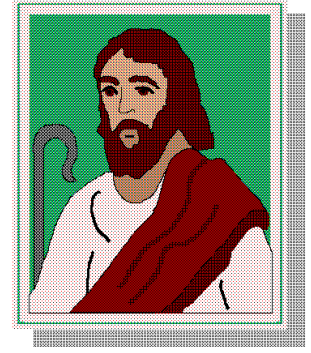


“The Man From Nazareth”

Study Guide #1



Introduction (p. 1)

1. Do the Gospels record four different stories of Jesus?
2. What benefits are there to having four different accounts?
3. What precautions (“dangers”) must one be aware of when considering these four accounts?

Handouts (“HO’s): *“Harmonizing The Gospels”*



Chapter 1 (pp. 2 ff.)

1. According to Enlightenment scholars, what kind of approach is necessary to study the Bible?
 2. Should scientific methods be applied to the Bible?
 3. What is a “*myth*?” Should we apply “*myth*” to the Bible?
 4. According to liberal scholars, what happens when “*myth*” is taken out of the Bible?
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“Evidence For The Historical Jesus....”

5. Briefly describe some of the historical extra-Biblical evidence (that is, “evidence not found in the Bible”) we have for Jesus? What detail do they add?

6. What claims do Jewish Rabbinical writings make regarding Jesus?

7. What is the significance of Celsus? (No, he didn’t invent the thermometer! ☹)

8. What was the overall view of Jesus according to Roman Historians?

9. In what ways do books of the Bible (other than the Gospels) help us to understand Jesus?

10. What insights do the *Gospel of Thomas* and other New Testament *Pseudepigrapha* offer regarding Jesus?

Handouts (“HO’s)

- 1) Higher Critical Method *a la* “Dr. Seuss”
- 2) Jesus: Prophecy Fulfilled
- 3) New Testament Pseudepigrapha

