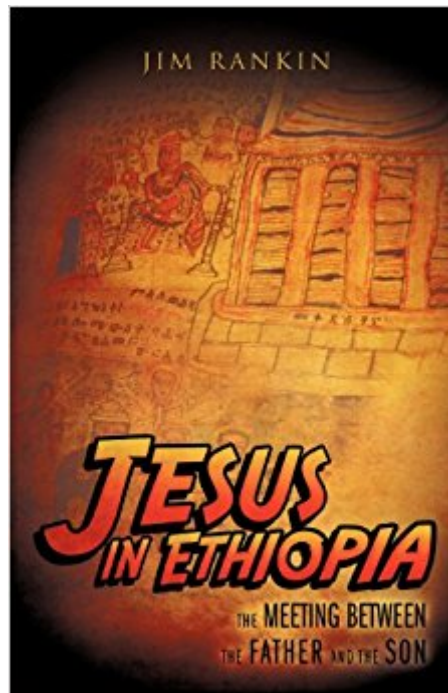




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# Jesus: In Ethiopia



## Synopsis

JESUS: IN ETHIOPIA...A mysterious island...guardian monks...exotic locations...the Ark of the Covenant...and one of the most revealing stories ever discovered about the early years of Jesus Christ, all come together in this intriguing true adventure. Jim Rankin takes you on an Indiana Jones-like exploration over deserts and mountains, through jungles and across a massive lake to a forbidden island to open an ancient treasury housing one of the most fascinating finds in history to the whereabouts of the young Jesus. From Jim's encounter in the hills of Tennessee to his amazing adventures in the exotic mountains of Ethiopia, a hidden secret will finally be answered as you come to the edge of your seat for this true-to-life God led adventure. It's a heart-pounding trek to a mysterious heavenly summit ... This journey began in search of the lost Ark of the Covenant and turned into a revelation of biblical proportions. It's an adventure in truth that takes you on a search through the Bible to track down the location of never-before-revealed information on the whereabouts of the Holy Family and the truth behind their exodus from Israel. Jim Rankin, a husband, father, pastor, business owner, speaker, author, and explorer has traveled around the globe in search of biblical truths to prove that the contents of the Scriptures are factual. Jim is the founder of Adventures in Truth Biblical Research located near Cincinnati, Ohio. He holds a degree from the School of the Scriptures Bible College, has performed with some of the world's greatest entertainers, interviewed nearly 4,000 known celebrities and dignitaries ranging from Presidents to Hollywood actors, and has led incredible explorations into the truths of the Bible. Jim resides in Ohio and continues his adventures with his wife and children.

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## Customer Reviews

In his recent work "Jesus in Ethiopia: The Meeting Between the Father and the Son," American pastor/adventurer/author Jim Rankin does a decent job of introducing some fascinating aspects of Ethiopian Orthodox Christian literature and history. However, Rankin lacks a firm foundation in Ethiopian studies, and Eastern Christian literature. For instance "The Bible" text that Rankin spends many pages discussing is actually an Ethiopian apocryphal manuscript, an important source of local Marian traditions, but not a "Bible" in a strict sense. The text in question is likely what is known as "The Story of Mary," or "The Minor Gospel," or perhaps part of a composite text that contains many Marian texts in a single manuscript. Sometimes the "Miracles of Mary," and "The Story of Mary," as well as portions of other Marian texts are woven together in a single text for festal, liturgical, reading purposes. I don't want to be too hard on Rankin because I don't think he intended his work to be a scholarly account of his "discovery." It is a fun read, and a serious scholar can be introduced to some aspects of the Ethiopian tradition that merit further investigation. If Rankin, or any interested party, were to spend some time with the 10 (plus one that is forthcoming) Volumes of the Ethiopian Manuscript Microfilm Library Catalogues he/she would gain great insight into this subject matter. Sebhat le Igziabeher! Kasa Wolde Marcos

Like a well-crafted mystery story, this book is exciting and an easy read. From the very beginning the reader is captured by the author. He uses experiences from his own life, experiences common to all of us; to entice us to seek further what this all has to do with Jesus in Ethiopia. From the very beginning you feel adventure and excitement building as you read further. The author early on establishes two focuses that sets the foundation for the entire adventure. They are: 'On Holy Ground' and 'Neglected History'. Again the reader wonders what this all has to do with Jesus in Ethiopia. The author logically and clearly lays the building blocks as he begins to develop his conclusions based upon research he has done as well as observations and discoveries he experienced in Ethiopia. All of this is clearly documented by photo and/or reference notes. The Bible student will appreciate the extensive use of Bible Scripture to develop the background for the experiences and discoveries discussed. He also uses Scripture to possibly stretch the reader into new areas. The 'crescendo' at least for this reader was when the author discusses "translating the book" in Chapter 11. I felt the energy building leading to this event. Myself, I read these pages five times in order to completely comprehend what the author was revealing. Not that it was difficult to understand but rather mind boggling to take it all in at one time. Once all of the information has been disclosed, the author uses a nifty technique of briefly reviewing each piece and how it fits into the

bigger picture. He calls it "Putting the Puzzle Together". I was on the trip and experienced the same things the author did. I can attest to the truthfulness and accuracy of the events and observations described in the book. They happened as the author says. The author carefully states that "he does not believe in compromising the Word of God in any way, shape or form". But perhaps God has much more to reveal to us opening more revelation to each of us. He concludes by discussing what these discoveries and revelations mean to him and to everyone who takes the time to consider the worthiness of the evidence presented. He leaves each of us with a challenge. I close with a concluding quote by the author: "This has truly been an interesting journey, one of unsuspecting revelation and struggle. No doubt there will be some who question our evidence and rightly so. I was, and still am in some cases, one of those who doubt. As I have heard many say before, until you have been there, felt the hand of God on the journey, seen doors open to clear the path, and felt the joy that comes from following His lead, then I encourage you to at least consider the worthiness of the evidence. Just as I have doubted the opportunity of salvation through Jesus Christ, I am truly joyful that I opened up my eyes and my heart to His eternal assurance. My only regret is that I didn't do that earlier in my life. I pray this analogy enlightens your understanding".

Once I started I couldn't put the book down. It followed the Bible verses word for word. Very informative. I'm sure there's more to come. can't wait.

This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. Sometimes I have wondered how Jesus spent his childhood, where He traveled, what he did. To think of him in all humility seated before his father being prepared, comforted, and encouraged to do the work that would save the world is, well, inspiring. Jim tells the story with such enthusiasm that I couldn't help but enjoy the entire journey. My copy of the book has already passed to two other readers, and will continue to do so. This book is such a good conversation starter, thanks Jim.

The book held my interest until the end. Knowing that the author had been where Jesus had met with God and fell to his knees in the exact same spot holds a special meaning to me. I would recommend this book to every one.

challenging - I have questions

A good book but not sure on all the facts.

The book had some grammar issues, needed better editing which made it a bit of a challenge to read but... the content was amazing! Very interesting!

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