



**Jones, Timothy Paul.**

*Misquoting Truth: A Guide to the Fallacies of Bart Ehrman's "Misquoting Jesus"*

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Let me first begin by saying that I ordered this book along with Ehrman's book and read them in sequence (Ehrman's then Jones'). What I found was that Ehrman's book was not the threat to the faith that many had claimed it was. Sure the title was sensationalistic and Ehrman is a self-designated 'happy agnostic' — but he didn't really say anything in his book that hadn't been known for years already.

Having said that, I can say why I was disappointed with Jones' work. First and foremost I expected *Misquoting Jesus* to present much more of a problem than it did. Having that idea in mind I expected *Misquoting Truth* to document a lot of misinformation contained within *Misquoting Jesus* but in reality I found Jones agreeing with Ehrman much more than disagreeing. Aside from a couple of differences of opinion in the interpretations of certain texts that Ehrman feels changes our picture of Jesus and Jones feels do not, there wasn't much 'exposing' going on.

What we have here is a very short (I read it in two sittings) and readable treatment that basically echoes a lot of what Ehrman said and offers alternatives to a few of the conclusions that Ehrman reached. I can't really blame Timothy Paul Jones for my disappointment for the simple fact that he didn't author the work that he sought to refute. Had *Misquoting Jesus* been more of a threat then perhaps my review of *Misquoting Truth* would have been more positive.