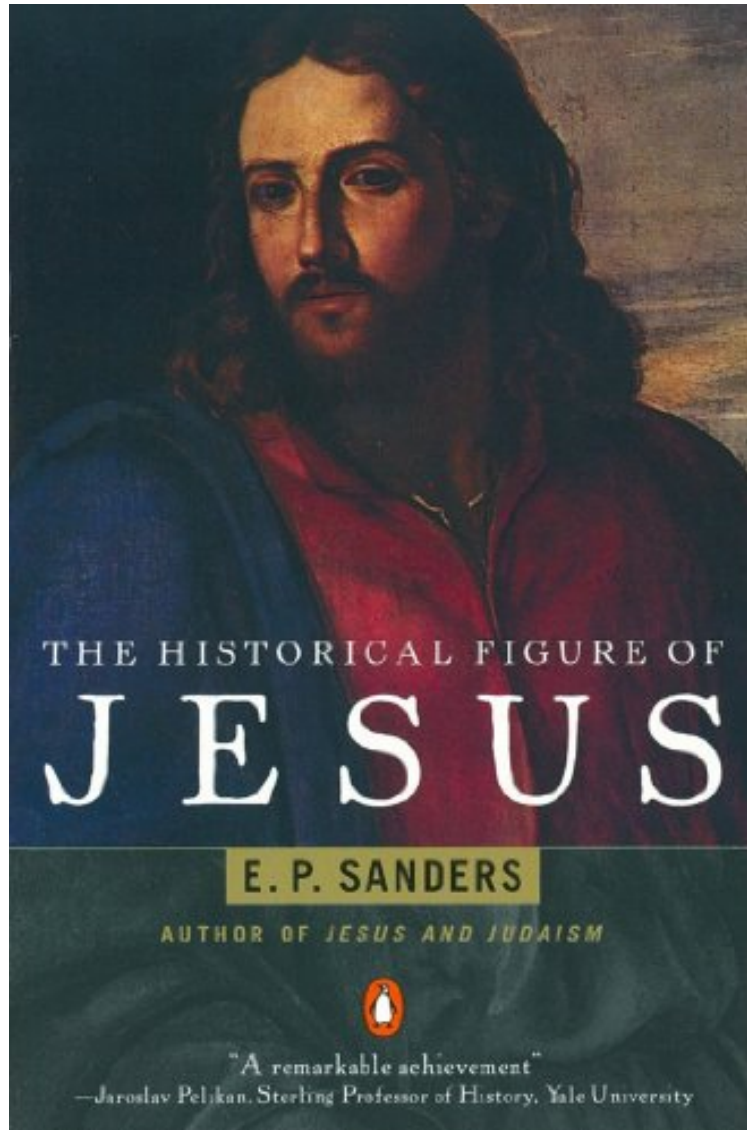


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I had to read it but I really liked it and got alot from it.Von Ein KundeIn the book, "The historical figure of Jesus", E.P. Sanders sets out to understand who Jesus was and what he did by examining his life from a historical perspective. Sanders accomplishes this in a methodical way by outlining his study with as to eliminate as much of bias as possible that would contribute to our distorting the view of the historical Jesus. These factors of bias that Sanders points out are

significant to consider when developing the history surrounding Jesus as a historical figure.

1. Introduction of the Common Era In Sanders' introduction he explains the complexities involved in writing about Jesus as a historical figure as compared to writing about other historical figures. He points out that there is a lack of sources that are available to us that would have enabled us to explore some of the more personal aspects of Jesus' life. For instance, the fact that Jesus had never written anything down or that those who did write about Jesus had had virtually no contact with Jesus himself. This explains why Sanders and many others have chosen to study Jesus as a human being in the historical perspective. As a man that lived in a particular place and time, rather than discussing him as a theological figure of the First Century. In this way, Sanders and other scholars' hope that information on Jesus' life from a historical perspective will give us more insight into his thoughts as a man and allow us to consider it in a proper context. By examining the responses of Jesus' followers and outsiders who had heard about him some scholars think that you can, by a process of analysis and text comparisons, figure out what Jesus said. Throughout his book, Sanders uses standard methods of historical research in laying out what is known about Jesus' life.

2. An outline of Jesus' life Beginning in chapter two, "An outline of Jesus' life", Sanders uses a preliminary sketch of events to describe the general course of Jesus' life, such as: when and where he lived, approximately when he was born and things that he did during his public life. In this outline of Jesus' life Sanders uses facts about Jesus that are undisputed amongst believers and non-believers alike. In order to give us a basic framework of what is accepted about the basic history behind what Jesus was known to have done during his lifetime.

3. Political setting To give us a broader perspective of the Jesus' life Sanders chooses next to look at the political setting of first-century Palestine. This would be around the twenties and the thirties of the Common Era, when Jesus would have been conducting his ministry in the areas of Palestine known as Galilee and Judaea. There were at this time, different political and judicial arrangements in Galilee and Judaea that would have influenced the way that Jesus lived and conducted his ministry. At this time, Rome governed over Palestine through a resident governor, who in turn utilized a high priest to govern over the Jewish people. This means that Rome for the most part did not actually govern over these city-states of Palestine. On a day to day basis, Jews were free to practice their own religion and go about their lives. Sanders points out that, "In general, there had not been any substantial revolts during Jesus' lifetime." Josephus, a Jewish scribe, who was employed by the Roman governor Antipas, had recorded no instance in which the governor had to resort to force in order to suppress an uprising. This is important because many of the scholars of the New Testament seem to imagine Jesus living in a context where the population was daily oppressed by Roman soldiers and officials. This was not at all the case in much of the areas in which Jesus conducted his ministry.

4. Judaism as a religion In discussing Judaism as a religion Sanders points out the basic beliefs and practices which were common in Jewish Palestine during the first century. Much of what was believed by other religions was also believed by the Jewish religion.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Conventional review Von Ein Kunde Unlike the work of some other scholars, such as Crossan and Meier, E. P. Sanders has written a conventional survey of the main themes of the gospels. His treatment of the historical background contains no surprises or controversies. His review of other topics such as the chapter on the Kingdom of Heaven is a mainstream exegesis. Therefore, while this book may not have enticing bon mots, Sanders' work can safely be part of a homilist's research or incorporated into the teaching of a catechist. The book is far more readable than others that treat the historicity of the gospels. Yet scholarship does not get short shrift to this readability. A good read.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. worthwhile Von cheesehead Sanders' book is a worthwhile read. Sanders states his presuppositions up-front and attempts as much as possible to stick with the historical evidence, though he is occasionally speculative at times. Nevertheless, this is a refreshing change from the highly speculative work of the "Jesus Seminar." Like other "historical Jesus" works, this one must be read critically and not all of Sanders' arguments are convincing. But, on the whole, this is a thoughtful, scholarly look at what we can say about Jesus of Nazareth from a historian's point of view.

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Synopsis This biography of the historical figure of Jesus is for a non-specialist readership. In the first part of this study, Professor Sanders proposes that people can have an excellent knowledge about Jesus on a general level: where he fits into the history and religious movements of first-century Palestine, the main themes of his teaching, his principal activities and those who followed him. But more specific questions, such as "What was he like?", "What were his aims?" can be answered with less certainty. The second part of the book identifies the range of possible answers, and weighs the evidence in favour of each. E.P. Sanders won the Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his

book, "Jesus and Judaism".