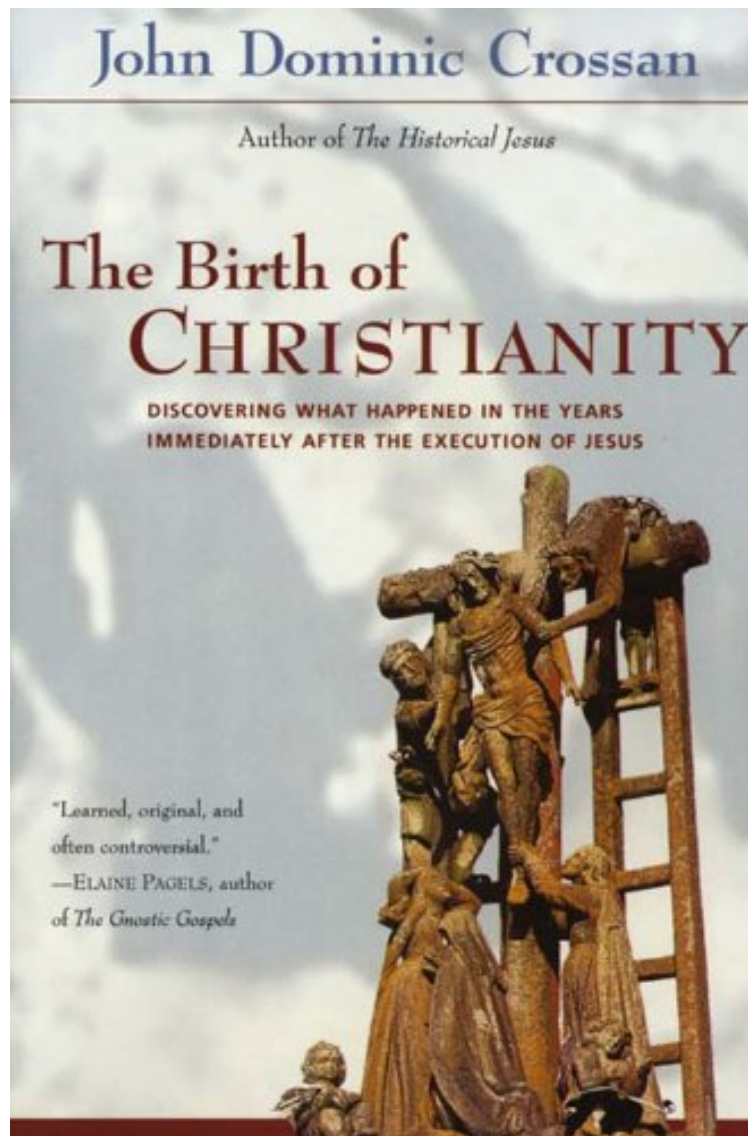


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the dedicated Von Max Simmons This book relies so heavily on positions established in earlier books that much of it will likely be missed by those who haven't kept up with Crossan's work. The enormity of this book, too, owes to a lot of detail better relegated to appendices. It's only appeal will be to other scholars, primarily those who might want to dispute Crossan's positions. BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY does not strike the balance HISTORICAL JESUS did between scholarly rigor and common digestibility. Moreover, it does not, and does not seek to, establish the efficacy of historical Jesus inquiry and/or Crossan's method per se. The best encapsulation there resides in Chs. 5 6 in WHO KILLED JESUS? Because Crossan's work can be cumbersome and overwrought, it is unlikely that most of the dismissive critics reporting here have actually grasped his effort. Furthermore, because they are dismissive, it is unlikely they have made the attempt. I would suggest few of his demonizers have read this one at all. The "naturalist" critique is too generalized especially, missing the explicitness with which Crossan, Borg et al announce their presumptions at every turn. More pertinently, they use all the overtly secular methods available to contemporary historiography to interrogate issues of temporal historicity. When agreeing that Jesus must have been an extra-natural healer, or indicating that an event in his life associated with a miracle actually happened, they are at pains to maintain those extraordinary experiences must be encountered on their own terms. Those miracles and healings are not "explained away," and Crossan excoriates those who make the attempt. His work is to peel away stories of events that accrued AFTER the fact, not to invalidate what he finds to have actually occurred before redaction. He does not allow his historiography to step outside its bounds to "debunk" widespread experience of the miraculous Jesus. "Conservative" scholars would do well to go to equal lengths to ensure their allegiance to the miraculous Jesus does not serve to "debunk" historiography, but rather to explicate the Christian meaning residing in the historicity of events Crossan and others seek to establish. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Consistent with other works from Jesus Seminar Fellows... Von Ein Kunde I must admit that Mr. Crossan treats the subject of the historical Jesus quest with much scholarly vigor. While I am convinced of his sincerity and genuine desire for truth, he continues to make the same mistakes that dominate the wealth of works produced by his pen and others of the Jesus Seminar. These mistakes originate with a presupposition of naturalism, leaving their versions of the evidence tainted from the very start. Crossan, Funk, Borg, and others disallow much evidence not by the application of sound research, but because their naturalistic worldview clouds their objectivity, perhaps as a result of not understanding the historian's craft. True historians attempt to examine the evidence without bias, letting it lead them to reasonable, plausible conclusions. True, conservative scholarship has its presuppositions as well. However, they have been much more careful to produce their works with an "evidence to ideology" flavor, instead of allowing the "ideology" to influence their outlook on the "evidence". I notice that your reviewers seem only to be reading liberal authorship. Perhaps to give them a more well-orbed view, they should try reading some more conservative works as well. A review of "Assessing the New Testament Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus" by Dr. William Lane Craig is a great starting point. If you have difficulty with the trustworthiness of the NT, try reading "The Historical Reliability of the Gospels" by Craig Blomberg. Both texts are available at .com. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Thought-provoking Von Ein Kunde I found the book interesting both in enlightening the issues it deals with, and in explaining how research is done that attempts to piece together a history from the bits and pieces that we have available. I particularly liked the author's directness in acknowledging the core assumptions that his thesis lives and dies with, and then presenting the information that led him to the conclusion. I find the reviews for this book that complain about how the author's conclusions end up following from his assumptions interesting since they are obviously doing what they accuse Crossan of - only without the intervening evidence or counter-argument to his evidence. The response to the book is as interesting as the book itself. My only criticism is that the book seemed longer than necessary; a few of the strands seemed to wander away from the main theme.

Kurzbeschreibung In this national bestseller, John Dominic Crossan, the world's leading expert on the historical Jesus, reveals how Christianity emerged in the period following Jesus' death. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, Crossan shines new light on the theological and cultural contexts from which the Christian church arose. He argues powerfully that Christianity would have happened with or without Paul and contends that Jesus' "resurrection" meant something vastly different for his early followers than it does for many traditional Christians today--what mattered was Christ's origins finally illuminates the mysterious period that set Western religious history in its decisive course.. de John Dominic Crossan is the leading contemporary scholar on the historical Jesus, which means that his vocation is to look behind, around, and through Christ's resurrection, toward the goal of establishing what can be known about the life of Jesus of Nazareth. His search for the historical Jesus, however, takes place in the larger context of the life of the church. Among the goals of The Birth of Christianity is to teach readers how our habits of worship have created false gods. To that end, Crossan attempts to unearth the religion's earliest forms. What did Christianity look like, Crossan asks, between the crucifixion and the conversion of Paul? And what might Christianity look like today had Saul never set off toward Damascus? Crossan's conclusions don't come from newly discovered documents; they come from

freshly-minted academic methodologies. He uses anthropology, history, and archaeology to construct his arguments about the essential nature of both Jesus' religion and Paul's. The 25-cent summary of his conclusion is that Jesus did not recognize the dualism between spirit and flesh that formed the basis of Paul's apocalyptic Christianity. In other words, Jesus was more Jewish than Paul. The ramifications of this argument are huge. Crossan says much of Christian worship--and many of the world's injustices--are based on the dualistic Christ that Paul preached. Though Crossan doesn't bully readers into accepting his conclusions, he does press hard for them to situate their own beliefs in relation to his interpretations of Jesus and Paul. At every point in the evolution of his argument, he asks readers questions such as "How do you understand a human being?" and "What is the character of your God?" Then he proceeds to answer these questions himself. Finally, he tells readers what he thinks these answers mean. It's an incredibly civilized style of argument--both spiritually and intellectually respectful and always rhetorically engaging. Though *The Birth of Christianity* weighs in at almost 600 pages of text, you'll probably want to read every word. And after that, you'll probably be hungry for more.

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"Crossan can be credited with an exceptional command of the tools of a first-rate public intellectual."-- "St. Louis Post Dispatch"

"Crossan's work is ... in certain respects positively brilliant. [His] research itself is a fascinating addition to the literature on early Christianity...[he] is refreshingly honest about the force of his claims."-- A. K. M. Adam, professor of New Testament theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Trenton Times"

"In "The Birth of Christianity Crossan has once again shown his impressive breadth of interest and depth of analysis. The amount of detail is breathtaking ... there are many new and rewarding insights here"-- "America magazine"

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"Christianity arose out of the interaction of the historical Jesus and his first companions. It was not invented by Paul. That is the stunning hypothesis of Crossan's "The Birth of Christianity. Like the master craftsman he is, Crossan has forged a picture of earliest Christianity--of the dark years, the 30s and 40s--in debate with other scholars and in the combination of social science theory, Galilean archaeology, close textual analysis, and historical reconstruction. No one controls the issues, the data, and the options as well as Crossan. His reconstruction is essential reading for anyone serious about Christian origins and its fate in the third millennium."-- Robert W. Funk, chair, The Jesus Seminar, and author of "The Acts of Jesus"

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"Flashes of genius...He writes with deep understanding and compassion."-- "San Francisco Chronicle"

"Ambitious and groundbreaking, "The Birth of Christianity is a must read for those with a serious interest in Jesus and the early church." -- "Toronto Star"

"Crossan's theology is breathtaking, stunning, and compelling."-- "Christian Century"

"Crossan has given us a well written and highly informative patchwork quilt of a book ... for anyone interested in gospel origins, this is a most valuable, insight-filled book."-- Religious Studies ..".[U]ntil his critics, many of whom [Crossan] amusingly savages in this book, come back with counter-arguments, this version of what happened in the years following the Crucifixion must be read by all serious students of Christian origins. It should also be read by the not so serious student of stylish prose. For Crossan is a brilliant writer. He follows a single coherent train of thought, uninterrupted by the distraction of footnotes and punctuated by pellucid summaries. His chapters begin with well-chosen epigraphs from the works of others, which he either demolishes or reconstructs. At points where attention might wander, inevitable in a lengthy academic work, he inserts some insightful interdisciplinary parallel, or personal anecdote, or disarming direct address to the reader."--John Muddiman, "Times Literary Supplement"