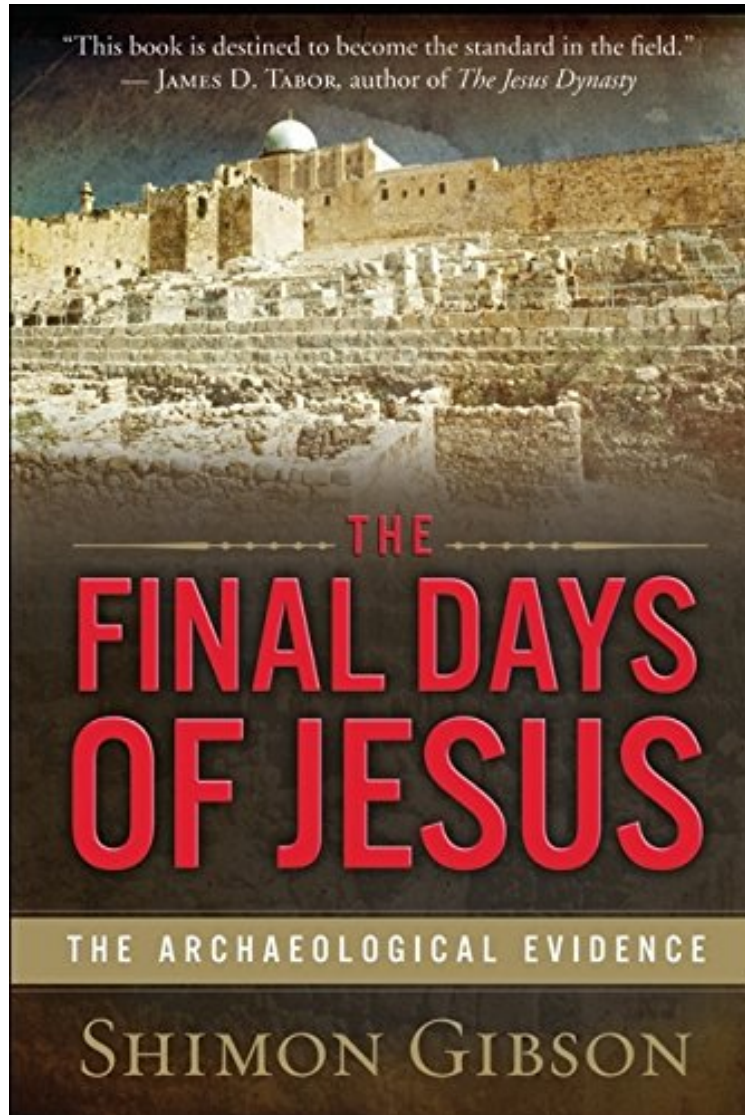


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**Shimon Gibson : The Final Days of Jesus: The Archaeological Evidence** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Final Days of Jesus: The Archaeological Evidence:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Quick read, interesting perspective, worth a look By E. Johnson I had a chance to meet Shimon Gibson on my last trip to Israel in March 2013 and must say that he is a very nice man and a top-notch archaeologist. Do I agree with all of his conclusions? By no means. But he provides reasons why he holds some of the views he does. While he is not a believer in God or the Jesus as described in the Bible, he certainly holds to much of the history described there. He quibbles about some things, and he's entitled to his opinion. Some of his

conclusions did, I feel, seem to come out of left field--the idea that Lazarus never died threw me for a loop, as I had never heard anyone suggest the "Lazarus Syndrome" before--but I thoroughly enjoyed hearing what he had to say about archaeology and the life of Christ. If you are a Christian, he will need to sort through some of his ideas that you will have never heard of before, but as I say, it was interesting and I believe well worth a look for anyone who is interested in biblical archaeology. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Could be better By J.R.

Yannelli Excellent book on historical Jesus. I wish he would write more. Could be better with more photographs and diagrams. Ancient Jerusalem is fascinating, there is so much more to add, just not included in this book. I wish the Author provided more. But, if it is ur first venture into this topic, this is excellent. But, if u know some thing about the history, this is lacking detail. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating Archeological Look at Jesus's Last Days By Joe Kessler I enjoyed the authors previous work on the Cave of John the Baptist. This one I thought was better. It covered a subject that is well known to all Christians. It did get a little boring when went on for a long while about Jewish washing traditions nd of that time. I think understood it fairly quickly. His thoughts on where Jesus was tried was not where I had always thought it had been. He backed many beliefs that I have. The noticeable exception was that he does not believe in the Shroud of Turin. Oh well. It was still a great read for Lent.

Unraveling the Mystery of Jesus's Last Days A world-renowned scholar reveals how archaeology has a major role to play not only in how the gospels should be read and understood, but also in understanding Jesus in his world. Inside you'll find: the actual site of the execution of Jesus startling new information about the crucifixion based on the discovery of a first-century crucified man the surprising location of the trial of Jesus the truth about his final resting place

A well-written guide to the archaeology behind Jesus death and burial, written by one of Jerusalem's finest archaeologists. (Jonathan L. Reed, author of the HarperCollins Visual Guide to the New Testament) Shimon Gibson, an archaeologist with many years of experience working in Israel, presents an up-to-date and credible description of discoveries relating to Jesus last days. Gibson synthesizes evidence from archaeology and the New Testament to craft a clear and enjoyable account. (Jodi Magness, Professor of Early Judaism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) For over 25 years, Gibson, a distinguished archaeologist, has excavated in and near Jerusalem's walls. The book, directed to a wide audience, is rigorously scientific, and frequently brilliant. It is a must read for all Jews and Christians who are curious about Jesus and his final fateful week in Jerusalem. (James H. Charlesworth, George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Princeton University) An expert archaeologists valuable insights on the final days of Jesus. (Geza Vermes, FBA, University of Oxford, author of JESUS THE JEW and THE PASSION) Gibson's book punctures fourth century mythology with first century evidence drawn from intimate knowledge of the great city of Jerusalem. Gibson's background in landscape archaeology and his analyses of the physical evidence...combine to provide a provocative series of observations and insights. (Herb Krosney, author of The Lost Gospel: The Quest for the Gospel of Judas Iscariot) From the Back Cover Ever since the gospels were written there have been questions about the momentous events that occurred during the final days of Jesus. Renowned archaeologist Shimon Gibson breaks new ground examining the critical last days of the life of Jesus using his extraordinary access to firsthand archaeological findings as principal evidence. Gibson explains: The purpose of this book is to unravel once and for all the mystery surrounding the final days of Jesus in Jerusalem: why he went there; how he came to be arrested, tried, and crucified; and where his place of burial was located. There is no doubt that some of my conclusions regarding Jesus and Jerusalem may be controversial. Describing the events of the final days of Jesus chronologically, beginning with his entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey and ending with his burial in a tomb after having been crucified, Gibson unveils a vivid picture of first-century Jerusalem; its monuments, streets, and houses; and, of course, the Jewish Temple that was the jewel in the crown of the city. The Jesus that emerges in these pages is a teacher and healer who captures the fascination of the crowds. As a man from an accomplished and well-off rural background, trained in matters of ritual purification by John the Baptist, and as a believer in alternative healing methods, Jesus's speeches and teachings made in the tinder-box atmosphere of Passover festivities in Jerusalem scared the Jewish and Roman authorities to such a degree that they decided to have him put to death. Gibson reveals how archaeology has a major role to play not only in how the gospels should be read and understood, but also in understanding Jesus in his world. About the Author Shimon Gibson is a senior associate fellow at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem and an adjunct professor of archaeology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. During the past thirty years he has conducted numerous excavations and field surveys in different parts of Israel. He was the head of the research and scientific reports department of the Israel Antiquities Authority from 1995 to 1999.