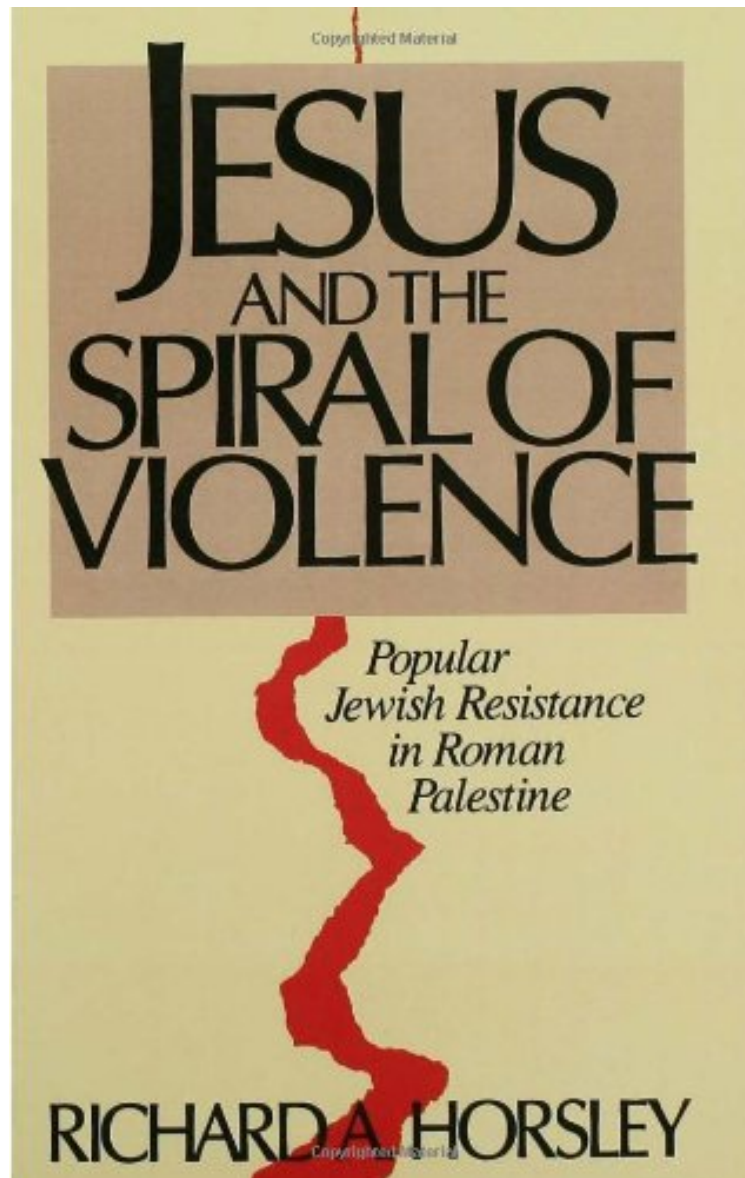


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25 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, interesting addition to the debate By A. Hogan Richard A. Horsley has added his voice to the question asked By Jesus {and thereafter history}: "Who do you say that I am?" He

takes a slightly different tack here, viewing Jesus in terms of the popular historical movements of his time, starting with the obvious fact of domination of a foreign power, and the resulting lifestyles of an occupied people. After {quite interestingly} dissecting the Romans and their slave-perpetuated economy, he turns to Jewish non-violent resistance, Messianic movements, social community {including a fascinating discussion on the half-shekel temple tax}, and eventually, a short concluding chapter on Jesus and Social revolution. This is a very well-researched, well-written study {though I am not certain that all of the leaps are justified} Another interesting book to the canon. As for the accusation that this is a Jesus for the secular left, I have found that whatever your political leanings are, one tends to attach them to Jesus. This, though, seems obvious to most, Jesus was poor, his friends and family were poor, most of his associates were poor, and almost everyone who initially heard His message were poor. That this study, then, would approach Jesus from the side of poor outcasts of that time living under a brutal occupying force administered by vicious sycophants is not surprising. Not definitive, of course, simply another side to the story. 15 of 17 people found the following review helpful. **Serious Christology** By The Rev. Dr. Daniel J. G. Block Professor Horsley delves behind the Christ of faith to look more closely at the historical Jesus, within his first-century, Palestinian social, political and religious context. Horsley argues that far from being the innocent victim of illegitimate charges made against him by an unholy alliance of Jewish religious and Roman political authorities, Jesus was a very real threat to the ruling institutions. At least from the perspective of the social, political and religious elite, Jesus was a dangerous figure worthy of condemnation in order to maintain the Pax Romana. His radical preaching and practice of the immediate presence of the Kingdom of God implied that no other kingdom and no other authorities could justifiably be obeyed. "A slave cannot serve two masters..." For those interested in studying serious Christology, or the social and historical context of the earliest elements of the Jesus movement, this can be a valuable book. For those who wish to maintain the uninformed innocence of a Sunday School faith, this book should be avoided. Horsley is much too honest to be safe. 17 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Not just another exercise in historical guesswork. By A Customer Highly recommended for the Jew and Gentile alike. Horsley manages to synthesize some complex and scattered historical themes into a text that appears factual and complete. No wallowing in emotionalism here folks just straightforward historical reasoning. A must for the cleric, the biblical scholar and anyone interested in ancient history.

From this engrossing portrait of first-century Palestine, Jesus emerges as the catalyst of nonviolent social revolution that anticipates the renewal of Israel. This fascinating analysis opens up a new perspective of the Roman-dominated Jewish Palestine of Jesus' time, viewing it as an "imperial situation" in which individual acts of violence were responses to institutionalized repression and injustice. Richard A. Horsley reveals the fiercely nationalistic Zealots as largely the fabrication of historians and exposes the erroneous view of Jesus as the sober prophet of nonviolence. In claiming the presence of the kingdom of God, Jesus aimed at catalyzing the renewal of the people of Israel, calling them to loving cooperation amid difficult circumstances of debt and despair and to organized resistance to the violence of an imperial situation.