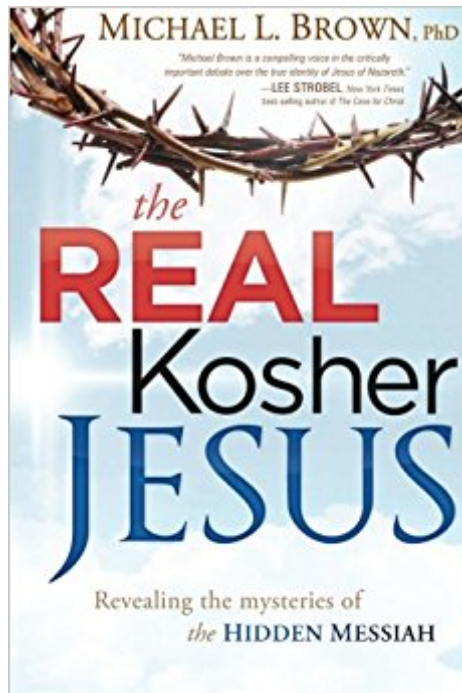




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Synopsis

Jesus-Yeshua. The most influential Jew who ever lived. The most controversial Jew who ever lived. He has been called a rabbi, a rebel, a reformer, a religious teacher, a reprobate sinner, a revolutionary, a redeemer. Some have claimed he was a magician, others the Messiah. Some say he was a deceiver; others say he was divine. Who is this Jesus-Yeshua, and why are we still talking about him two thousand years later? Recently a prominent Orthodox Jewish rabbi presented a new version of Jesus, a "Kosher Jesus" that Jews can accept. By reclaiming Yeshua as a fellow Jew and rabbi, he has taken a very major and truly wonderful step in the right direction, but by re-creating Jesus, he has also robbed him of his uniqueness. The Real Kosher Jesus takes you on a journey to uncover the truth. It is a journey filled with amazing discoveries and delightful surprises, a journey that is sometimes painful but that ends with joy, a journey through which you will learn the real story of this man named Yeshua: the most famous Jew of all time, the Jewish nation's greatest prophet, the most illustrious rabbi ever, the light of the nations and Israel's hidden Messiah.

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Michael Brown is a compelling voice in the critically important debate over the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Lee Strobel, New York Times best-selling author of *The Case for Christ* The Real Kosher Jesus explains with real clarity how Jesus as a Jew makes sense biblically, historically, and theologically. It is a pleasure to recommend this work for

any who are just curious about him and his relationship to Judaism. **•Darrell Bock, PhD,** research professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary and author of *Blasphemy and Exaltation in Judaism* **•Will the real kosher Jesus please stand up? Is he a great Jewish rabbi? Or is he the Son of God? Now we know the truth, thanks to this groundbreaking book by Dr. Michael Brown.** **•Sid Roth, host of It's Supernatural!** **•Michael Brown** excels as a true scholar as well as an apologist; his answers to objections are carefully thought out, honest and well researched. **•Craig Keener, PhD,** professor of the New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary and author of *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts* **•Dr. Brown** powerfully details why Yeshua is the Messiah, arguing his point from both Testaments and bolstering his arguments with the extensive use of Jewish sources, both modern and Rabbinic. This book is a must read for all those who care about God's chosen people. **•Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries**

Michael L. Brown holds a PhD from New York University in Near Eastern languages and literatures and is recognized as one of the leading Messianic Jewish scholars in the world today. He is the founder and president of FIRE School of Ministry, host of the nationally syndicated daily talk radio show *The Line of Fire*, and the author of more than twenty books. He is a contributor to *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* and other scholarly publications.

Michael L. Brown comes to this 2,000-year-old controversy equipped as few if any authors ever were who wrote on the subject before him. To begin with, he is advantaged to possess the dual perspective of a Jew and also that of a believer in Jesus (Yeshua) as the Christ (Messiah). In addition, Brown has the benefit of scholarly academic training in the relevant ancient languages. And through the marvels of digitization, computers and World Wide Web, he enjoys unprecedented access to both Christian and Judaic literature from the period of Second Temple Judaism. But Brown brings still more to the table--he has the uncommon gift of thinking both inside and outside the box. He does not draw back from the most contentious of Jewish-Christian issues, addressing directly the Trinity, the Atonement and the Incarnation. As he does so, Brown repeats traditional Christian arguments insofar as they are internally coherent and have some basis in the biblical and extra-biblical literature of the period. But he also goes further, and this is where his unique gifting, passion, and methodology stand out most conspicuously and where his work shines the brightest. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of Talmudic and other rabbinical literature, Brown musters quotations, paraphrases and citations that illustrate the "Jewishness" of the principles behind the

doctrines of Trinity, Atonement and Incarnation. With that in hand, he is ready to argue persuasively that it is quintessentially "Jewish" to discuss and to analyze these principles, and also to accept the "Christian" conclusions to which they legitimately lead.

I've been, what my wife likes to call, a "Torah-observant Christian" for almost five years now. Thanks to some friends who restored my faith in the bible, I went full swing, forgot everything I knew from church and pastors, and read the bible for what it was and it truly transformed my life. I also read a lot of historical tidbits here and there about the times during and before Yeshua's/Jesus' life. So when I bought this book, I really didn't expect to get too much out of it. I figured it would be just a great read (as Dr. Brown's books usually are) and then I would just pass it along to a friend of mine who I think would benefit reading it. But I literally couldn't put this book down! To anyone that's unfamiliar with what this book is, it's an answer to Rabbi Shmuley Botach's book, *Â Â Kosher Jesus*. 'Kosher Jesus' changed a few historical contexts of Yeshua's true nature. 'The Real Kosher Jesus' fixed these errors by providing more insight into why Sha'ul/Paul's teachings are not anti-Jewish nor anti-Torah and most importantly, displaying Yeshua's role as Messiah/Christ. Dr. Brown manages to pull sources not only from the New Testament to display Yeshua's Jewishness, but also from several different books written by Jewish rabbis and professors. He burns away the lie that Yeshua started a 'new religion', replaced Israel, and was anti-Jewish. He does the same for Sha'ul. And while doing all of this, he keeps the same idea that Rabbi Shmuley had by showing everyone that Yeshua is Jewish and can be accepted. Only Dr. Brown's approach is faithful to the source, the New Testament. Aside from just being a book with a lot of history, I had a lot of fun reading through the book. There's a lot of information thrown at you, and verses galore, but it's pieced together so well that it's really hard to end it after a chapter. It seems to draw you in with its questioning throughout. As quickly as it was written, it felt very complete and almost like it was in the making for years. I believe this book is beneficiary to both Jewish and Christians. If it doesn't change your mind about who Yeshua is, you can at least get a completely honest answer of what He did. And if you believe you know all there is to know about Jesus based solely on the New Testament, you might get to know the Messiah more clearly. Either way, Dr. Brown's book will lead you to questions you never thought to ask, and answers you never thought you'd find.

Dr. Michael Brown is a Messianic Jew who really understands our "Hebrew roots" and shows believers how to correctly grasp the Hebrew Scriptures (both Old and New Covenants). His debates with an Orthodox Jewish Rabbi friend help believers to know more intimately the Savior of all Jews

and Gentiles, and why we believe what we believe. Though having earned an MDiv and DMin in seminary, when I began studying Hebrew roots of our faith some 17 months ago, I started a course of discovery into the most wonderful insights concerning the New Testament, and the Old Testament as well. What a delight to study under well-versed Jewish believers to learn the many, many nuances of Hebrew culture in its Scriptural context. The Scriptures are opening up anew, once more. Many passages that have not been understood after decades of reading the Bible in many different translations have begun to make sense and enlighten the "eyes of my understanding" afresh.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Dr. Mike Brown is an engaging writer, and it was just fun to read from the start! But true to his scholarly background and profound faith, the book got "meatier" and "meatier" chapter after chapter. I learned things I never knew -- things which inspired and moved me very much. I don't wanna give those things away (not that anyone could in a few paragraphs anyway :v), or even hint at them, so let me just say, "You've GOTTA read this book!" It was my great pleasure to discover those things! I would totally recommend this book to anyone -- whether Jewish or Gentile -- whether believer or not -- whether new to the subject or someone who has been studying for a long time. I think they will be as delighted as I have been.

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