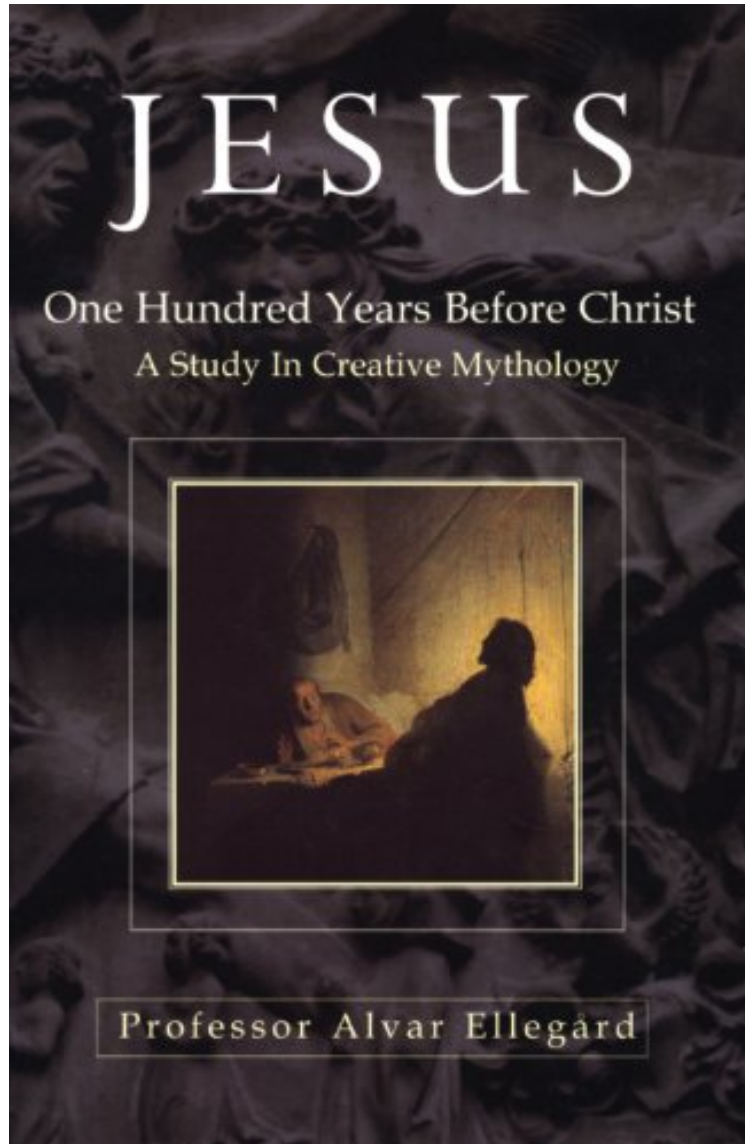


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fresh look at some familiar material Von ME Alvar Ellegard's book, "JESUS, One Hundred Years before Christ" provides a fresh look at some familiar material. For those who are not familiar, the thesis is that Jesus did not live in Paul's recent past, and that the Gospels are creative fabrications. Professor G.A. Wells has published several excellent books on this

subject. Professor Kamil Salabi has written a strange book entitled, "Conspiracy in Jerusalem: The Secret Origins of Jesus". Salabi's unconvincing ideas (that Jesus and Isa of the Koran were two different people) have been resurrected in recent books by Douglas Lockhart. Earl Doherty's website is even stronger. He maintains that Jesus did not exist at all, but developed from a "Theology of the Son". Check that site out! The argument rests on several premises. First is the argument from silence. Because Paul does not mention many biographical details of Jesus' life, the details had not yet been invented. This includes an "explaining away" of Pauline verses that indicate otherwise. This effort is aided by limiting the number of epistles genuinely written by Paul. The Gospels and Acts are then dated unusually late, pushing the dates of composition well into the second century. Dean Ellegard's contribution is to date several non-Canonical sources as unusually early. These include "1 Clement", "The Pastor of Hermas", "The Teachings of the Apostles", and "Barnabas". These works are dated as early as Paul's epistles, rather than the late second century dates that are more commonly assigned. The point is that these books have few if any biographical details of Jesus' life. Alvar Ellegard then rounds it all out, by identifying the Essene Teacher of Righteousness as the distant historical origin of Jesus.

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Synopsis Ellegard suggests that the Gospels were fabricated two hundred years after the death of Jesus. Using comparative textual studies the author shows that the gospel accounts of Jesus' life and sayings were written approximately 100 years after Jesus is supposed to have lived, and so 100 years later than alleged contemporaries such as Paul.