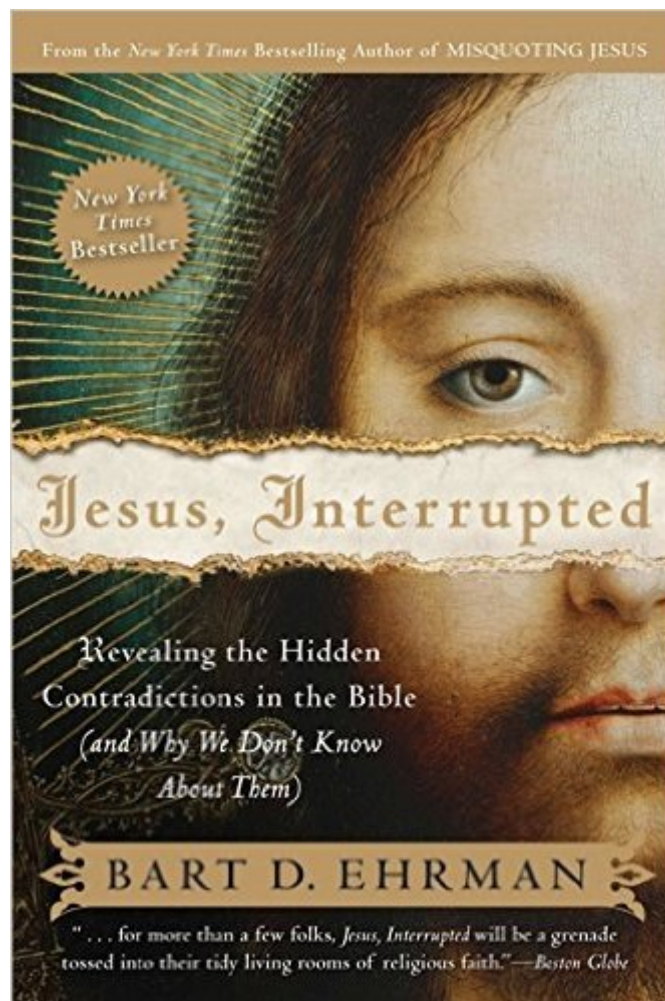


The book was found

# Jesus, Interrupted: Revealing The Hidden Contradictions In The Bible (And Why We Don't Know About Them)



## Synopsis

The problems with the Bible that New Testament scholar Bart Ehrman discussed in his bestseller *Misquoting Jesus* and on The Daily Show with John Stewart, NPR, and Dateline NBC, among others are expanded upon exponentially in his latest book: *Jesus, Interrupted*. This New York Times bestseller reveals how books in the Bible were actually forged by later authors, and that the New Testament itself is riddled with contradictory claims about Jesus' information that scholars know but the general public does not. If you enjoy the work of Elaine Pagels, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and John Shelby Spong, you'll find much to ponder in *Jesus, Interrupted*.

## Book Information

Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: HarperOne; 1 Reprint edition (February 2, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0061173940

ISBN-13: 978-0061173943

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.7 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 5.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars See all reviews (505 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #27,781 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #21 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > Criticism & Interpretation > New Testament #117 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > New Testament #319 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > Bible Study

## Customer Reviews

Full disclosure: the author of this review is a former Catholic altar boy (unmolested), was briefly enrolled in a Franciscan seminary, had eight years of Jesuit college/graduate school education, and is now what President Obama referred to as a "non-believer" in his inaugural address. In his own full disclosure, author Bart Ehrman relates that he attended a fundamentalist Bible college, furthered his theological education at Princeton, and is currently a professor specializing in New Testament studies at the University of North Carolina. He also states that he is agnostic, though specifically stating that it was not his study of the Bible that led him from evangelical Christianity to this alternate state of conviction. This is a special book. It is not a rant, nor a screed. It is a careful, scholarly, and considerate review of what is either known, or reasonably conjectured, about the amazing book called the Bible. How was this book put together in the first place? The first listing of the 27

canonical books that are generally accepted as part of the New Testament today was in 367 CE. How did the 27 canonical books get chosen over many other candidate letters, Acts, and Gospels that existed (and still exist)? What, one wonders, did early Christians do in church without a Bible to read from? Ehrman has some thoughts on the subject. The earliest possible date that a church could have been "Bible-based" was more than 300 years after Christ's death (in reality, extremely low literacy rates and the lack of the invention of the printing press made "Bible-based" churches not feasible for another millennium). How did Christians come to agree on what they believed in without a canon of Sacred Scripture?

If you are a fan of Bart D. Ehrman like I am, there are four books essential to understanding his work. The first is *Jesus: Apocalyptic Prophet of the New Millennium*; the second, *The Orthodox Corruption of Scripture* (popularized in his book *Misquoting Jesus*); the third is *God's Problem* where he argues that the problem of evil is what caused him to lose his faith; and this one, *Jesus Interrupted*. In a way I like *Jesus Interrupted* the best, probably because its aim is to reach the masses with solid Biblical scholarship. I've long thought that scholars mostly talk to themselves in hopes for a nice pat on the back from other scholars. Don't get me wrong here. We need scholars, and Ehrman is one who writes good scholarly material too. It's just that Ehrman also wants to inform the masses about what Biblical scholars have known a long time, but which pastors and ministers aren't telling their parishioners for fear that they might be troubled to learn about it. And Ehrman is a master communicator of it when it concerns the New Testament, which is his specialty.

Bart Ehrman, a distinguished professor of religious studies at the Univ. of North Carolina, is one of the foremost popularizers of New Testament (NT) research today. His latest book, *Jesus Interrupted*, continues along the path he followed in his previous and more technical work, *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*, but is superior in that he now is dealing with fundamental issues of the Bible and Christianity that are of more interest and relevance to the average layperson. While being a more provocative book than MJ, it is still not nearly as controversial as one would think from the inappropriate subtitle, which, like the subtitle for MJ, appears to have been chosen for marketing purposes. In fact, no new ground is broken here, as he once again devotes a lot of space to material he has covered thoroughly in other books, and people who are well-versed in NT research are unlikely to encounter anything that they haven't seen before. Prof. Ehrman's motivation in writing this book is to introduce the results of 200 years of critical NT scholarship to the masses. He laments the poor level of knowledge of the Bible, even

among students entering seminaries, so here he gives an overview of what has been determined through historical-critical methods, focusing generally only on the most widely agreed (among critical scholars) conclusions. Even though this material has been a standard part of the education of ministers and priests for decades, little of it has been passed on to their congregations, a deficiency that the author hopes to address.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Jesus, Interrupted: Revealing the Hidden Contradictions in the Bible (And Why We Don't Know About Them) Don't Know Much About History, Anniversary Edition: Everything You Need to Know About American History but Never Learned (Don't Know Much About Series) Essential Spices and Herbs: Discover Them, Understand Them, Enjoy Them Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted (Bible Study Book) The Urantia Book: Revealing the Mysteries of God, the Universe, World History, Jesus, and Ourselves Naked Money: A Revealing Look at What It Is and Why It Matters The Two Marxisms: Contradictions and Anomalies in the Development of Theory (The Dark Side of the Dialectic; V. 3) (His the Dark Side of the Dialectic; V. 3) Seventeen Contradictions and the End of Capitalism Between the Dark and the Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life Now I Know: The Revealing Stories Behind the World's Most Interesting Facts Now I Know More: The Revealing Stories Behind Even More of the World's Most Interesting Facts In the Belly of a Paradox: A Celebration of Contradictions in the Thought of Thomas Merton (Pendle Hill Pamphlets Book 224) The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck: How to Stop Spending Time You Don't Have with People You Don't Like Doing Things You Don't Want to Do Fairy Tale Interrupted: A Memoir of Life, Love, and Loss Shame Interrupted: How God Lifts the Pain of Worthlessness and Rejection The Incurrigible Children of Ashton Place: Book IV: The Interrupted Tale The Interrupted Tale: The Incurrigible Children of Ashton Place: Book IV Games Without Rules: The Often-Interrupted History of Afghanistan Hidden Credit Repair Secrets - Step-by-Step 6 Letter Dispute Plan Included:: Credit Repair Strategies They Don't Want You To Know (Third Edition Book 3) You Don't Know Me but You Don't Like Me: Phish, Insane Clown Posse, and My Misadventures with Two of Music's Most Maligned Tribes

[Dmca](#)