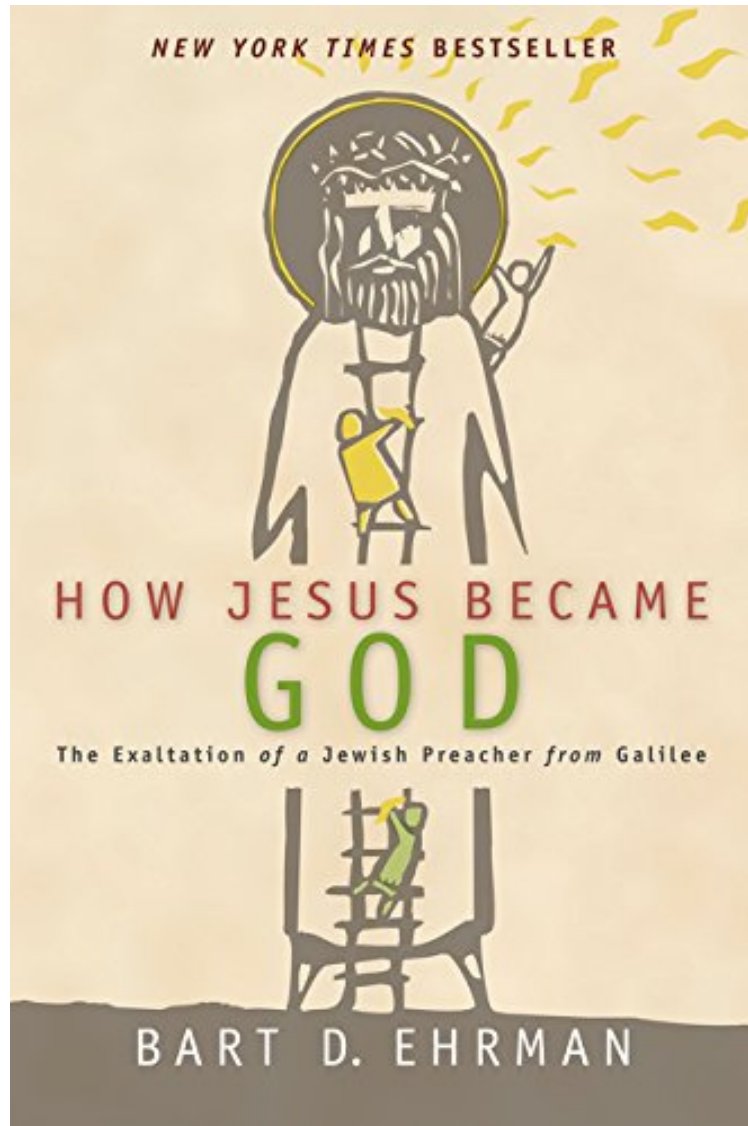


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that Jesus was believed to have lived. Written by a theologian.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. however wise or good he may have been)By Luis H. RomeroWell outside the dispute of Jesus' historical existence lies the big question: How/when did he become so close to being God, then to being God himself. It is a revelation to this reader that Jesus' life (if indeed he lived at all--and Ehrman claims he did in another work) came and went almost unnoticed but thanks to some of the early advocates (Paul, for instance, claims a resurrection) of the Movement he began to get a special identity, from quasi-divinity, to divinity in the coming centuries. To gain adherents to the Way Jesus indeed; had to be special (you wouldn't venerate/worship a plain human being, however wise or good he may have been); so writers like John (from the beginning he was The Word) to Luke (miracles and a special genealogy) and others that came later, his divinity was assured and the rest, as they say, is history.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good introduction to Christological debateBy Jeffrey Van WagonerThis is a book that my study group decided to read and discuss. This group is made up of religious and non-religious people. Overall most of us found this book quite interesting and a useful introduction to Christological debate.Ehrman has a very good writing style and explains things rather clearly. This is written more for a popular audience than a scholarly audience, so all of his arguments are not documented, but many are.He makes four main points, the first of which is found if the first two chapters which we found the most interesting: that ancient Greco-Roman and early Jewish literature showed that they believed that there was a continuum of divine beings and not a ontological gap between humans and God as most religious people believe today. Ive studied a lot of ancient writings and have seen that and believe that the Bible supports this. An example is the difference between God (the Father), the Son, and angels as another tier of divine being.The second point he makes is a discussion of the historical Jesus. In the next three chapters, he asks whether Jesus recognized Himself as God. Ehrman thinks that He did not. It is clear that Christ always refers to the Father as God and separate from Himself. He claims to be the Son of God. In the next chapter he questions whether Jesus was actually buried and then missing from the tomb. I did not find his arguments convincing. The next chapter is a discussion of how people could have visions of the resurrected Jesus (he does not doubt that people had visions, but discusses what scientifically could cause a vision).The third topic is presented in the next two chapters. He points out that there is a difference of how the Synoptic gospels, the Gospel of John, and the letters of Paul portray the divinity of Jesus. He brings out some interesting points. He differentiates between exaltation Christology and incarnation Christology. This was another interesting point, though he did not seem to consider that they could both be compatible given his first point.The fourth topic is in the last two chapters. He discusses the evolution of early Christology from the time of Christ to the time of the Nicene council and beyond. This was well documented with quotes from several early Christian leaders.Overall, I found the book to be very enjoyable and it got me thinking more about this subject.

New York Times bestselling author and Bible expert Bart Ehrman reveals how Jesus' divinity became dogma in the first few centuries of the early church.The claim at the heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus' lifetimeand it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. How Jesus Became God tells the story of an idea that shaped Christianity, and of the evolution of a belief that looked very different in the fourth century than it did in the first.A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman reveals how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty, Creator of all things. But how did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? In a book that took eight years to research and write, Ehrman sketches Jesus' transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus' followers had visions of him after his deathalive againdid anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today.Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, How Jesus Became God will engage anyone interested in the historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God.

From BooklistEhrman, who has written prolifically about early Christianity, here takes up one of religion's most profound questions: How did a messianic Jewish preacher become identified as God? This is a particularly astonishing phenomenon when one considers how fast it happened and how different the idea of Jesus as God was from Jesus' actual message. Ehrman writes very personally, especially in the beginning, and this approach draws the reader into a subject that is littered with curves and contradictions. Eventually, all writers who tackle this topic must answer the fundamental question: Did Jesus' followers actually see a resurrected Christ? Ehrman sets up his answer well, first considering the various interpretations of divine humanity in ancient times. When it comes to the resurrection, he explains that whether the apostles actually saw Jesus or saw a vision makes no difference. Their belief in a risen Jesus is what shifted and shaped Christianity. A discussion of later Christologies and heresies becomes complicated, but this fascinating discussion will engageand provokea wide audience. --Ilene Cooper HOW JESUS BECAME GOD makes the most astonishing and complex topic in the history of Christianity accessible to every reader, and offers a clear and balanced discussion of how various Christiansand non-Christians-see Jesus. (Elaine Pagels, professor of religion at Princeton University and author of The Gnostic Gospels) In this lively and provocative

book, Ehrman gives a nuanced and wide-ranging discussion of early Christian Christology. Tracing the developing understanding of Jesus, Ehrman shows his skills as an interpreter of both biblical and nonbiblical texts. This is an important, accessible work by a scholar of the first rank. (Michael Coogan, Harvard Divinity School lecturer and editor of *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*) Ehrman writes with vigor and clarity, but above all with intellectual honesty. He demystifies a subject on which biblical scholars too often equivocate. Both believers and non-believers can learn much from this book. (John J. Collins, Holmes Professor of Old Testament at Yale) This careful book starts where the historical Jesus accounts ends and lays out how this absorbing story continued for centuries. Candid and direct, it unfolds what often seem to be the unnecessarily complicated controversies that divided early Christians in a fair and understandable manner. (Harvey Cox, Hollis Research Professor of Divinity at Harvard) How did ancient monotheism allow the One God to have a son? Bart Ehrman tells this story, introducing the reader to a Jewish world thick with angels, cosmic powers, and numberless semi-divinities. *How Jesus Became God* provides a lively overview of Niceas prequel. (Paula Fredriksen, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and author of *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*) Ehrman writes very personally, especially in the beginning, and this approach draws the reader into a subject that is littered with curves and contradictions... This fascinating discussion will engage and provoke a wide audience. (Booklist) Ehrman's book raises questions that should interest us all... [and] represents a genuine conversation among informed scholars. (Christian Century) Bart Ehrman has made a career of zeroing in on some of the most difficult questions at the intersection of faith and history. (Boston Globe) From the Back Cover In a book that took eight years to research and write, leading Bible scholar Bart D. Ehrman explores how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty Creator of all things. Ehrman sketches Jesus's transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God, exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus's followers had visions of him after his death alive again did anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today. As a historian not a believer Ehrman answers the questions: How did this transformation of Jesus occur? How did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? The dramatic shifts throughout history reveal not only why Jesus's followers began to claim he was God, but also how they came to understand this claim in so many different ways. Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, *How Jesus Became God* will engage anyone interested in the historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God.