

CONTENTS

Introduction	9
1. What Do We Know About Jesus?	19
2. Can We Trust the Gospels?	31
3. The Religious Background	43
4. Powers, Politics and Pressures	57
5. Jesus' Birth	68
6. The Beginnings of Jesus' Ministry	80
7. Jesus' Ministry	94
8. Followers and Friends	111
9. Miracles	123
10. How Jesus Taught	136
11. What Jesus Taught	150
12. Who Was Jesus?	165
13. The Last Week	186
14. The Trial and the Cross	199
15. The Resurrection	222
16. The Last Word	249
For Further Reading	254
Notes	256

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS?



It would be easy to start this book on Jesus by telling the story of his life. Yet if we did that, quoting Bible passages on the way, some legitimate questions would arise:

- How do we know the Jesus story isn't a myth?
- Why is the Jesus of traditional Christianity the true one, when others believe in a very different Jesus?
- Aren't there other sources of information on Jesus?

So let's consider the data on Jesus.

THE GOSPELS

What we learn about the life of Jesus in the Bible we learn from the four gospels. Although the idea that Jesus is 'Saviour' and 'Lord' is present on every page of the rest of the New Testament, it is only in the four gospels that we get any details

www.philotrust.com

© Copyright 2003 Authentic