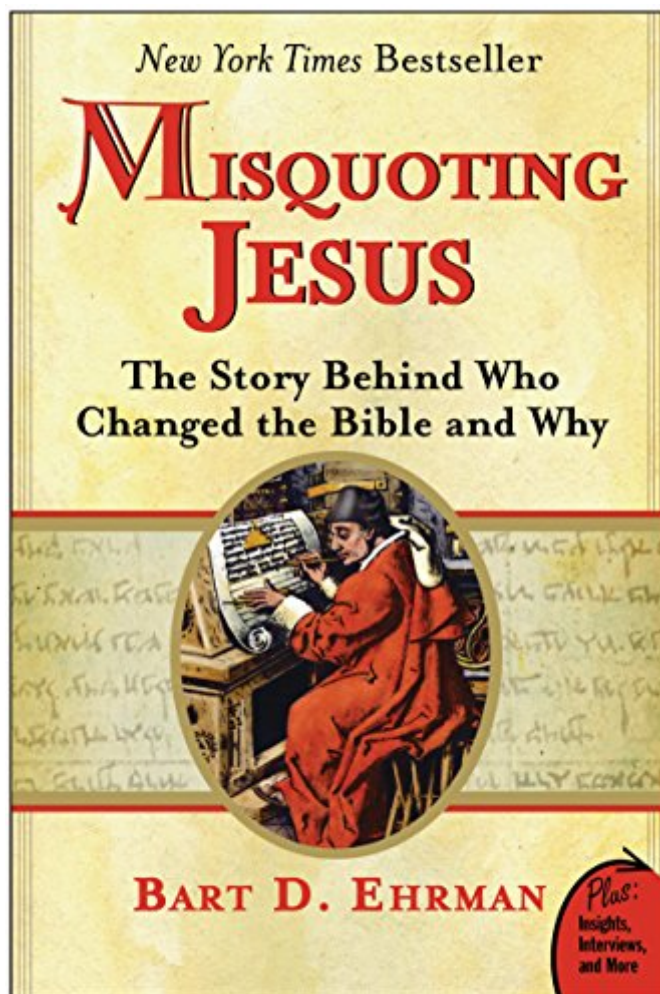


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# Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed The Bible And Why



## Synopsis

When world-class biblical scholar Bart Ehrman first began to study the texts of the Bible in their original languages he was startled to discover the multitude of mistakes and intentional alterations that had been made by earlier translators. In *Misquoting Jesus*, Ehrman tells the story behind the mistakes and changes that ancient scribes made to the New Testament and shows the great impact they had upon the Bible we use today. He frames his account with personal reflections on how his study of the Greek manuscripts made him abandon his once ultraconservative views of the Bible. Since the advent of the printing press and the accurate reproduction of texts, most people have assumed that when they read the New Testament they are reading an exact copy of Jesus's words or Saint Paul's writings. And yet, for almost fifteen hundred years these manuscripts were hand copied by scribes who were deeply influenced by the cultural, theological, and political disputes of their day. Both mistakes and intentional changes abound in the surviving manuscripts, making the original words difficult to reconstruct. For the first time, Ehrman reveals where and why these changes were made and how scholars go about reconstructing the original words of the New Testament as closely as possible. Ehrman makes the provocative case that many of our cherished biblical stories and widely held beliefs concerning the divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, and the divine origins of the Bible itself stem from both intentional and accidental alterations by scribes -- alterations that dramatically affected all subsequent versions of the Bible.

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This book is an outstanding exploration of the challenges and tools of translating the Bible. Dr. Ehrman is an excellent teacher and keeps your interest while discussing in detail his trade.

A well, authoritatively written and referenced book, fascinating information. An easy read and very informative a great history of the bible and all its iterations.. A lot of work and research by many authors has gone into bringing this information about.

I borrowed this book years ago and found it most interesting. It is not for people who take the Bible literally. I bought it to have my own copy, since I want to re-read it.

Frightening information for the Christian community. Goes very far debunking the 'KJ was good enough for Jesus, so it's good enough for me' attitude. Of course those of that persuasion would dare not read past the 1st chapter anyway. For me it goes a long way confirming my long suspect of the accuracy of 2 Peter 3:16. Thought more examples could have been used on the different items as changed through the ages.

This is a must read for anyone seeking to understand how the Bible was written.

Great read if you have an open mind as to how the bible was constructed, No hocus pocus here.

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