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Just about everyone you ask has an opinion about Jesus. Some believe he was the Son of God, while others question his existence altogether. Some believe he lived, but that he was merely a good man. Today, scientists and other people are making statements that can make it difficult to know what to believe. So how can you know who the real Jesus was (and is)especially when so many people are working to prove him to be a fake or a fraud? Thats what Lee Strobel wanted to know. As a former journalistand a former atheistLee went on an investigative journey to discover the real Jesus, one that took him across the continent and into the homes of todays most prominent experts on Christian history. He found all the evidence he needed to believe that the Jesus is indeed the Risen Savior. Join Lees investigation and discover the truth about Jesus for yourself. After youve seen all the evidence, youll know for certain who the real Jesus is, and youll be able to help others know him as well.

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## **Jamie says**

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## **Candice says**

This book is perfection.

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## **Jason Kanz says**

When one thinks of mainstream Christian apologists, Lee Strobel's name is assuredly at the top of the list. A former atheist and journalist, he initially came to recognition by applying his journalistic skill to the excellent book, *The Case for Christ*. He has since applied the same engaging, journalistic method to several other books such as the *The Case for a Creator* and *The Case for Faith*. His typical approach is to tackle questions Christians may discuss with nonbelievers or that they may struggle with themselves. *The Case for the Real Jesus* (2008, Zondervan) was no different.

In this book, Strobel sets out to address six different challenges:

- 1) Scholars are uncovering a radically different Jesus through ancient documents just as credible as the four gospels.
- 2) The Bible's portrait of Jesus can't be trusted because the church tampered with the text.
- 3) New explanations have disproved Jesus' resurrection.
- 4) Christianity's beliefs about Jesus were copied from pagan religions.
- 5) Jesus was an imposter who failed to fulfill the prophecies about the Messiah.
- 6) People should be free to pick and choose what to believe about Jesus.

In each case, he would find expert theists and apologists to address the questions at hand. Although many people may be unfamiliar with these authors, writers such as Craig Evans, Dan Wallace, and Paul Copan are highly educated, knowledgeable about the topics, and capable of defending. In each case, Strobel essentially lays out his conversations with these individuals to the benefit of the reader.

I would say the only place where I was puzzled was in trying to understand what classified this as a "student edition." I was unable to locate anything specific, other than the cover, that specifically mentioned that it was for students. The writing style employed inside is classic Strobel and doesn't appear different from how he typically writes. Admittedly, I did not have a copy of the non-student edition for comparison, though I suspect they would be vastly similar. Perhaps what made it a student edition was the inclusion of various text boxes, tables, and figures to highlight parts of the text, though to be fair, these "call outs" would be beneficial whether a person was a student or not.

In sum, this was a fine book. It could have been more comprehensive, but that was not the focus and there are other fine volumes to fit that niche. The purpose of answering these basic questions is handled clearly and effectively.

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## **Heather says**

In *The Case for the Real Jesus Student Edition*, Lee Strobel tackles 6 different challenges that have been presented to Christians today:

- \* Scholars are uncovering a radically different Jesus through ancient documents just as credible as the four gospels.
- \* The Bible's portrait of Jesus can't be trusted because the church tampered with the text.
- \* New explanations have disproved Jesus' resurrection.
- \* Christianity's beliefs about Jesus were copied from pagan religions.
- \* Jesus was an impostor who failed to fulfill the prophecies of the Messiah.
- \* People should be free to pick and choose what to believe about Jesus.

Strobel goes to various experts in their field to "get the scoop" on the different challenges. One-by-one the fallacies are revealed through systematic explanations backed by plenty of facts and evidence from the experts. The alternative gospels are shown to be dated too late for historical accuracy, and some are even shown to be hoaxes. The Bible's portrayal of Christ is shown to be credible through careful studying of varying manuscripts. Attempts to show the resurrection of Christ to be false have fallen short. The theory of pagan roots for Christianity was disproved many decades ago. Through careful study, Jesus has been shown to have fulfilled the OT prophecies of the Messiah. Finally, nothing can change who Jesus was – no matter what we decide to believe about Him.

Strobel concludes with a list of website resources for further study into the Real Jesus. This book is well laid out and thoughtfully presented. Ultimately, it's up to the reader to decide to believe or not believe based upon the evidence that has been presented.

Three Stars: I liked it.

Disclosure: I received a copy from the publisher to help facilitate the writing of a frank and honest review. A positive review is not expected nor guaranteed. All opinions are my own.

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