

## ANOTHER VERSION OF WHAT JOSEPHUS "WROTE" ABOUT JESUS?

The Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, was famously alleged to have written what seems to be a creed about Jesus. It says he did great marvels and was the Christ and appeared to his followers as if alive after being crucified. It says the tribe of Christians is still around at the time he supposedly wrote. The piece is regarded as fake. He was never a believer in Jesus.

An Arabic version of the Jesus material in Josephus (it's in page 82, Evidence that Demands a Verdict, Volume One or see page 175, Jesus Hypotheses) was found in 1971.

It says that Jesus was maybe the Messiah and drops the stuff about him doing big wonders and does not say he was maybe more than a man or that the Jews had anything to do with his crucifixion. It says that Pilate sentenced him to die which does not necessarily mean he did die. It goes on to say that after that his followers said they saw him alive - so it does not say he rose but only that people said he did. So it does not even say that Jesus rose from the dead for it neither affirms or denies that Jesus died. It therefore admits that there was no reason why Jesus couldn't have survived the crucifixion. It does not say that the tribe of Christians has survived to the present day or that Jesus taught only the truth. It just says he was a wise and good man who had many Jewish and Gentile disciples who said he appeared three days after he died on a cross because of Pilate and who might have been the Christ the prophets foretold.

The Arabic version seems to come from the fourth century. The question is how anybody can know it is that old when the copy is a tenth century one! (see page 45, He Walked Among Us).

And another problem is that the manuscript was written by a Bishop Apapius (page 83, Evidence that Demands a Verdict, Vol 1.) But at least it proves that the version we have already got could have been an interference and afterwards interfered with itself. Perhaps the Arabic version is the first version of the Testament. It might have been what was originally forged.

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