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Time travel. Every sober scientist claims it's utterly impossible. Of course, Phineas Templeton is no "sober" scientist, in any sense of the word. An arrogant English chap with a taste for fine scotch, Dr. Templeton also happens to be one of the finest minds the world of physics has ever known.

By the year 2032, with funding from his shadowy Benefactor, he put the finishing touches on his time machine. His mission? Travel to ancient Judea and meet none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

There's only one problem: upon his arrival, Dr. Templeton finds that "Jesus" is actually a time traveler from the future, a stoned grad student from Colorado named Trent Albertson. Trent explains that history is fixed and immutable: "What happened, happened," no matter what meddling time travelers do during their stays in the past. The reality we experience is little more than the sum of the actions of countless of these time travelers that have already come, gone, and influenced the timeline, provided that a very fickle universe allows them to do so.

Upon attempting to return, Phineas is presented with an unusual new mission: a "scavenger hunt" through time, where if he is able to decode his Benefactor's cryptic clues and complete the tasks at hand, then maybe, just maybe, he'll be able to return home.

But first, he'll have to meet his hero, Sir Isaac Newton, rescue a couple of American soldiers, survive an all-out attack by ancient Mayans, and even hunt dinosaurs millions of years in the past. Through it all, Dr. Templeton hovers on the fringes of his sanity, uncovers a vast conspiracy spanning thousands of years, and deals with existential questions that will shake you to your very core.

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Mandy Walkden-Brown says

A very different time travel book and an exceptionally good one. Quite an enthralling take with many a twist and turn and some really unusual characters.

Doctor Templeton, a proper English gentleman, if a might too proud of his own intellect. And majorly lacking in the common sense department which was beautifully illustrated by his covering of the invisible flying machine with a sheet - no-one would think a sheet hovering in the air at all strange I'm sure!

Commander Corcoran, US Navy, need I say more, and Bloomy, the tech geek.

Certainly never a dull moment, with visits to Jesus Christ, Isaac Newton, the ancient Maya, a surprising run-in with a Jurassic monster, WWII nazis just to name a few.

Very well written and edited. A surprising, unexpected page turner.

I'm definitely on board for the next book in the series with Doc and the Commander, as I'm sure the latter has something unexpected up his sleeve, other than the time travel machine that he, err, borrowed from his unpleasant employer. Can't wait to see what they get up to next.

I found this amazing author after reading his novella, *Rogue*, another mesmerising read.

Highly recommended.

Jason says

NOTE: I read an earlier version of this, and there have apparently been edits made before the current version was released. I have not yet had the chance to review the new version, so some of these points/critiques may no longer apply. I will try to update as soon as I get a chance to compare the two.

Jesus was a Time Traveler was written and self-published by a friend of mine. This means, of course, that he will see my review. I don't know if that will change the nature of what or how I write, but I figured it was worth mentioning in the interest of full disclosure. My intent is to treat this review like any other, critiques and all; to do less seems a disservice.

Jesus was a Time Traveler passes my number one test of a book – it made me want to keep turning the page to see what would happen next. It was engaging and I thought the plot was creative and interesting. The basic premise is this – a guy in the future invents a time machine and visits Jesus. He then realizes, because of the quantum computer controlling his time machine, he cannot travel directly back to his own time, but must meander through the fourth dimension on an indirect path home.

I thought the book was pretty well written. My general test for writing quality is whether or not it becomes distracting. Bonus points for excellent writing that few achieve, but mostly just make sure your words stay out of the way and let the story play itself out. I thought that this book achieved that.

A few small critiques: First, I wasn't entirely sure why the protagonist, Templeton, was British. I wasn't entirely sure what purpose this served. Also, he was constantly using terms like "Brit" and "Yankees," or talking about his British-ness – it felt like too much "telling" and not enough "showing."

I also thought Templeton and Bloomington were a bit static. That said, I did come to like Corcoran's character quite a bit by the end of the novel. I thought he was better developed, and has a lot of potential. I am encouraged by the teaser that the next book may focus more on his exploits directly.

There were a few areas I thought could have been tightened a bit, but overall I thought *Jesus was a Time Traveler* was pretty well executed and certainly worth reading.

Erik Sapp says

The idea behind this book - that time travel exists and some famous event in history were caused by time travelers - is good. Sadly, the book leaves a lot to be desired. The main character is just not likeable. He is too full of himself, making it hard to care about him at all. The secondary characters are all cardboard cutouts, making it hard to care about them, either.

But the worst part is that this book drags on so much. "Travel here, watch something, fight with the other characters, move to the next era." That is the book in a nutshell. There's no excitement. The characters don't actually do anything in any era (with a few exceptions). And there's so many time periods that have to be covered. I think this book would have been a lot better if there were fewer time jumps and more events per jump. (Or even just fewer time jumps period.)

And then there is the ending, which makes no sense. The author spent so much time creating plots within plots that nothing seems to get straightened out.

The book isn't bad, per say. It just isn't very good.

Betty Macy says

This is a good book that could have been great. It is over all well written, with one major problem. It has a great premise. Time. Travel is my favorite Sci-fi sub genre. Ok now heart is wrong is fast becoming a pet peeve.

Tv, Movies, Books and sadly every day life was become numb to cuss words that should be reserved for emphasis in serious situations being used commonly as we used "Cool" when I was young. I am heiress sand offended by the excessive use of F...k or F....king. The T-Roex Scene is the only one where it was appropriate.

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Todd Barwick says

Clever and moderately paced, I really enjoyed the narrative style this book was written in. Without having a huge amount of twists, turns and big surprises, D.J. Gelner has written a quick-witted book on a man's journey through time, and the characters he meets along the way. Don't let the title discourage you for a minute, this isn't a religious/spiritual discussion type book. But I will have to admit, the title is what

originally caught my eye, as it is fun and I'm sure, to some, blasphemous at the same time. I did like this book, and will be keeping it in my bookcase as I will definitely read it again. I do have to admit I did win this as a First Reads prize, but that has not influenced my review. I did enjoy the book, and I'm sure you will too.

Bonnie says

I was given this book to review. I too was drawn to the book by the title, surprise! I enjoyed reading the book. The author writes the way one would sit and talk, so it felt like an oral narrative. Quite fun, I found myself smiling and laughing throughout the book. I would recommend this book for an easy and fun read.

Scott says

I read this one a while back and I really enjoyed it. It combines a lot of humor with a fun romp through history and just enough science to make it sound like it really happened (or will happen, in this case). In this story, a scientist discovers time travel and of course he has to go back and meet with perhaps the most influential person ever: Jesus. Of course, as the title lets you know, Jesus happens to be a time traveler, like Phineas (the scientist), but from further into the future.

But that's not close to the whole story -- Phineas finds that there are a few other people who have traveled from the future and are influencing the past -- our past, the one we know and love. What's going on here? Where are all these time travelers coming from? Phineas needs to find out.

D.J. Gelner combines a lively writing style with a fun story to make for a really good read. I really enjoyed this book. I give it an "A."

Madeleine says

Review to be copy-and-pasted later.

Kara says

Jesus Was a Time Traveler is a clever and entertaining read! Dr. Phineas Templeton ("Finn") is a scientist from 2032 who narrates his story of time travel. The conversational way he communicates directly to the reader was a bit distracting at first, but as his adventures through time progressed, I was grateful to have access to Finn's often hilarious inner dialogue.

What begins as a trip to meet Jesus, who is (SURPRISE!) a time-traveler himself, quickly turns into a scavenger hunt through time - complete with encounters with less-than-brilliant Isaac Newton, dinosaurs, ancient Mayans (there's a reason they predicted the world ends on 12/21/12!), Nazis, etc. The result is a story that is humorous and smart, and even a bit offensive for fans of say, Jesus, Newton, and Bach ... but in a good way! I was happy to discover D.J. Gelner will continue this story in future books, as these are characters with whom I would like to travel more.

Roopkumar Balachandran says

I received this eBook as free download from amazon.

Dr. Phineas Templeton who had devised the time machine sets foot for the first time in the history of mankind for time travel. He chooses to meet Jesus Christ and he finds out that he is also a time traveller. He gives advice that what happened is happened and that nothing cannot be changed.

When he tries to return home he finds out that his chances are more than 2.8% the success of reaching desired place and time is 99.9% with 0.1% risk involved. He gets frustrated by the calculations and finds one letter in his compartment which gives precise calculations how to return home safely, the Time table for Time travel:

2.4.1666: Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, England - Share port with IN
23.1.65,132,571 BC: Isla Yucatan, Mex : Done w/ TR
6.9.532: Chichen Itza, Mex: Save R.C., S.B.
31.12.1985: St. Louis, MO, USA, Communicate w/ VB
13.3.325 : Nicaea, Turkey, Witness C's skepticism at the FEC
18.4.1738: Leipzig, Germany: See the only show in town
17.6.691: Jerusalem: Corner and Deal with T V
6.2.1943: Paris, Seek out VS
6.7.2032 : Baltimore, Home

The scavenger hunt begins and the story becomes exciting as we are on journey with Templeton, he travels to the period of Isaac Newton then hops to Jurassic period then to Mayan period there he saves two characters one is Commander Richard Corcoran and a specialist in time travel Steven Bloomington. Some of the journey are hilarious some are serious.

I enjoyed the Mayan period when Templeton tries to communicate with Mayan people through a Tablet which he took with him in time travel and tries to check the web page for translations and the browser gives the familiar **404 - The page cannot be found**, then he thinks how stupid he was that there is no internet in Mayan period.

After all the travel he had done, finally Templeton meets his benefactor now the story takes a twist who is the benefactor? why Templeton had to take the journey mentioned by him and what happens to Corcoran, Bloomington and the hero Templeton remains the rest of the story. I enjoyed the novel and the narration.

The below passage is said Templeton after finishing his journey:

where will I go? Past? Future? Does it matter? My past to change this future, or this future to escape my past?

The author has explained briefly how Templeton's time machine works:

The computer performed an amazing number of calculations per second to flesh out the position of the Earth, not only within the solar system, but also accounting for progression relative to Earth's gravity well.

the mechanism he devised uses the gravity drive and tunnelling lasers as a stirrer, as an artificial gravity semi singularity spins space-time and draws it inward the result is that the very fabric of space-time itself is brought closer together like two points on a table cloth that are drawn nearer when the cloth is formed into a cone.

David Blaylock says

I liked this book enough that I am planning on reading *Twilight of the Gods* by D.J. Gelner soon.

PS, I joined his email list and he let me pick which book I wanted to read next for FREE!

Sarah says

I am really, really, *really* interested in this book.

Now, if only I'm not too much of a coward to actually buy it...

Fran says

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Doctor Phineas Templeton is our narrator and is given the job by a man called the benefactor to go on a scavenger hunt. Told when and where he will go and visit within a specific time frame in order to return to his own time period will require that he find his way back to many different places, centuries including prehistoric times when the Dinosaurs reigned. But, first our doctor creates and builds his own time machine, tells us about his benefactor and begins his journey starting in the year 2032 and moving back. Opening the doors and entering this new world hoping to meet non other than Jesus himself but what does happen is not what he expected. The first person named Trent explains how the time machines work, how history cannot really be changed and how even though he is moving back and forth nothing will ever be altered. I am not going to focus on the religious aspects or comment on how he handles many issues related to religion, the church or anything having to do with Jesus himself. I will comment and review on the plot, storyline and the character's over all appeal, what he hopes to accomplish and where he winds up with his time machine. Phineas Templeton is world-renowned scientist in the area of physics. Telling the story in his own words, taking us back in time to many different worlds he begins in 2032 with the aid of his Benefactor and his monetary backing too while he completes creating his time machine. Just why and where should this lead him? He is supposed to according to this unnamed man or benefactor travel to ancient Judea and meet Jesus himself. Learning and studying many different languages in order to become proficient in case he needs to understand other people, Phineas looks forward to his journey back in time. So, who is this Trent or man that he meets? He is a time traveler from the future which Dr. Templeton learns if Jesus a grad student from Colorado who goes by the name Trent Albertson.

The encounter was odd and the end result brings him back to his time machine that needs some work, a

computer that he has to figure out and a letter from this Benefactor that explains it all. But, after reading his itinerary, learning where and when he is supposed to go his anger wells up, he destroys the list, goes for an expensive bottle of liquor and finds out just what will happen if he fails. His first time is supposed to be 1666 and the person he is to meet is Sir. Isaac Newton. Coming out of his wormhole and opening the door of his ship he meets a woman and the greeting and what happens is quite remarkable and odd. We are now in England and he is about to learn more about this great man. Each encounter and each stop on the list allows him to meet many different people that created important pieces of history for all of us to remember. But, in order to return home he has to complete this scavenger hunt, got through time, be able to figure out what the clues left for him by his Benefactor mean and hopefully come back to 2032.

Meeting Sir Isaac Newton is his first stop and where we meet not only Newton but an interesting figure of a man named Hank Fleener who has been enlisted to teach Newton all about the things that were in the books that he had already written. He is also explaining the many laws of motion that he created and spouts off on the way kids learn. Interestingly enough he elaborates on the educational system, the lack of interest of students and the hope that they will try and gain the knowledge on their own. But, Newton seems to cower in front of this man and although he is smart and learning we have yet to understand the exact reason why each point of time is related to one man named Commander Corcoran and more about ChronoSaber the time machine. He also tried to get Finny to become this Commander but without success. Each person he meets introduces him to the person that he came to meet and he learns more about that time period, that person and why this man for some reason does not want to teach physics which seems to be the reoccurring theme surrounding each person we meet including Phineas. As each person he meets learns that he is time traveler the reactions vary and the end result quite unique. Telling Newton about Christ and that time period plus Trent Albertson explains that Trent is now a time traveler and he went back in time and became Christ reliving and creating the miracles, hell and the Bible as a source. So, what did he think of Newton and what was his opinion of him? You have read it to find out. Quite interesting to say the least. Next, stop and place to go is Cozumel, Mexico where his Benefactor who has all of the notes and technology needed to complete his trip and provided the machine sends him to the right place which is my favorite part of his book the era of the Dinosaurs. Imagine seeing the stegosaurus, triceratops and ankylosaurus. These are the veggie eaters but what about the meat eaters? As the author takes the reader back in time describes the vegetation, the landscape, the greenery and finally seeing meeting a female woman who is identified as Chronobase Alpha where he lands, meets some American soldiers and finds himself in a hospital when he awakens. Explaining what happened to him, why and the reasons for his illness he meets Commander Sanchez and beings the next stop on his list as he learns she is supposed to insure his safety but what else does he learn from her and the soldiers? But, what he experiences is right out of a sci-fi movie or you might say a show at a planetarium filled with historical slides and more. What would you do if you lived in a world where all of your problems were solved by some of the great minds in history? Wouldn't that be amazing? The questions asked are on page 75 and the historical figure that you might ask as the answer. Would you want to speak to Socrates? I would? Would you want to learn more about dinosaurs? Would you want to meet the King Of Lizards or even Cleopatra? The knowledge base is vast in this book and the entertainment level high as well as a character who has substance and who seems to be willing to learn what those he meets in each time period offers. The most exciting part of this time period or chapter is the vid that describes time travel, the history and the fact that they required a disclaimer definitely regarding safety really adds some humor and realism. They also explain what happens when they try to sent people farther into the future and that they might not be able to come back which is something not perfected nor do they know if they do return. Now, for the second time he meets another person besides Trent that never heard of him and cannot bring him back to his time period. Chapter 9 continues with enlightening him to the many advances weapons used, the T-Rexes and what they think of them and finally meeting Commander Corcoran, dealing with the Mayan soldiers and never really seeing what was happening in front of him as he befriends so many but just what deceptions are

being withheld by our creative author?

Descriptions of the characters, their appearances and comparing them to humans, communicating with the Mayans we learn how people can become familiar with other customs, languages, on page 119 we find out just how resourceful Finny really is and telling them about the future. However, reactions are unique and not quite you would expect and just where will he wind up next? Victor U. Burnham: Principal is next but why? We learn about betting on games, movies like Back to the Future and the end result well you have to read what he gives them just for meeting him. Not quite what you would expect. Meeting Burnham and learning about how he dealt with the Japanese and being invited to a special party. The reader gets a lesson on the quantum computer, listens to the dispute between Finny and Corcoran and they bring in the New Year but which one I won't reveal as the reason behind the party, just what Burnham was doing, his donation and new building plus not acknowledging Phineas's research and advancements. Every step of the way we learn more about him, what he claims he did and just who seems to be taking credit for his work. Added in at the end or beginning of some of the scenes on of the characters holds up the symbol: LIVE LONG AND PROSPER. Just which are real, which people are illusions and where to next?

Author D.J. Geiner leaves the reader many unanswered questions, quite a few twists and turns as the travelers meet many more historical figures, get to hear the great composer Bach play and find their way to WWII France and dealing with the Nazis. Who is the Benefactor and why was he really sent on this mission? What will the end result be and where will he wind up? Should he have listened to his father and gone into business and stayed out of the physics?

Did the author accomplish his goals? Did the main character find his rightful place in history? Where will you find the answers within a special manuscript written by our outstanding author but you might say penned by Phineas Templeton. But, when you read the ending you decide where he winds up, what is next and the final outcome. Jesus is A Time Traveler: Find out just who travels where, what happens to the time machine and where Finny winds up when you read this outstanding novel filled with human, research and one man named Finny who you just might to see more of. Fran Lewis: reviewer

Michael Hoogkamer says

Jesus meets time travel, meets Sci-Fi, meets adventure, meets history, meets Star Trek, meets a whole messed-up hilarious universe. Can't wait for the sequel.
