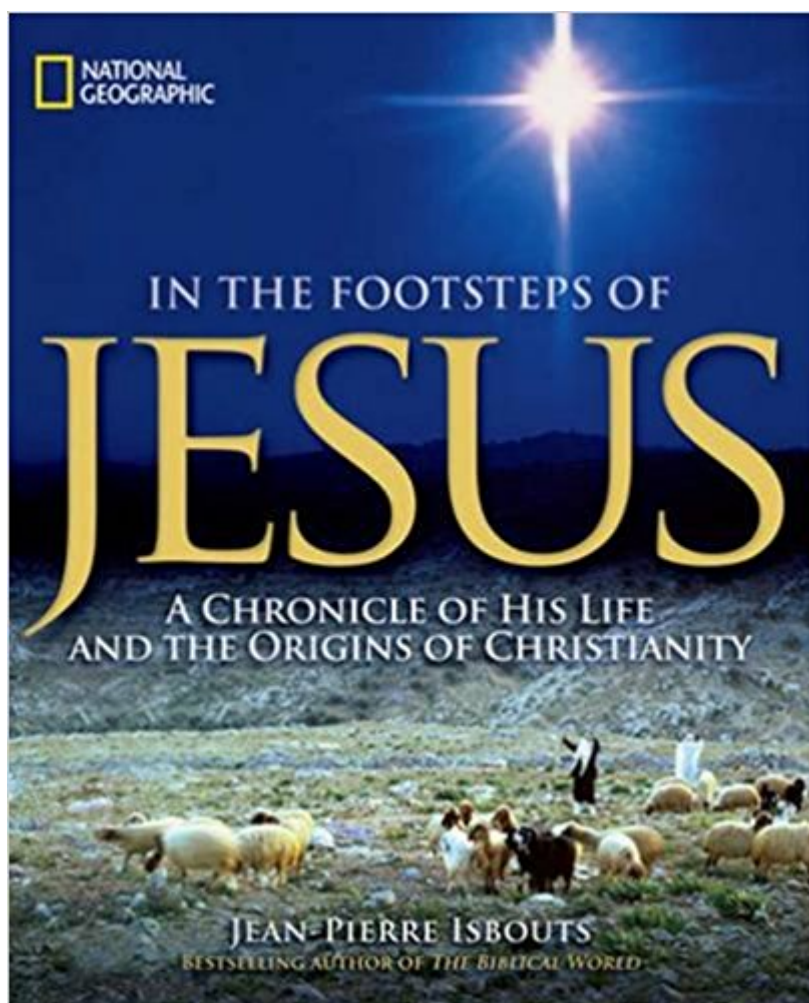


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In The Footsteps Of Jesus: A Chronicle Of His Life And The Origins Of Christianity



Synopsis

“Stunning illustrations, photographs, and maps – a vivid and thorough picture of the life and times of Jesus. – *War Cry* (the Salvation Army’s biweekly magazine) The Gospels of the New Testament describe the life of Jesus of Nazareth, from his birth in Bethlehem and his travels through Galilee, to his trial and death in Jerusalem. In the Footsteps of Jesus goes even deeper into the story of Jesus’ life by following his path through the Holy Land on richly detailed maps and bringing each pivotal place to life through the latest archaeological and historical discoveries. Breathtaking photography and unique period artifacts complement fascinating text and specially created maps by National Geographic cartographers. In the Footsteps of Jesus not only illustrates the stories of Jesus’s life, but also the characters and events that shaped his journey and ultimately made him one of the most famous figures the world has ever known. This compelling and beautiful book traces Jesus’s path from Bethlehem to Nazareth; throughout his “mission triangle” of Lower Galilee and into the Decapolis; and ultimately on his journey to Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane and Golgotha. Expertly crafted text describes what is known and speculated about Jesus’s youth, life and work, while showing the larger events that combined to shape the world in which He lived. Both the text and sidebars describe the places in Jesus’ world that can still be experienced by visitors, as well as key sites that have since disappeared but can be reconstructed by forensic means; what life was like in an agricultural society in 1st century Lower Galilee before the Jewish War; the omnipresent tension between Greco-Roman urban lifestyles and observant Jewish communities, which because of its geographic location was particularly acute in Lower Galilee; the devastating impact of Herodian tax regimes and subsequent Roman census-based taxation in Lower Galilee, and the wholesale displacement of the Jewish peasantry; modern religious practices that can be traced to Jesus’ teaching and experiences, and other compelling historical figures of the era. Captivating elements include quotes attributed to Jesus; historical data derived from Jewish sources such as the Mishnah, and Roman sources such as Josephus; census data and other documents; key facts, and insightful main text. Newcomers to biblical history as well as the devoted will find this an invaluable reference and a gorgeous book for the home library.

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Customer Reviews

A Look Inside In the Footsteps of Jesus The main cardo or boulevard of the Hellenistic city of Gerasa (today's Jerash, Jordan) led to the main forum, where the religious, civic, and commercial facilities of the city could be found. [Pantheon Studios, Inc. \(Click to enlarge\)](#) Dutch artist Gerard van Honthorst (1592-1656) cast this Nativity scene of 1620 in a romantic light, which was made popular during the Baroque era. [Pantheon Studios, Inc. \(Click to enlarge\)](#) The walls of today's old city of Jerusalem were built by the Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent around 1535. [Pantheon Studios, Inc. \(Click to enlarge\)](#)

Using new archaeological discoveries, Isbouts takes readers on a trip back in time to uncover Jesus and the places where he lived, preached, and died. The first part of the book, *The World of Jesus*, looks at the larger Roman world as well as the locales that nurtured Jesus and his work. The text then goes on to trace the life of Jesus as he moved through Galilee, ending up in Jerusalem for his final days. The book concludes with a look at the Christian communities that sprang up throughout the Roman Empire. An epilogue tracks various pilgrimage routes. Though this volume has the look and feel of a coffee-table book, some of the photos are disappointing (for example, a generic full-page picture of an olive tree with a caption about the importance of oil in the ancient world). In addition, some images are not crisply reproduced. That said, there is a wealth of information here. The book covers all the key topics—the Temple, the travels, the teachings—and several minor ones as well (Fish Species in Jesus's Time). Good for browsers and students of the period alike. --Ilene Cooper

I really wasn't expecting anything good in the text of this book because it's published by National

Geographic. But it actually was respectful of Jesus, although it treats Him as if He was making it up as he went along, testing the waters here and there. The photos are what convinced me to buy it and they are very good.

I have not had a chance to read this book in detail yet, but I have glanced through it, and it is beautifully laid out and filled with well-researched information about the life and times of Jesus. I'm sure it will be very interesting, since some of the archaeological discoveries have been pretty recent. Anyone interested in Jesus would love this large, beautifully-illustrated book filled with well-written text and many photos. It would be perfect for a gift, as it is printed on nice, heavy paper and is nicely bound as well. It also comes with a large map of the present-day Holy Land. Also, although I bought it used, this issue really is in perfect condition. It only has a signature on the title page and the rest is just like new.

If you want to take a trip to the Holy Land but can't afford it this is your book. It gives you a rare personal view of all of the important sites. It makes you feel like you are there touring the sites. The pictures in the book are excellent. They alone are worth the price of the book. They put you in the Holy Land. You can see the sights mentioned in the bible as they are today. That look through the pictures help makes the theology become reality for the reader. The second part of the book is the text. It is an excellent commentary on Jesus. The author combines the parts of all of the four gospels to tell the story. Few books seem to do that. It gives the readers a very comprehensive look at Jesus by doing that. The author uses pieces of each gospel to tell a deep story. The book doesn't end with the Jesus story. There is a short chapter on the tale of Paul complete with pictures. Then the book goes into the story of the church for the first 500 years or so. This history is really enlightening. It briefly tells an important story in a very interesting tale. Great book for all, no matter where you are on your faith walk.

A must for believers to understand the period when Christ was on earth 2000 years ago. Plenty of writeup, photos and maps. Priceless.

Great book that goes along with my reading of the Bible.

Excellent

Our church has this volume and it is beautiful, informative and hugely interesting. I found this bargain and bought it as a gift for Christmas to a special family member.

Enjoyed the history that is missing when reading the Bible. It is very helpful to know the customs of these people and to see the places Jesus walked and taught. I enjoyed the photographs and the photos of famous paintings depicting the times. I would recommend this book to Christians and non-Christians for its historical value alone.

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