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The Secret Initiation Of Jesus At Qumran: The Essene Mysteries Of John The Baptist



Synopsis

An examination of the early, mysterious Essene community at Qumran that links it with John the Baptist, Jesus, and the beginnings of Christianity • Offers an eyewitness account of the final burial place of John the Baptist • Makes the case that Christianity grew out of a form of monotheism first formulated by the Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaten • Includes physical and photographic evidence never before published

In his earlier book *The Mystery of the Copper Scroll of Qumran*, Robert Feather analyzed the Dead Sea Scroll engraved on copper that is considered the work of the secretive, devout Jewish sect known as the Essenes, who lived at Qumran around the time of Jesus. To continue his research into the Essene community's way of life and how its beliefs may have influenced the beginnings of Christianity, he met with Father Jozef Milik, one of the scholars who worked on deciphering the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1950s. Feather learned that during Milik's work somewhere near the Qumran ruins, he had excavated a headless corpse that he believed to be that of John the Baptist. Feather presents persuasive, powerful evidence illustrating the strong link between the Qumran Essenes and New Testament teachings and showing that both John the Baptist and Jesus were intimately involved with this community at Qumran. He further supports the claim that early Christians continued a belief system centered on a form of monotheism first formulated by the Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaten and uniquely espoused by the Essenes at Qumran.

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Customer Reviews

I bought "The Secret Initiation of Jesus at Qumran" because I had read Robert Feather's previous

book, "The Mystery of the Copper Scroll of Qumran" and I wanted to see where his research had led. I settled into the "serious reading" chair in my home office that is very different from my "fun reading" chair (which actually consists of lounging on the living room sofa). I figured that I would need intense concentration and I even had a notepad handy to try to keep the names and dates orderly. Perhaps it would be best to describe what this book isn't. I was prepared for a typical, dry, academic study. That would consist of a brief statement of facts followed by a seemingly endless series of footnotes. The purpose of the notes would be to show how other experts agreed with the wisdom being presented. There would be long paragraphs that needed to be diagramed to keep my understanding from getting untracked. That was the reason for my notepad. This book reads more like a novel. Mr. Feather provided me with a map, charts, a compass, and a flashlight. The preface warned that it would be necessary to understand the basic history before the conclusions would be apparent. But then I was introduced to a kind of adventure hunt/thriller. I first met a noted academic in a spooky apartment and all the facts changed from memory challenges to clues in a puzzle. Whenever there was an overload of facts coming at me from every direction, Feather provided a chart that made it all clear. The impressive thing about this was that he even made clear the reasoning of those who reached different conclusions from his own. You could easily choose which horse you wanted to bet on. I readily understood the evolution of the Hebrew/Jewish concepts of resurrection and afterlife.

Robert Feather is one of the world's foremost scholars in research of the roots of Monotheism. Feather is a Dead Sea Scrolls expert with few equals. What sets Feather's work apart and makes it so compelling and worthy of praise is his fresh approach and trained, yet open mind. Most (if not all) of the Dead Sea Scroll team since their discovery beginning in 1947, has been made up of members of fervently established religions: Catholic, Protestant & Hebrew. As such, these partisan researchers have been shy, reclusive, reluctant and unwilling to share their knowledge, and freely pass on the information to other interested sources as they were originally compelled to do. As a result, for over 60 years, important information, details and segments have been withheld, hidden and even possibly intentionally destroyed by the very persons who were entrusted with its safekeeping and to bring the Dead Sea Scrolls to light of day. As a PhD and metallurgist, Feather was invited into the group to help decipher one of the most enigmatic scrolls, "The Copper Scroll of Qumran." In his first book (of the same name) Feather proved a clear link between the ancient Essene Jews at Qumran and the 18th Dynasty Pharaoh Akhenaten, indicating that the true roots of Monotheism were actually Egyptian - not Jewish! In this, his second work in a trilogy on the ancient

Essene settlement at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, Feather focuses on new evidence that Jesus' missing years, along with John the Baptist, were spent as initiates in the Essene community. The book begins like a "detective thriller" and never lets up. There is no question that further dissemination of Feather's discoveries at Qumran will ultimately rock the foundations of modern monotheism be they Catholic, Protestant, Islam or Hebrew.

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