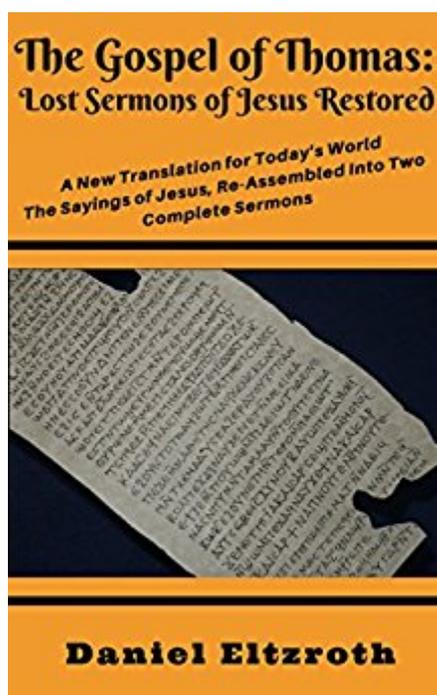


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The Gospel Of Thomas: Lost Sermons Of Jesus Restored: A New Translation For Today's World



Synopsis

This ancient document, rediscovered sayings of Jesus, is now newly translated into modern English. Also these sayings have been uniquely reassembled into two comprehensive sermons: The hidden teachings to his Disciples, and his Public Sermon to the common people. The original Gospel of Thomas, a full version of which was discovered among documents in Egypt, is a simple yet profound book of sayings, with one following another in what can appear to be no particular order. This new translation takes the approach that those sayings can be re-ordered and reassembled, as with pieces of a long stored puzzle. Here we encounter a refreshing and instructive view of Jesus, with familiar sayings as with those of the canonical Gospels, yet surprisingly different in other aspects. The “secret” insider teachings here inform the reader of a Teacher sometimes conflicted, frustrated, yet still astoundingly optimistic for the future of humanity. This translation recaptures the flow and fluidity of those words, adding to the coherence and meaning of this timeless message. The Jesus of Thomas’ Gospel instructs and converses with his disciples, establishing the fundamental core of his ministry, as if in a sermon. Additionally a second sermon emerges, as Jesus preaches to the general public in a more positive, message oriented, upbeat and refreshing presentation. Seen together, the true relevance of the duality of this fascinating text can shine through to today’s reader. Each of the 114 logia (verses) is utilized in these sermons, and their conventional numbering is retained for reference purposes. Following an introduction, this book contains the full sermons to the disciples and to the public, with explanatory documentation, and the numbered logia are then provided again in their original order, to compare and derive additional meaning.

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The interpretations are up to modern speak, which allows easy reading of ancient thought. It also leans toward eastern thought in that it is up to you to recognize the light of God in yourself and apply it to your life. This is very difficult when distracted by worldly things. Hell I still want a couple of green Orion slave girls and a pot of gold. So I recognize that I have a long way to go. I'm going to work on it. But I do seriously understand what Jesus was trying to get across to humanity then and now. This book bypasses the church in its message and thus couldn't be included in the bible.

This is what Jesus REALLY said, not just what those who've used religion for political purposes would tell you. If you research some about the early Christian church, you see quickly that, like everything else in the world, the drive for money and power put its stamp on conventional interpretations of what Jesus said, how he lived, and what he meant. To understand this, one has to look beyond just reading the 4 gospels.

The translation is rough - don't expect something of the quality of NIV, NLT, or even KJV. It's readable, but it is a tough read. Also realize that the Gospel of Thomas is mostly a quotes book. I don't buy that Thomas is the original author of this - the things written here that are not in the other gospels don't match up with the character of Jesus we see in the Bible - there are some things that sound mystic or Gnostic, meaning that I doubt it was even written in the first century. However, it is still an interesting read. If you are looking to read this out of curiosity, this is a great read. If you are expecting new revelation or anything, you are going to be disappointed.

love this book

It was like reading a student's notes on lectures. Very good. It was great idea to include the original order of the notes.

Excellent resource!

Just as expected.

I love it. I studied about it in my Great Courses class.

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