

The Apocryphal Jesus: Legends of the Early Church. Oxford University Press, 2008. 220 pages. 2008. 9780199544028. J. K. Elliott

The apocryphal Acts offer a legendary history of the early church and some of the best examples of hagiography about Christianity's earliest saints. In this book Elliott provides introductions to each of the most important and significant of these remarkable and often bizarre apocryphal texts. 'The book is meant to be an initiation to the apocryphal literature. Beginners will find an excellent guidance in the editor's introductory comments in each of its sixteen chapters.' F. Neirynck, *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*, Annus LXXIII - Fasciculus 1 April 1997, 'provides a splendid way of giving students as well as the general reader access to texts that are so important for an appreciation of the breadth of religious practice and imagination in the early Christian period' The Apocryphal Jesus by J. K. Elliott, January 4, 1996, Oxford University Press, USA edition, in English. Benefits of donating. When you donate a physical book to the Internet Archive, your book will enjoy: Beautiful high-fidelity digitization. Long-term archival preservation. Free controlled digital library access by the print-disabled and public. Open Library is a project of the Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donate Book. We don't have this book yet. Can you donate it to the Lending Library? Learn More. Want to Read. The Apocryphal Jesus: Legends of the Early Church. January 4, 1996, Oxford University Press, USA. in English. Many of the early stories about Jesus, his parents, and his disciples were supplemented and expanded as the church developed. Secular romances, the novels of their day, provided precedents on which the burgeoning Christian literary tradition drew. The curiosity of pious Christians about the origins of their faith was increasingly satisfied by a growing number of Gospels, Acts, and other types of literature. Many of the apocryphal books are repetitive and turgid in style but there are occasional purple passages and some wellcrafted and memorable scenes. Certainly, many episodes influenced later generations of Christians. It is the more significant and readable of these texts that are to be found in this present collection. Many of the early stories about Jesus, his parents, and his disciples were supplemented and expanded as the church developed. Secular romances, the novels of their day, provided precedents on which the burgeoning Christian literary tradition drew. The curiosity of pious Christians about the origins of their faith was increasingly satisfied by a growing number of Gospels, Acts, and other types of literature. Many of the apocryphal books are repetitive and turgid in style but there are occasional purple passages and some wellcrafted and memorable scenes. Certainly, many episodes influenced later generations of Christians. It is the more significant and readable of these texts that are to be found in this present collection.