

# JESUS: THE INTERRUPTED WORD. HOW IT REALLY BEGAN CHRISTIANITY.

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Read Bart Denton Ehrman's book "**Jesus: The Interrupted Word. How It Really Began**"

**Christianity**" requires a certain spiritual strength. The author of the book masterfully reveals the contradictory ideas of the New Testament, with which that Book is literally overflowing. The author reveals the true authorship of many works attributed to the apostles, and also shows why **the Bible does not contain the main Christian dogmas.**

The author did not seek sensationalism: everything written in this book is the result of the enormous work of many scholars over the past two hundred years. However, for some reason, this knowledge about **how Christianity was formed has remained inaccessible to the public until now.** When in August 1978, Ehrman arrived in Princeton Theological Seminary, he was a *true Christian*, seeking to acquire "deep biblical studies" experience." And he achieved this. But the deeper and more sincerely he delved into the mysteries of the Bible, the harder it became to maintain the old view that the Bible "has everything right." He wrote:

"... I arrived at Princeton Theological Seminary young, poor, but passionate and determined. to confront liberals and their watered-down Bible. As a good evangelical Christian, I was prepared to counter any attack on my biblical faith. I could explain any obvious contradiction and resolve any possible inconsistencies in God's Word, both the Old and New Testaments. I knew I had much to learn, but I had no intention of finding out that there were any errors in a sacred text that was so important to me. Not all plans came true. What I learned at Princeton led me to change my view of the Bible. I did not give up without a fight; at first I struggled and argued. I prayed for a change of attitude (a lot and hard), I fought it (intensely), I resisted it with all my might. At the same time, I thought: If I want to be truly devoted to God, I must be completely devoted to the truth. Over time, it became clear to me that my previous ideas about the Bible as an infallible divine revelation were fundamentally wrong. I had to choose: either to continue to hold views that I now realized were wrong, or to follow the path I believed to be leading me to truth. In the end, it turned out that there was no choice. What is true is true, and what is not is not."

After long and exhausting studies, he concluded that "**the Bible, though more widely purchased, read, and respected than any other book, is not so widely understood by its readers, especially by the laity.**" Indeed, over the past two centuries, Bible scholars have made great strides in their study of the Bible (both the Old and New Testaments). They have been aided by new archaeological discoveries (especially the Nag Hammadi finds), by the efforts of scholars to master the Hebrew, Coptic, and Greek languages in which the Holy Scriptures were originally written, as well as in-depth historical, literary, and textual analysis of the Bible. Barth writes:

**"In North America alone, thousands of scholars conduct serious research in this area, and their findings are regularly and systematically shared by university graduates and future priests studying in seminaries and preparing for ministry. However, the results of modern Bible studies remain virtually unknown to the public."**

Many priests (Bart wonders) who have studied this material in seminaries, for various reasons, choose not to share it with their parishioners when they begin their church duties. The vast majority of people not only do not know what the Bible says, but they have no idea what scholars have learned about it over the past two centuries. Bart's book, "**Jesus: The Interrupted Word. How Christianity Really Began,**" aims to address this problem: "**It can be seen as my attempt to unravel the mystery.**"

And there are really many of those secrets when reading Barth's book. Maybe some of the thinking people who want to know the Truth about Jesus will start to take an interest in the New Testament more seriously and deeply. Even great Bible specialists find it difficult to clear away the 2000-year-old layer of "mental garbage" that various philosophers and theologians have placed on Jesus. The Word of Christ. Whoever has not commented on Him, whoever has not reworked His Word in their own way, how many confusing philosophies

created!!! Discovering the Truth of Jesus is a difficult task. In a way, **the idea of light** in the Word of Jesus and the four-volume book of the Indian mystic Osho "**Come and follow me**" **helped me to grasp it more quickly**. When I tried to share my discoveries with my friends, I noticed that they were not interested in it. Maybe people consider such studies an unnecessary "puzzle", maybe they have already found the truth... However, from a small circle of my readers, several have appeared who have delved into spiritual studies and even practice (meditation) themselves. I am very happy about that.

Although Barth's book reveals many contradictions in the Old and New Testaments, it did not diminish my (and I hope other readers') sense of faith in Jesus, but rather purified and elevated it. Knowledge is a value. Being ignorant is dangerous: you can be seriously deceived by believing something other than what Jesus said. What if the priests know all this and are silent...? The most important thing that Ehrman Barth discovered in the New Testament is that **he did not find ANY DOGMAS in it that were created after Christ by church hierarchs and zealous theologians**.

In his book, Barth honestly tells his story and the sequence of his relationship with the New Testament authors, metamorphoses that deeply affected him personally. From a zealous Christian traditionalist, he gradually turned into an agnostic... Here is what he wrote:

**"All of my close (and not so close) friends who study the New Testament agree with most of my views on the historical New Testament, the historical Jesus, the formation of the Christian faith... and evolution and things like that. Even when we disagree on certain points (and we disagree because we are scholars), we disagree on historical methods and the basic conclusions they lead to. But all these friends remain faithful Christians. Some teach in universities, others in seminaries and other theological schools. Still others are ordained ministers. Most play an active role church. The historical-critical approach to the Bible shocked many of them during their seminary years, but their faith survived this shock. In my case, the historical-critical method made me question my faith, not just its superficial aspects, but its very essence. But it led me to agnosticism not a historical-critical approach to the Bible, but the problem of suffering."**

I am not a great expert on Barth, I cannot say why he became so disillusioned with Christianity, but I think that **the problem of suffering** he mentions may have actually played a decisive role. Jesus remained misunderstood. His so-called "secret teaching" was destroyed by the hands of the Christians themselves. And yet He clearly showed the way to Liberation, the Kingdom of God through Peace, through our and your identification with God the Father and the call to follow Him. The Gnostics followed Him. Their fate was cruel. Well, E. Barth, apparently, never understood this. It is no wonder why many Christians turn to the path of Buddha. **Buddha said: life is difficult, but there is a path to liberation from suffering**. And He left His disciples a consistent Science on how to walk that path. Buddhists remained faithful to Him. Christians not only betrayed Jesus Christ, but also distorted His teaching. They despiritized it. The dogmatic science (theology) of Christianity is a product of the mind, without love and devotion to the Light of Christ.

**Here I am publishing the most famous books by E. Bartos. It will be interesting - you will find them and read them (they have been translated into Russian, but in English, apparently, you will have to buy them somewhere). This time, annotations of this author's books in Lithuanian. I won't translate it, because the portal system automatically (albeit with errors) translates it itself.**

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**Ehrman Barth's books - read online:**

- 1. Bart Ehrman. "The Lost Gospel of Judas: A New Look at the Traitor and the Betrayed"**
- 2. Bart Ehrman. "Jesus, the Interrupted Word: How Christianity Really Began"**
- 3. Bart Ehrman. Peter, Paul, and Mary Magdalene: Followers of Jesus in History and Legend**
- 4. Bart Ehrman.. The Mysteries of Jesus and Mary Magdalene**
- 5. Bart Ehrman. HOW JESUS BECAME GOD**

**6. Bart Ehrman. Jesus Before the Gospels: How the Fragmentary Memories of a Few People Transformed into Teachings about a World-Conquering Lord.**

**7. Bart Ehrman. The Great Deception. A Scientific Approach to the Authorship of Sacred Texts.**

**8. Bart Ehrman. The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Turned the World Upside Down.**

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