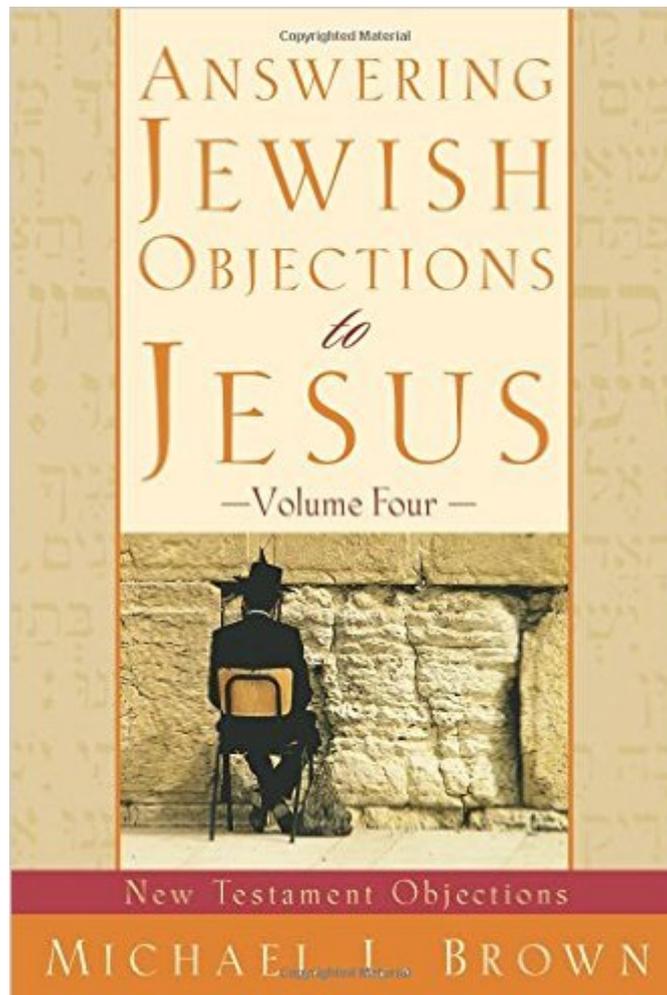


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Synopsis

Using the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic texts, and the New Testament, a scholar answers thirty-four common Jewish objections to Jesus relating to the New Testament.

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Customer Reviews

The stakes are certainly VERY high on this one. I predict that Michael Brown's four volumes on ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTIONS TO [The Messiahship of] JESUS, will rank as one of the most important apologetic works of this or any century. (and let the fur fly all you like, I'm convinced of it). Just look at some of the topics covered in this fourth volume in his extensive review of Jewish and Rabbinical objections:

5.3. Matthew 2:23 says that when Jesus moved to the town of Nazareth, this "fulfilled what was said through the prophets: 'He will be called a Nazarene.'" There's only one problem. The prophets never said this! Matthew actually made it up.

5.4. Matthew 27:9-10 is totally confused. First Matthew quotes part of a prophecy from Zechariah, then he says it comes from Jeremiah, and then he takes the whole thing totally out of context. What a mess!

5.6. The New Testament is full of historical inaccuracies.

5.7. None of the important historical writers of the period--Roman or Jewish--make mention of Jesus. It's questionable whether he even existed.

5.8. Modern scholars are in complete agreement that the Gospels portray a mythical Jesus. There is very little that we can really know about his life.

5.9. Jesus was not born of a virgin. In fact, we have traditions that actually tell us who Jesus' real father was--and it wasn't Joseph! Anyway, the idea of a god being born to a virgin is just one of several pagan myths that made its way into the New

Testament.5.10. The genealogies of Jesus given by Matthew and Luke are hopelessly contradictory.5.11. The Messiah is David's son.

I unfortunately had the chance to read this book after receiving it from a former friend of mine who got mixed up with the messianic movement. My friend was so lost in the type of messianic agenda that Dr. Brown's book promotes that he eventually lost touch with reality. This book, the subject of my review, was on my friend's shelf and he tried to base his life upon the information found in it. In 2005, after moving to Jerusalem and trying to live the New Testament life and failing at it my friend set himself on fire in the old city of Jerusalem. He died a few weeks later from his wounds. This book was a major catalyst in my friend walking away from Torah and also distancing himself from experienced Torah scholars who could have helped him. It is for my deceased friend's sake that I am writing this review of this book. As mentioned before I read this entire series of books from start to finish a number of years ago and I am at odds with a number of things in it primarily how far off the author is on the heart of objections that Jews have about the Christian claim that Jews must accept Jesus. I think the author's background, and lack of connection, to an ancient Torah based Jewish community is what drives his writings and also is a part of the flaws in his logic. I will explain below. All of ancient/accurate Judaism, Torah Mosheh, is based on a concept called Mesorah (""). A mesorah is a tested, trustworthy and unbroken chain of understanding and tradition that can be verified in either Hebrew or Aramaic. For example, Torah scrolls as written by Jews have for several thousand years had rules on how they are to be written.

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