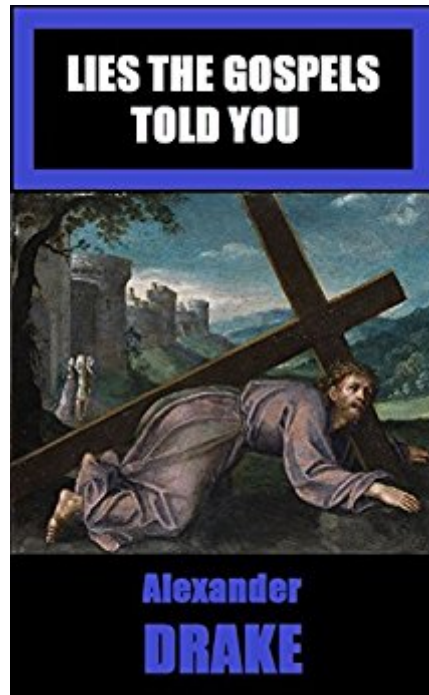


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Synopsis

From the Introduction: Many Christians consider the Bible to be the word of God and to tell the story of Jesus; however, in this book, we will take a closer look at the story contained in the gospels. There have been many productions telling the story of Jesus' life, which makes it seem like there is a coherent story of Jesus' life in the Bible. Such things as the three wise men, the birth in the manger, turning water into wine all seem to be integral aspects in the story of Jesus' life, but we will see that these are each only included in one gospel. We will see throughout this book that there is no single narrative in the Gospels and that the four gospels tell different stories with inconsistencies that are irreconcilable. In fact each gospel writer had their own message that they wanted to convey to readers, which could be the cause of some inconsistencies. Mark is the oldest of the four gospels and most scholars agree that Matthew and Luke both used Mark as a major source, which is why many of the stories between the three show verbatim agreement. But Matthew and Luke also had their own agendas, so they changed passages from Mark's gospel or added passages to it in order to convey a different message and set of beliefs, which we will see throughout this book. And we will also examine whether the cruel and spiteful God of the Old Testament has been replaced by a God of love or if this is just what Christians wish happened in their Bible.

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I was quite impressed with the work that went into putting all this material together, I also enjoyed the author's sense of humor. I have always had my doubts about much of the material in the Bible, and after reading this book, now I am convinced that a lot of what it contains is not historical but fictional.

In this book, Drake compares the 4 gospels to see if there is an actual "story" of Jesus' life. It is interesting that he points out that even though Matthew and Luke used Mark as a source, their books differ from Mark's in many respects. It is also interesting to note that the "Christmas story" that many churches perform contains elements that are contradictory in one or more of the gospels. Like the manger scene. That's only in one gospel and another gospel says Jesus was born in his parents' house. And the gospels can't even agree on the time of death. It is quite amazing how much pastors hide the truth.

This is an interesting comparison of the Gospels. Drake dissects them and shows exactly how they contradict each other and tell completely different stories at times. These are not interpretations, but exactly what the bible says. It's kind of amazing how different the Gospels actually are and Drake does a good job comparing and contrasting them. The book is very concise and to the point and even humorous at times. Definitely a must read for anyone who has wondered about the historicity of Jesus.

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