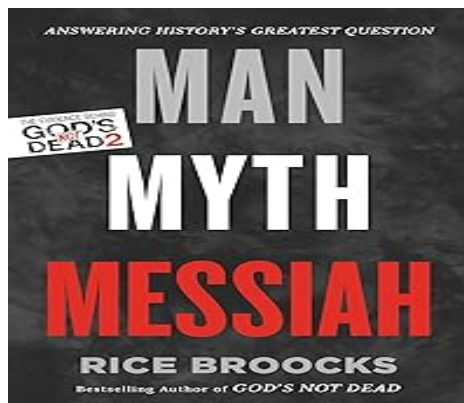


Man, Myth, Messiah: Answering History's Greatest Question By Rice Brooks 9780849948565 This book is a good introduction for Historical Jesus Studies with Basic information about the Minimal facts and the historicity of the resurrection.



Did Jesus Really Exist? The search for the historical Jesus continues to be headline news. Did Jesus really exist? Is there real historical evidence that demonstrates that He lived and actually said and did the things the Gospels record? Is there any validity to the speculative claims that the Jesus story was a myth borrowed from a variety of pagan cultures of the ancient world? In this follow-up to the book *God's Not Dead* (that inspired the movie) *Man Myth Messiah* looks at the evidence for the historical Jesus and exposes the notions of skeptics that Jesus was a contrived figure of ancient mythology. *Man Myth Messiah: Answering History's Greatest Question* Soon after Rice Brooks became a Christian as a third year university student he discussed his faith with his brother Ben an atheist who was a third year law student. " Since that day I've devoted my life to reaching out to an unbelieving skeptical world with the message that God is indeed real and has revealed Himself in nature as well as in history" said Brooks. In his new book *God's Not Dead: Evidence for God in an Age of Uncertainty* (Thomas Nelson March 2013) Brooks offers a clear understandable overview of the evidence for God as well as the credibility of the Christian faith Soon after Rice Brooks became a Christian as a third year university student he discussed his faith with his brother Ben an atheist who was a third year law student. " Since that day I've devoted my life to reaching out to an unbelieving skeptical world with the message that God is indeed real and has revealed Himself in nature as well as in history" said Brooks. In his new book *God's Not Dead: Evidence for God in an Age of Uncertainty* (Thomas Nelson March 2013) Brooks offers a clear understandable overview of the evidence for God as well as the credibility of the Christian faith while responding directly to many skeptical claims. The book takes something very massive and complex and condenses it into a very readable and understandable crash course for believers on who Jesus is why we believe it and what we should do with that information. In this book you will find Scripture research personal stories and resources for further research that answer many questions including the following:-How can we trust that the Bible is true?-Why did Jesus have to die?-Are miracles verifiable?-If God is the Great Physician why isn't everyone healed? The book is not meant to be read once and dumped on your dusty bookshelf. The last two chapters of the book are dedicated to evangelism- so if you believe what the Bible says and you have complete faith in Jesus you will want to share the good news. Personally I believe there are plenty of other great resources if you do not believe in God that prove Jesus's existence and the Bible's validity that are more geared towards you. Brooks uses a lot of Christian terminology that would come with experience in the church (like Gospel commandment commission) that are connecting directly with the believer and equipping them to share their new findings but it may lose the unbeliever. I would recommend the book to any believer that would stumble in answering someone asking Why are you a Christian and How do you know that Christianity is real? because it gives a great base for understanding and challenges you to pick up another book to dig deeper into several of the issues Brooks brings up. Explicitly referencing Lewis' own trilemma [2] Brooks' own version of the trilemma is encapsulated in the title of the book where the author makes the claim that Jesus Christ is either man myth or Messiah. He then proceeds to use

savvy historical and philosophical reasoning to make it clear that Jesus Christ was not a myth as He is too historically well-attested and could not have done what He did as a mere man leaving only the option that He was the savior and then on top of that uses this discussion as a way to then motivate the reader to engage in more serious questions on how to live life: Who do you say that I am? And then how now should I live my life? In terms of its organization and structure this book is organized with a very clear and unmistakable intent in mind. After a foreword by biblical historian Gary Habermas whose work on minimal facts that even skeptics believe about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the material for the second chapter of the book the author spends about 250 pages covering ten chapters and a short epilogue. The first few chapters deal with the historical case for the death by crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ pointing out reasons why the Bible is trustworthy why the crucifixion of Christ was necessary and the seminal importance of the resurrection in providing a hope for eternal life for mankind. The author tackles the widespread understanding of similarities between late pagan counterfeit gospels and Christianity examines identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of Man and the Son of God and then provides some evidence for miracles and the supernatural. It should be noted in the interests of fairness that the author advances evidence here for the value of near death experiences that he makes fun of and casts doubt on earlier in the book by implying that many such examples are fraudulent or unreliable. The last two chapters of the book focus on what practical benefit coming to faith is supposed to result in—discipleship following God in fellowship with other brethren and in engaging in the work of sharing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Overall this is a work of very shrewd and practical importance that does not in any way neglect the honest truth about spiritual warfare as well as the barriers to belief in the eyes of many. There is a great irony that one notices as a reader of many works in apologetics [3]: most books on apologetics including this one are aimed at dealing with intellectual barriers to faith but the strongest arguments against the practical role of Jesus Christ as Lord over our lives tend to be emotional in their origin. This means that so much of apologetics consists of shadowboxing demolishing endless intellectual arguments that come out of nowhere while struggling to determine the true cause of the disaffection for a given person with God often based in unreasonable expectations and emotional reasoning. The book particularly excels in its view of Judaism as being the essential ground from which Christianity spread an obvious truth that is not as well-understood as it ought to be. This book makes for engaging and practical apologetics on a high level and it deserves to be viewed fondly and hopefully remembered as well like Lewis' similar efforts have been treasured for decades. I have read many books defending the Christian faith and the Biblical accounts of Christ's birth death and resurrection but none that delve as deeply into the debate as this book does. They modeled their ministry around four principles (called the four E's) that serve as the foundation of what we believe and practice about discipleship: We are called to Engage unbelievers with the gospel Establish biblical foundations in their lives and help them learn God's Word Equip them to do the work of the ministry and Empower them to fulfill their God-given purpose. 9780849948565 Broocks makes the strong case using sources from agnostic and biblical scholars the good thing about the book that it is connected to the public and has a pastoral side. 9780849948565 In the book Man Myth Messiah author Rice Broocks examines the historical evidence for the life of Jesus and exposes the flaws in the arguments that Jesus was a myth. I have read a great deal of Christian apologetic literature (running the gamut from dreadful to superb) but this flaccid pamphlet falls far beyond the pale of even the most infantile titles I've hitherto had the displeasure of ingesting. The author's spectacularly conspicuous ignorance of basic science coupled with his thinly (read: unsuccessfully) disguised certainty of conclusion from the outset makes it painfully evident that one should not be surprised when one arrives at the bottom of the final page and discovers that not a single drop of original scholarship or legitimate critical questioning were anywhere to be found within this 300-page question-begging Gospel tract. Let it be known: if one wishes for his or her cause (whatever it may be) to be in any respect seriously advanced Pastor Rice Broocks is not the cheerleader one would be wise to employ to champion said cause.

That not only can we believe the gospels but we can also believe in miracles and Jesus: If you're someone who wants to get started with apologetics but don't know how this is a wonderful place to start: Everything is explained with clarity and respect for those interested in learning about Jesus and the apostles, Broocks did significantly much better with this book than his last book: I decided to pick up this book after seeing the amazing court scene in the sequel to the first movie made by Broocks: Any speculative theory seems to get instant attention as the debate rages about His real identity and the claims made in His name, It also looks at the reliability of the Gospel records as well as the evidence for the resurrection that validates His identity as the promised Messiah. Man Myth Messiah will be released concurrent to the God's Not Dead movie sequel which will cover the same theme. Though Rice was young in his faith his simple answers to his brother's questions led to Ben's acceptance of Christ and he baptized Ben later that day. Though Rice was young in his faith his simple answers to his brother's questions led to Ben's acceptance of Christ and he baptized Ben later that day, Broocks is the co founder of the [Every Nation](#) family of churches which currently includes than 1000 churches in than 60 countries, Present on hundreds of college campuses Broocks has spent the last 30 years with Every Nation focusing on equipping college students around the world to defend their faith, Broocks also serves as the senior minister of [Bethel World Outreach Church](#) in Nashville Tenn: where he provides oversight for this multi ethnic multisite church currently meeting in locations in Middle Tennessee Texas and Arizona. He is the author of several books including his upcoming release God's Not Dead Every Nation In Our Generation and the Purple Book (Biblical Foundations). Broocks holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Mississippi State University a master's degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson Miss. as well as a doctorate in missiology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena Calif, [The Romans Road](#) is to the entire Gospel as Ryan Broocks's Man Myth Messiah: Answering History's Greatest Question is to an entire apologetics course, The first eight chapters are so convicting that a call to evangelism in the last two chapters are welcomed. Broocks starts by saying that this book is intended for believers but welcome for unbelievers:

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9780849948565 This book explores all the irrefutable truths and facts about the existence and divinity of Jesus: An excellent tool to reach those who are looking for other types of answers. And above all it contains arguments that will strengthen your faith, 9780849948565 [Note: This book was provided free of charge by BookLook/Thomas Nelson Publishers in exchange for an honest review, ]Picking up where his last book left off [1] Broocks decides to continue his career as our contemporary popular apologist de jour and in the tradition of the great C: Lewis try his hand at his own trilemma about the identity of Jesus Christ, 9780849948565 Rice Broock's book God's Not Dead was the inspiration for a popular movie of the same name. This book is billed as the evidence behind God's Not Dead 2 in which we will see a debate over whether a teacher can even mention the name of Jesus in a classroom: It is apparent that Broocks took the time to study both sides of the issue, He draws directly from the Bible and backs it up with historical research from scholars and skeptics alike, There is a growing body of literature in today's society that claims that Jesus was not the Messiah that he demonstrated and claimed to be: That along with the rise of internet skeptics that proclaim this type of writing to be scholarly and authoritative is what led Broocks to research and write this book, These false claims have evoked a renewed effort to set the record straight: It is a set of beliefs about the nature of the world and of us as humans, At the heart of this anti-theistic system is the necessity to dismiss the supernatural especially the supernatural birth life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: Rice Broocks makes an effort to encompass all views opinions and philosophies from skeptics and atheists on the subject and then he proceeds to disprove them entirely, He boldly tackles ridiculous alternative theories for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus: Broocks provides a succinct definition of the message of the gospel: The gospel is the good news that God became man in Jesus Christ: He lived the life we should have lived and died the death we should have died - in our place. Three days later He rose from the dead proving that He is the



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