presented as a role model for all those who wish to be disciples of Jesus and is the one apostle who truly understands Jesus. Discovered by farmers in the 1970s in Middle Egypt, the codex containing the gospel was bought and sold by antiquities traders, secreted away, and carried across continents. In 2001, it finally found its way into the hands of a team of experts who would painstakingly reassemble and restore it. The Gospel of Judas has been translated from its original Coptic to clear prose, and is accompanied by commentary that explains its fascinating history in the context of the early Church, offering a whole new way of understanding the message of Jesus Christ.

The Secrets of Judas

A Meditation on Suicide

Judas

The Gospel of Judas, Second Edition

Man in White

The Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity

Years of Research Reveals from the Bible the Truth that the Jews Did Not Kill Jesus God Saved Him, Jesus was and is the True Messiah, Alive and Awaiting to Return

Bart Ehrman, author of the highly popular books Truth and Fiction in The Da Vinci Code, Lost Christianities, and the New York Times bestseller Misquoting Jesus, here takes readers on another engaging tour of the early Christian church, illuminating the lives of Jesus' most intriguing followers: Simon Peter, the Apostle Paul, and Mary Magdalene. What does the Bible tell us about each of these key followers of Christ? What legends have sprung up about them in the centuries after their deaths? Was Paul bow-legged and bald? Was Peter crucified upside down? Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute? In this lively work, Ehrman separates fact from fiction, presenting complicated historical issues in a clear and informative way and relating vivid anecdotes culled from the traditions of these three followers. He notes, for instance, that there is no evidence to suggest that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute (this legend can be traced to a sermon preached by Gregory the Great five centuries after her death), and little reason to think that she was married to Jesus. Similarly, there is no historical evidence for the well-known tale that Peter was crucified upside down. A serious book but vibrantly written and leavened with many colorful stories, Peter, Paul, and Mary Magdalene will appeal to anyone curious about the early Christian church and the lives of these important figures. "An informed but breezy look at the myths surrounding Jesus' most influential followers.... This book contains valuable historical scholarship. It also encourages readers to approach the Scriptures with fresh and enlightened eyes." --Christian Science Monitor

Judas: Images of the Lost Disciple traces the development of the stories about the most famous traitor in the history of Western Civilization. Its purpose is not to find the Judas of history, but rather to provide readers with a map that shows the similarities and connections between generations of Judas's story. Judas has been portrayed as an effete intellectual, a jealous lover, a greedy scoundrel, a misguided patriot, a doomed hero, a man destroyed by despair, or God's special, misunderstood messenger and agent. Judas means as many different things to us as does Jesus or God. The enigma of Judas's story in the Gospels left later literature and legend with a creative challenge they richly answered, and which is presented here: to write the real story of the worst villain of all time.

In this fascinating historical and cultural biography, writer and broadcaster Peter Stanford deconstructs that most vilified of Bible characters: Judas Iscariot, who famously betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Beginning with the gospel accounts, Peter explores two thousand years of cultural and theological history to investigate how the very name Judas came to be synonymous with betrayal and, ultimately, human evil. But as Peter points out, there has long been a counter-current of thought that suggests that Judas might in fact have been victim of a terrible injustice: central to Jesus' mission was his death and resurrection, and for there to have been a death, there had to be a betrayal. This thankless role fell to Judas; should we in fact be grateful to him for his role in the divine drama of salvation? 'You'll have to decide,' as Bob Dylan sang in the sixties, 'Whether Judas Iscariot had God on his side'. An essential but doomed character in the Passion narrative, and thus the entire story of Christianity, Judas and the betrayal he symbolises continue to play out in much larger cultural histories, speaking as he does to our deepest fears about friendship, betrayal and the problem of evil. Judas: the ultimate traitor, or the ultimate scapegoat? This is a compelling portrait of Christianity's most troubling and mysterious character.

People of the New Testament (II) is the fourth volume of the long-awaited "New Light on the Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich" series. The first part begins with the visionary's account of nine apostles (the first four apostles are covered in the preceding volume): Philip, Bartholomew, James the Less, Thomas, Judas Iscariot, Matthew, Judas Thaddeus, Simon, and Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot), followed by Paul and several disciples connected with him. In many cases detailed descriptions of apostolic journeys following the Passion are given, especially in the case of Thomas's journeys to the East. The second part, entitled "Lazarus and His Friends (The Secret Disciples)," covers Lazarus (including also his later life in France), the close friends Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, Simeon of the Temple and his sons, Simon of Bethany, John Mark, and Amandor (son of Veroncia), among others. Anne Catherine Emmerich was born on September 8, 1774, at Flamske, Germany. From early childhood she was blessed with the gift of spiritual sight and lived almost constantly in inner vision of scenes of the Old and New Testaments. Later, her visions became concerned primarily with the life of Jesus Christ, although they encompassed also the lives of many saints and other personages (some unknown to history) as well as far-reaching insights into many other mysteries. In 2004 she was beatified by Pope John Paul II. This series supplements an earlier Angelico publication: The Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich, Books I–III. In 2009 the original notes of Anne Catherine's visions (in 38 notebooks) became for the first time available for reference, and the present series incorporates much new material translated therefrom. With regard to both individuals and themes, every reference thus far located in the notes and in prior translations have been woven together, so the reader can find in one place almost all of what Anne Catherine had to say on each topic. As regards the series as a whole, virtually every individual in the biblical visions (approximately 250 in total) is referenced in the five People of the New Testament volumes. The Life of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to Mary (and her Essene ancestry), and Scenes from the Lives of the Saints treats of fifty-nine saints. The present volume forms a set with Mysteries of the Old Testament and two further volumes cover a multitude of separate themes: Inner Life and Worlds of Soul & Spirit and Spiritual Works and Journeys. The final volume is The Life of Anne Catherine Emmerich.

The Flesh and Blood Jesus

Manifesto for a New Christianity

Forgiving Judas

Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene

The Most Hated Name in History

The Acts of the Apostles

Judas of Nazareth

First published in 1899—His parentage, his youth, his original doctrines and works, his career as a teacher and physician of the people—the nature of the great conspiracy against him—all the incidents of his tragic death are given on Spiritual Authority from spirits who were contemporary mortals with Jesus while on Earth. Slashing through 2,000 years of Christian fanaticism, this book presents the true biography—before and after the crucifixion of Jesus. It exposes, for all time, the great hypocrisy of the Christian religion as the culmination of a villainous plot, contrived by the archvillain, Saul of Tarsus, and his cohort, Judas Iscariot—a plot that changed the world's history for thousands of years! Contained in a long-hidden book, this amazing revelation is delineated by no less than Saul himself. This true-life story of Jesus tells who his mother and father were, of his truly espoused, and of his life teachings! An eye-witness account, taken from the actual parchment, is the true account of the crucifixion and the life of Jesus after this tragic event in Jerusalem, 2000 years ago.

The discovery of a previously lost Gospel of Judas Iscariot has electrified the Christian community. What Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell us about Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, is inconsistent and biased. Therefore, the revelation of an ancient gospel that portrays this despised man as someone who saw his role in the Passion of Christ as integral to a larger plan—a divine plan—brings new clarity to the old story. If Judas had not betrayed Jesus, Jesus would not have been handed over to the authorities, crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. Could it be that without Judas, the Easter miracle would never have happened? In The Secrets of Judas, James M. Robinson, an expert historian of early Christianity, examines the Bible and other ancient texts and reveals what we can and cannot know about the life of the historical Judas, his role in Jesus's crucifixion, and whether the Christian church should reevaluate his intentions and possible innocence. Robinson tells the sensational story of the discovery of a gospel attributed to Judas, and shows how this affects Judas's newfound meaning for history and for the Christian faith.

After Jeshua is crucified on the cross, Jerusalem, Damascus, and Rome become dangerous areas for early Christians, especially followers of the Way, who believe Jeshua is the Messiah. Facing harassment, beatings, and death at the hands of Roman soldiers for their beliefs, the followers of the Way discreetly hold meetings, pray and spread the word about their teachings. Many people are forced from their homes, losing everything but what they can carry with them. Some of the people are sent to see Judas, a merchant from the town of Damascus. Judas helps everyone he can, taking them in even for one night. When Dori's husband is taken and killed by the Romans, Dori is befriended by Paul. Traveling with Paul, Dori and her two sons end up in Damascus. With Dori's help, Judas takes in more and more travelers. As harassment and tensions escalate, Judas realizes his shop in Damascus is not going to be safe for long. He and his fellow followers build "The Garden," on property he owns outside of town, a safe haven for followers of the Way. Over time, The Garden grows, becoming a small town of like-minded people who believe Jeshua is the Messiah. Judas of Damascus is the story of a man of deep faith and endless compassion for his fellow man.

In his history of the Jewish nation, Josephus wrote only of the death of Jesus, not mentioning one detail of his life. In contrast, the life of Judas the Galilean was chronicled from his temple cleansing to his grandson's suicide at Masada. Yet, Josephus did not tell us how Judas died. Is it possible that Judas and Jesus are the same person? Just a few of the similarities are listed below. Both Judas and Jesus cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem. Like Jesus, Judas was anointed King or Messiah by his followers in Galilee. The organizations of the teachers were identical. The second-in-command to Jesus was nicknamed Cephas. Josephus called Judas' second, Sadduc. Barabbas was released in the trial of Jesus during the reign of Pilate. Judas was arrested by Herod the Great and later released to the Jewish crowd. Jesus was interrogated by Annas and later crucified because of his stand against Roman taxation. Judas led the tax revolt against Roman taxation in 6 AD. Annas became High Priest in 7 AD.

Nine Apostles, Paul, Lazarus & the Secret Disciples

True Life of Jesus of Nazareth, the Confessions of St. Paul

Shocking Reserch Reveals God Saved Jesus and Punished the Betrayer Judas, All Evidences Given from the Bible .Must Read

Images of the Lost Disciple

E! Tu, Judas? Then Fall Jesus!

The Quest for the Gospel of Judas Iscariot

In this volume Arie Zwiep examines the character and purpose of the Judas-Matthias pericope in Acts 1:15-26 in the wider context of Jewish, Graeco-Roman and early Christian traditions on the death of the wicked in terms of divine retribution. Through a comprehensive analysis of form and function of the pericope in its historical and literary context, this study seeks to discern the distinctly Lucan perspective in the light of first-century reflection on the figure of Judas Iscariot, the role of the Twelve in the earliest Christian communities, and current eschatological expectations that have coloured Luke's narrative presentation. Special consideration is given to the concurrent versions of Judas' death in Matthew 27:3-10 and the writings of Papias.

The traditional Jesus shook the Jewish establishment with radical new ideas concerning the Jewish Law and God's grace towards man. One would expect to see this Jesus in the historical works of Josephus, who chronicled the Jewish history from the days of Adam to the mass suicide at Masada. Surprisingly, Josephus did not write one word about Jesus' life. Josephus did record the deeds of another first-century rabbi, Judas the Galilean. This Judas cleansed the Temple, took part in a Barabbas-style prisoner release, was proclaimed Messiah and led a tax revolt against Rome. Judas was even credited with founding a new philosophy. "Jesus" was simply a Messianic title for Judas the Galilean. Confirming this statement, the Slavonic Josephus introduced John the Baptist in 6 AD, immediately before the tax revolt of Judas the Galilean. Using this earlier timeline, the entire story of Jesus' movement and the history of Josephus fit together perfectly. The New Testament shifted the story of Jesus forward by a generation. This deception distanced Jesus from his true identity and teachings, and also hid embarrassing revelations concerning Paul. Paul not only persecuted the Church before his conversion, he also attacked the leadership after his expulsion from the movement.

Matthew 22:29 ¶Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. From the Bible will prove that Judas was humiliated and crucified, Jesus wanted to evade capture as being caught meant he was a false mesiah, so this final test and biggest challenge of his ministry was to prove to the jews that God is indeed supporting him and that God will save him, after all Jesus begged God to save him . Saten inspired Judas to betray Jesus NOT Gods Plan . The Jews convinced the Romans to be on their side and hence becoming one big force along with Judas, meanwhile Jesus orders his diciples to sell what they got and buy swords, then Jesus begs God for help, many prophesies from Old Testament showing the concept of the one who plans a hole for another he will suffer the same consequences, it was prophesied God will save Jesus and punish Judas .God saves Jesus and takes him up to himself, Judas is miraculously made to look like Jesus when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, instead they bound Judas humiliated and killed him, Judas kept denying he was jesus but everyone just laughed and mocked him, fully believing he was Jesus as he looked exactly like him even though he was talking gibberish, Jesus returns after 3 day's reassures his mother and companions and promises to return at a appointed time which only God knows, but gave prophesies of what would happen before he comes .This reserch of the last 20 years without doubt proves from only bible verses the story which has been relayed to you, shocking true, as the Jews believed they killed him, confirming to them he was a false mesiah, hence they still waiting for their mesiah, which when he comes will be the false mesiah the anti Christ, but he will have great power (given by God) which will blind the Jews to the truth this will be a big test for the Jews and humanity as the false antichrist will do many miracles and have so much power on earth and most will follow him, (except the ones who know that Jesus was the true Msaiah and this one is the false one .The Christians got blinded by the lies of Paul who destroyed Jesus message and example, this book exposes Paul all from the Bible, this book will also prove Judas did not hang himself and everything will be proven using Bible clear cut verses, it's a must read for your faith and your salvation and true belief and love for Jesus Christ the Mesiah!This leaves us with a shattered belief that Jesus did NOT die for our sins rather God almighty will judge each human according to their good or bad deeds, God can ultimately forgive a prostitute enter her into heaven or send a bishop or priest to hell for one wrong thing they did, God alone will be the Judge when the earth ends and we believe if we have the right faith in God that he alone is deserving of all the Glory and worship and that Jesus Christ was a word from God to guide the Jewish people on the straight path and he will return and he will denounce all those who claimed he was God. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, ' shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rains descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house: and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house: and it fell. And great was its fall."

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

Revisited and Restored

The Many Deaths of Judas Iscariot

A Christian Guide to Overcoming Life's Challenges

Travels Among the Tombs of the Twelve

Unknown Hero of Faith

And Judas Iscariot

How the Greatest Teacher of First-Century Israel Was Replaced by a Literary Creation

In this critical assessment of the modern day Church, William Harmening deconstructs many of its longest held beliefs and practices against the backdrop of our contemporary social milieu. He approaches the subject head-on, peeling away the layers of archaic dogma to rediscover the core teachings of Jesus that have been lost through the centuries in the fog of institutionalized religion and ceremonial worship. No area of the modern Church escapes his critique; the clergy, the Bible, the structure and practice of the Church, and even our popular conceptions of the Holy Trinity. He ends with a final chapter in which he offers a

model for a new kind of Church; one that is socially relevant, passionately ecumenical, and empowered by the simple message of love and tolerance found in the story of the Cross. Not since the writings of the radical theologians who came to the forefront during the 1960s has such an honest and thought-provoking critique of the contemporary Church been offered.

An investigation into the historical Jesus and the veracity of the Gospels • Reveals the biblical Jesus as a composite figure, a blend of the political revolutionary Judas the Galilean and Paul’s divine-human Christ figure • Matches the events depicted in the New Testament with historically verifiable events in Josephus’ history, pushing Jesus’ life back more than a decade • Demonstrates how each New Testament Gospel is dependent upon Paul’s mythologized Christ theology, designed to promote Paul’s Christianity and serve the interests of the fledgling Gentile Christian communities Scholars have spent years questioning aspects of the historical Jesus. How can we know what Jesus said and did when Jesus himself wrote nothing? Can we trust the Gospels, written by unknown authors 40 to 70 years after Jesus’ death? And why do other sources from the time not speak of this messianic figure known as Christ? Drawing on the histories of Josephus, Tacitus, Suetonius, and Pliny as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls, Daniel Unterbrink contends that the “Jesus” of the Bible was actually a composite figure, a clever blend of the Jewish freedom-fighter Judas the Galilean and Paul’s divine-human Christ figure created in the middle of the first century CE. Revealing why Paul was known as a liar, enemy, and traitor in other Jewish literature, he shows that the New Testament Gospels are not transcripts of actual history but creative works of historical fiction designed to promote Paul’s Christianity and serve the interests of the fledgling Gentile Christian communities. He demonstrates how each Gospel is written in light of the success of Paul’s religion and dependent upon his later perspective. Matching the events depicted in the New Testament with the historically verifiable events in Josephus’ history, Unterbrink pushes the dating of Jesus’ life back nearly a generation to a revolutionary time in ancient Judea. He shows that the real historical Jesus--the physical man behind the fictional stories in Paul’s Gospels--was Judas the Galilean: a messianic pretender and Torah-observant revolutionary bent on overthrowing the Roman government and galvanizing the Jewish people behind his vision of the coming Kingdom of God. In the greatest cover-up of history, this teacher of first-century Israel was replaced by the literary creation known as Jesus of Nazareth.

The bestselling author of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" casts new light on the Virgin Mary, illuminating her role in the Old and New Testaments.

A profound and moving journey into the heart of Christianity that explores the mysterious and often paradoxical lives and legacies of the Twelve Apostles—a book both for those of the faith and for others who seek to understand Christianity from the outside in. “Expertly researched and fascinating… Bissell is a wonderfully sure guide to these mysterious men… This is a serious book about the origins of Christianity that is also very funny. How often can you say that?” —The Independent Peter, Matthew, Thomas, John: Who were these men? What was their relationship to Jesus? Tom Bissell provides rich and surprising answers to these ancient, elusive questions. He examines not just who these men were (and weren’t), but also how their identities have taken shape over the course of two millennia. Ultimately, Bissell finds that the story of the apostles is the story of early Christianity: its competing versions of Jesus’s ministry, its countless schisms, and its ultimate evolution from an obscure Jewish sect to the global faith we know today in all its forms and permutations. In his quest to understand the underpinnings of the world’s largest religion, Bissell embarks on a years-long pilgrimage to the supposed tombs of the Twelve Apostles. He travels from Jerusalem and Rome to Turkey, Greece, Spain, France, India, and Kyrgyzstan, vividly capturing the rich diversity of Christianity’s worldwide reach. Along the way, he engages with a host of characters—priests, paupers, a Vatican archaeologist, a Palestinian taxi driver, a Russian monk—posing sharp questions that range from the religious to the philosophical to the political. Written with warmth, empathy, and rare acumen, Apostle is a brilliant synthesis of travel writing, biblical history, and a deep, lifelong relationship with Christianity. The result is an unusual, erudite, and at times hilarious book—a religious, intellectual, and personal adventure fit for believers, scholars, and wanderers alike.

Hope for Hurting Singles

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Acts of Paul is a collection of early Christian traditions that were not included in the canonized Acts: the Acts of Paul and Thekla, 3 Corinthians, the Martyrdom of Paul, and other fabulous stories, such as Paul baptizing a lion. By the end of the second century, there was a rumor in North Africa that Acts of Paul had been fabricated by a presbyter in Asia Minor (Tertullian, De baptismo 17.5) and to this day, it is alleged that Acts of Paul is later than and inferior to the traditions preserved in Acts - historically, theologically, and otherwise. But what evidence is there for the composition and reception of Acts of Paul? In this study, Glenn E. Snyder critically examines Greek, Latin, and Coptic witnesses to Acts of Paul from the second to sixth centuries, with chapters on the independently circulating acts, extant collections, and other evidence for the formation of Acts of Paul.

MONSTER TO MINISTER From comedy to attempted suicide, Trever Rook tells the shockingly honest story of his sinful life filled with abuse, depression, adultery, and a constant fight over faith and a call to ministry. Warned by some not to publish this book, Trever Rook goes beyond the limits detailing every immoral action and deception, making him look like a man who could share a room with the greatest of sinners. Married three times, Trever Rook has left a trail of victims and wrong doings. He has betrayed many and walked away from a God who would not give up. Can a flawed sinful man truly call himself a disciple of Jesus Christ?

My Name Was Judas

People of the New Testament, Book II

The Definitive Collection of Gospels and Legends About the Infamous Apostle of Jesus

The Narrative Unity of Luke-Acts

Judas Was Crucified Not Jesus

New Testament Lies

The Lost Gospel

The instant New York Times bestseller interpreting the controversial long-lost gospel The recently unearthed Gospel of Judas is a source of fascination for biblical scholars and lay Christians alike. Now two leading experts on the Gnostic gospels tackle the important questions posed by its discovery, including: How could any Christian imagine Judas to be Jesus' favorite? And what kind of vision of God does the author offer?

Working from Karen L. King's brilliant new translation, Elaine Pagels and King provide the context necessary for considering its meaning. Reading Judas plunges into the heart of Christianity itself and will stand as the definitive look at the gospel for years to come.

A study of the roots of anti-Semitism examines how the myth describing Judas as a malevolent betrayer has been exaggerated and used throughout history to justify genocidal persecution.

In this fascinating historical and cultural biography, Peter Stanford deconstructs that most vilified of Bible characters: Judas Iscariot, who famously betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Beginning with the gospel accounts, Stanford explores two thousand years of cultural and theological history to investigate how the very name Judas came to be synonymous with betrayal and, ultimately, human evil. But as Stanford points out, there has long been a counter-current of thought that suggests that Judas might in fact have been victim of a terrible injustice: central to Jesus' mission was his death and resurrection, and for there to have been a death, there had to be a betrayal. This thankless role fell to Judas; should we in fact be grateful to him for his role in the divine drama of salvation? "You'll have to decide," as Bob Dylan sang in the sixties, "Whether Judas Iscariot had God on his side." An essential but doomed character in the Passion narrative, and thus the entire story of Christianity, Judas and the betrayal he symbolizes continue to play out in much larger cultural histories, speaking to our deepest fears about friendship, betrayal, and the problem of evil.

Presents a fictionalized version of the life of St. Paul from his early opposition to Christianity to his conversion and missionary efforts

Acts of Paul

The troubling history of the renegade apostle

Judas and Jesus

How My Faithless Betrayal Collided with the Love and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ

A New Look at Betrayer and Betrayed

A Study on Context and Concern of Acts 1:15-26

The Story of Paul Cooke

Tannehill shows how the narrative contributes to the impact of Luke's literary whole. The study further shows that Luke's use of recurring words, patterns of repetition and contrast, irony, pathos, and many other features of this narrative contribute to the total fabric of Luke's masterpiece.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That’s one way to describe Peter. Here’s another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn’t even sound like the same man. And that’s the point of Simon Peter, a new book and six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God’s extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. In addition to the Leader Guide and DVD components for adult studies, corresponding youth and children’s resources, sold separately, can be used to create a churchwide study. Chapters include:

The Call of the Fisherman Walking with Jesus in the Storm Bedrock or Stumbling Block? “I Will Not Deny You” From Cowardice to Courage The Rest of the Story

This book is not an apologetic for the sins of Judas. But the author of JUDAS ISCARIOT: REVISITED AND RESTORED is convinced that there is more to the Judas story than has been told. Rogers is further convinced that until we finally understand the unlikely relationship between the sinner Judas and the Savior Jesus, we will never fully appreciate Gods response to our own faults and failures. Many are convinced that Gods grace i.e. unmerited favor must somehow first be merited (an oxymoron). With Judas, Rogers demonstrates that Gods forgiveness is unearned and unlimited This book is riveting from the first page. [Rogers] challenges us to look...directly into the face of Judas [until] slowly an awful realization will dawn on our collective conscience: My God, Judas is us! (An excerpt from the books Foreword). Max Davis, author of Desperate Dependence, Thriving on the Jagged Edge, and Success Secrets of the Worlds Most Cynical Man. Judas Iscariot: Revisited and Restored is scholarly enough for [those] desiring proofs and reliable sources as evidence of the theories expounded; yet its clear, concise and logically organized for easy reading. A. P. McCracken, pastor, author and paralegal, in a review of this book. [Rogers] accomplishes his objective to declare the audacity of Gods grace and redemption that would include even Judas. And me! D. Dean Benton, author of more than 30 books including, Inner Net for Vision Catchers (2008) Ivan Rogers has served in Christian ministry for many years. He has been a pastor, Bible college president and a superintendent of an eight-state area of churches. Ivan presently serves as staff chaplain of a nursing/retirement community. Ivan is also respected and very involved in the field of Jewish-Christian relations. He and his wife, Elsie, reside in the state of Iowa.

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Misreading Judas

Judas Iscariot

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary

Judas and the Choice of Matthias

Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil

Amazing Grace for the Wounded Soul

In this bold, captivating and controversial book, the author combines his own intensely moving personal accounts with incisive scriptural analysis, and challenges the reader to reassess what they think they know about Judas Iscariot and suicide. Drawing on the memory of his own brother's action in taking his own life, Aaron Saari examines Judas Iscariot as the definitive figure of God's abhorrence for suicide and a powerful symbol of the cultural taboo originating from Christian doctrine. Instead, he argues, this ancient condemnation of Judas' death is unfounded: Judas is instead a literary invention of the Markan community meant to undercut the authority of the Twelve, entering the Christian story c.70 CE through the Gospel of Mark. Written with passion and clarity and consistently relevant to today's moral issues, this book is as much an ideal introduction to biblical studies for the general reader as it is essential reading for students, scholars, and anyone with an interest in Biblical studies, ancient scripture and theology.

Reproduction of the original: And Judas Iscariot by J. Wilbur Chapman

Hope for Hurting Singles gives you real weapons in your fight against depression, fear, and bitterness. Author Jack Zavada has been a single adult Christian for more than 40 years. He knows what it's like to deal with loneliness. He's gone through the anger and frustration of unanswered prayer. Through trial and error, Jack has learned what works and what doesn't, and now he shares it all with you. Since 2005, Jack's popular web site, www.inspiration-for-singles.com, has helped singles in over 150 countries. His advice is down-to-earth and solidly biblical. Hope for Hurting Singles is not like the typical pep talk from a married pastor or counselor who has forgotten how hard it is to live alone. You'll find fresh insights into the problems every unmarried person goes through behind closed doors. Hope for Hurting Singles will make you eager to get up in the morning, renewing your spirit for a joy-filled life. If you're bone-tired of the struggle with singleness, this is the book for you.

The biblical scholar recounts the events surrounding the discovery and handling of the Gospel of Judas, and provides an overview of its content, in which Judas is portrayed as a faithful disciple.

Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah

The Story of the Misunderstood Disciple and His Lost Gospel

The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend

Move Over Judas

Judas the Galilean

Jesus Was Not Crucified

Simon Peter

We all know the story of Jesus told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but what about the version according to Judas? In this witty, original and teasingly controversial account, some forty years after the death of Jesus, Judas finally tells the story as he remembers it. Looking back on his childhood and youth from an old age the gospel writers denied him, Judas recalls his friendship with Jesus; their schooling together; their families; the

people who would go on to be disciples and followers; their journeys together and their dealings with the powers of Rome and the Temple. His is a story of friendship and rivalry, of a time of uncertainty and enquiry, a testing of belief, endurance and loyalty.

The Gospel of Judas is the most important discovery in history. It bridges the gap between Eastern mystic teaching, Gnosticism, and the three Middle Eastern Abrahamic religions, informing all of them. Unfortunately, the Christianity-biased scholars assigned to its interpretation and those who have followed them do not understand it -- at all. They miss that Judas is the gnostic sacrifice, and that there is no traditional orthodox Jesus sacrificed - in the Gospel of Judas or in the Bible. Therefore, they miss the most important revelation of all time: that 'Jesus' didn't die to save anyone, and that he was in truth preceded and succeeded by other Masters of equal stature. Here from gnostic texts that only just recently arose from the desert sands of Egypt, phoenix-like, is the detailed story of how the New Testament canonical 'Betrayal of Jesus' became the inversion of the gnostic mastership installation story of James the Just, first-century savior. The true origin of the Christian message and its nullification of mystic Truth can now, at long last, be fully told. Connecting verses from the Gnostic Apocalypse of James to the New Testament narrative showing that Judas was James in the Canonical Inversions: First Apocalypse of James "I have given you a sign" (NHC 24:10) "gave them a sign" [the "kiss"] (Matt. 26:48). "Cup of bitterness to the sons of light" (25:15) "let this cup pass from me" (Matt. 26:39). "This is the second Master" (30:25) "Those who seek enter through you" (Second Apoc. 55:1) "I know whom I have chosen." (John 13:18). "Then the disciples dispersed, but James remained in prayer" (30:25) "he withdrew and prayed" (Luke 22:41). "I am he who was within me" (31:15) "I know whom I have chosen" and "I am he" (John 13:18-19). "You have embraced and kissed me" (32:5) "He said 'Hail Master!' and kissed him" (Matt. 26:49). "You are aware and stopped this prayer" (32:5) "Sit here while I pray" (Matt. 26:36). "The flesh is weak" (32:20) "the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41). "It will receive what has been ordained for it" (32:20) "thy will be done" (Matt. 26:42). "A multitude will arm themselves against you" (33:5) "band of soldiers with weapons" (John 18:3, Mark 14:43). Also by the author: The Bible says Saviors - Obadiah 1:21 from Xlibris Publishers

About two thousand years ago, a great man who was renowned for forgiveness and magnanimity was betrayed and slain by his compatriots who feared he would become their King. To the chagrin of his murderers, he was soon hailed as a God and the momentous events that ensued paved the way for the birth of Christianity. The venue for this drama, however, was not Jerusalem as might be supposed, but rather the eternal city of Rome. It is a description of the founder of the Roman Empire. In a work stranger than fiction, Gary Courtney propounds that the Jesus of Nazareth that graces the pages of the New Testament is an entirely mythological personage, and presents a step by step explanation of how the beloved Saviour of the Christian religion entered the world from the wings of a stage.

This fascinating books sifts the evidence and startlingly concludes that in the earliest sources Judas was not a traitor. While the name Judas Iscariot evokes horror among many people, Klassen argues persuasively that Judas may have meant no harm in handing over Jesus to the religious authorities. The book traces the ways in which Judas is portrayed by the four writers of the gospels, showing how the picture was increasingly demonized as the later gospels were written.This is the most important study in English of Judas within the context of first-century Judaism. Klassen shows by rich reference to literature of both the ancient period and later times how the concept of Judas as traitor emerged.

The Gospel According to Matthew

Apostle

Judas of Damascus