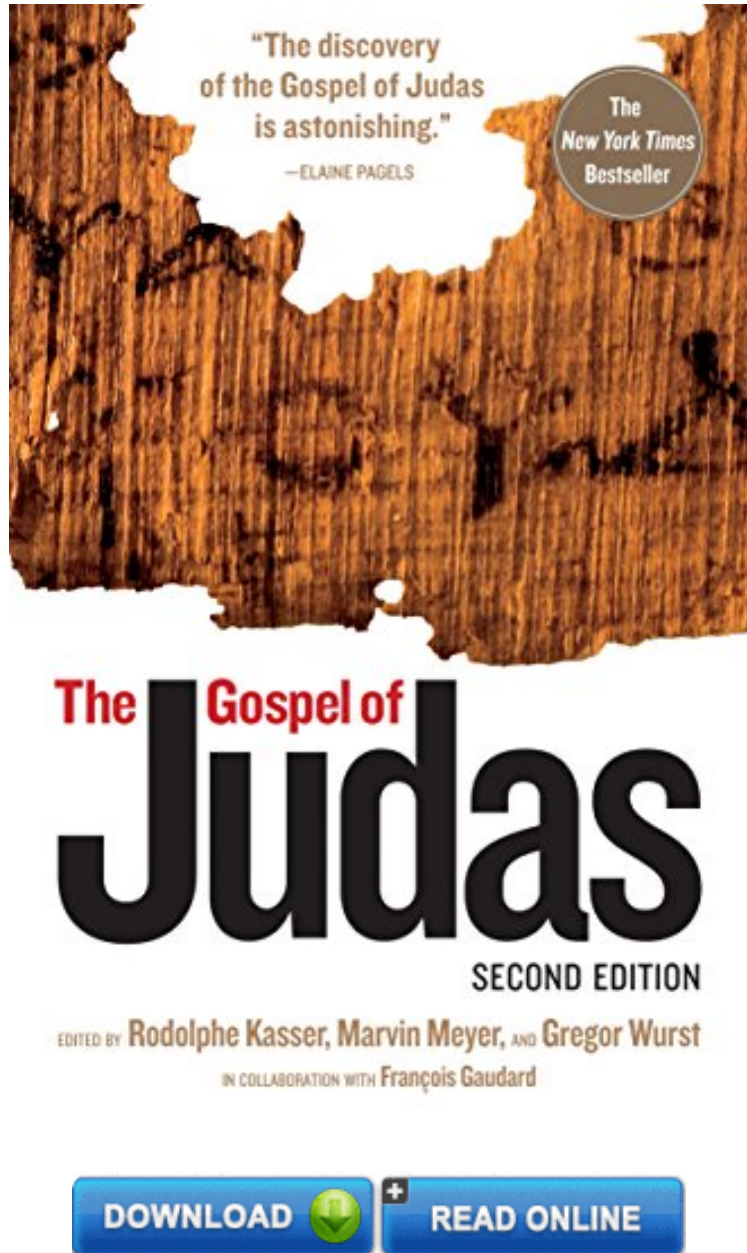


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more than four gospels, and literally hundreds of apostolic letters and manuscripts floating around the ancient world. These were of variable quality literarily and theologically, but it took hundreds of years for the Christian community to come to a consensus about what should be included and what should be excluded. Generally, Gnostic texts were excluded, and this lost gospel of Judas is most likely a Gnostic production, according to the authors. It was referenced by early church leaders such as Irenaeus, who argued strongly for the now-standard vision of four canonical gospels. What is the issue with this gospel? The central idea that places this text at odds with the canonical gospels is that it paints Judas in a very different light - Judas is no longer the villain who betrays Jesus for his own personal gain, or because of his own spiritual confusion, but rather an obedient servant who, when turning Jesus in to the authorities, is simply following Jesus' own direction as a necessary step for God's plan to come to fulfillment. Judas is portrayed as the closest of the apostles to Jesus, a leader among the apostles, and thus perhaps the object of jealousy. To be sure, these ideas are not new. Varying images of Judas and confusion about his role have been present throughout much of Christian history, with no single definitive vision of his personality nor his action superseding all others. (See the book on Judas by scholar Kim Paffenroth, published recently). The document highlighted in this text is a 31-page, fragile manuscript dated to approximately the year 300, as a copy of a story that may have originated 150 or more years earlier. The manuscript itself has a colourful history, having been bought, sold, and stolen multiple times. As this book is released, the manuscript is on display at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. This book promises to be of interest to historians, theologians, biblical scholars, and others who find the early days of Christianity fascinating. Even those (like me) who are not willing to lend canonical authority to this rediscovered gospel will find that it brings up ideas and questions that are worth considering. This volume goes along with a companion book, 'The Lost Gospel: The Quest for the Gospel of Judas Iscariot' by Herbert Krosney, also published by the National Geographic Society. That book details more of the story about the manuscript. This book features the manuscript itself, a new translation, and commentary by biblical scholars who can help to place it in context. Theological analyses and textual issues, as well as a discussion about the importance of the Gnostics for early Christian development are found here. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. thoughtful Von Kundestudying the Bible has been my Hobby for the last years, and I welcome every Addition to my literature, like this good book

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