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Andrew Lloyd Webber cast him as a rock-n-roll rebel in the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar," many Christians see him as a handsome European-looking man, and social justice groups place him next to Gandhi in his defense of the downtrodden. But, says Philip Yancey, the real Jesus would have left most people scratching their heads along with the disciples and asking, "Who is this guy?" This is exactly the question Yancey asks in his new book "The Jesus I Never Knew." Yancey's search for the real Jesus collides with the calm, cool, collected, and "loving hippie" notions of Jesus he saw in modern American culture. Instead, he finds a Galilean Jew born into apparent scandal making the most daring of claims: that he is "the Way, the Truth," and "the Light."

"The Jesus I Never Knew" developed out of a class Yancey led at LaSalle Street Church in Chicago, but finding the real Jesus has been Yancey's passion since childhood.

Yancey saw Him as a cardboard cut-out in Sunday School and a "cosmic Christ" in Bible college. Today he sees a world that marks its calendar around Jesus' birth and uses His name to intensify a curse. (Wouldn't it be odd to center a calendar around Napoleon's birth or to scream "Thomas Jefferson" in a shocking situation?).

"And yet," says Yancey, "I am not writing a book about Jesus because he is a great man who changed history. I am not tempted to write about Julius Caesar or the Chinese emperor who built the great wall. I am drawn to Jesus, irresistibly, because he has positioned himself at the dividing point of life-my life."

"The Jesus I Never Knew" looks at who Jesus was, why he came, and what he left behind. More than historical speculation or doctrinal recitation, Yancey asks the questions out of a personal desire to truly know Jesus.

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Diane says

I loved this book! I started it years ago, and really took a long time to read it (I actually don't remember if I've even finished it. oops) But the content is really interesting. Philip Yancey is a minister, or some religious leader/teacher, and the view that he takes on explaining Jesus and His life is really neat. He points out a lot of interesting stances, that I never thought of before. The reason why it took/is taking so long to read is because I read a little bit and then have to take a break to let it all soak in. Now that I think about it, I would really love to go back and try and read it again/make sure I finished it. (I had to make sure to have a colored pencil with me while I read - there are some really cool points that I wanted to be able to go back and remember easily.)

Lina says

You really will admit it - during & after reading this book - "Yeah, actually I never knew HIM for all this time..."

Tara says

this book changed who I knew Jesus to be...i loved it.

Shawn Gray says

I need to read through this again. I met Philip in an airport recently and really enjoyed talking to him! Great Human Being!

Shyju says

Excellent writing.. Well researched and well-arranged. My perspective of my savior and my Lord when he was here, when he walked this ground. His love for me and the very purpose of His death and resurrection came as new as ever. Reading this book is a life time experience..

Dianna says

Opened my eyes to information that I'd either never known or forgotten. Excellent book that I'll probably re-read. Although, I think I may have sent it to my son to read... .

Adelle says

An eye opener...this book changed my view of what I should be doing as a follower of Christ.

April says

Great book. Gives a much different, yet intelligent and researched, impression of Jesus' life and teaching. One of the best books I've ever read.

Craig Mattson says

Wonderful Book!

Nozi says

It is a life changing experience

Anna says

This book was the first Philip Yancey book that I read and it was so amazing that I still continue to read it now and again. Mr. Yancey truly grasps who Jesus truly was and meticulously removes the taint the church has bestowed on Him.

Cynthia says

First let me say I did not read the Participant's Guide, but the book itself. I clicked on the wrong image and cannot find a way to replace this with the book. So, that said, this book was absolutely amazing. It was a clear, comprehensive, well researched look at the Jesus who was born in and lived in Israel back in ye dayes of before yore, but who was also fully God. When I (and the author, so I am sure this applies to most of us) read the Bible I always assume I would follow Jesus too, although more in a Mary & Martha way than a Peter & John way. I assumed I would of course know He was the Messiah. I assume I would believe in Him, worship Him, and understand His message better than those around Him. But this book makes a strong case for the view that maybe I wouldn't have. He was so 'other' than expected in a Messiah, and his social message so contrary to established teachings, that maybe I wouldn't have. Maybe I would have missed it. I will never know. But I do know that when Jesus said 'blessed are those who do not see and yet believe' that includes me. Because He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. And He is the lover of my soul. Strongly recommend this book. Strongly!

Jimmy Winfrey says

I really liked this book. This book actually turned me on to Philip Yancey.

This book went through all of the different portraits of Jesus through out the years in film and in church and Philip Yancey delves into each one of these and then the Jesus the came to know over the years.

There's actually a study guide and video that goes along with this book than really enhances the read.

DrJenni says

Thought provoking companion to the book.

Charles Thornton says

One of my all time favorites. Every Christ follower should read this one.
