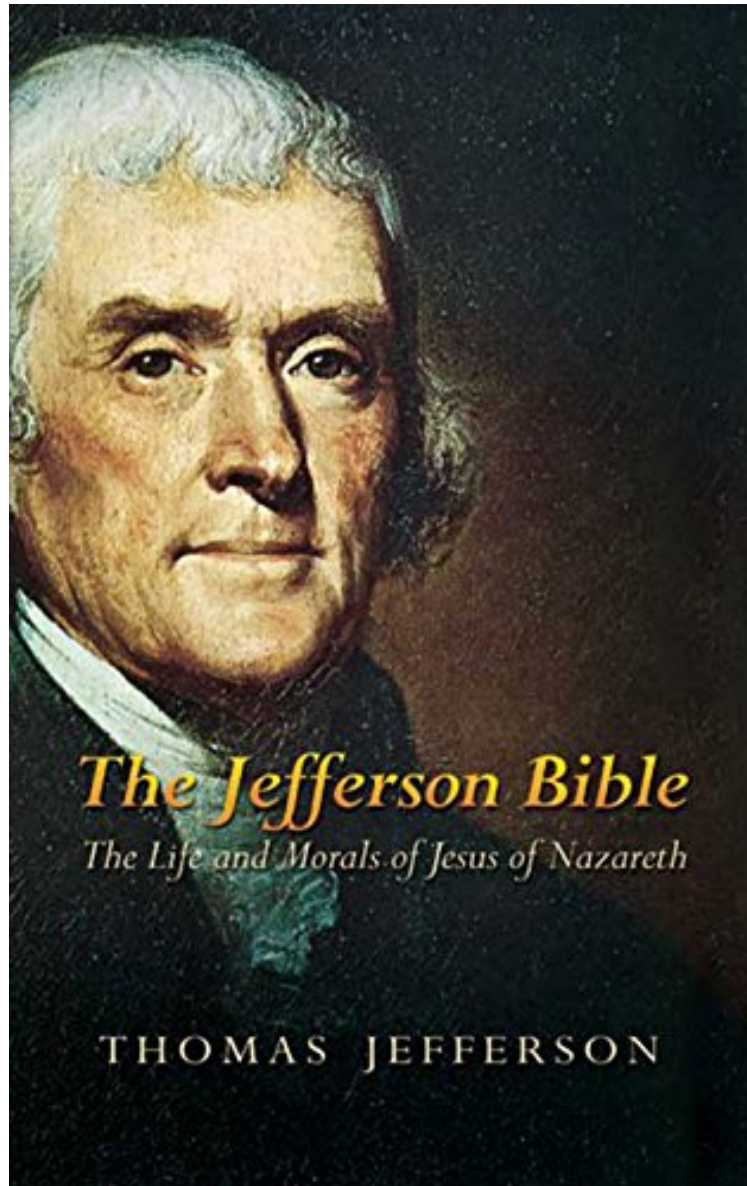


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Jesus Escaped the Fundamentalists! Von Customer This work condenses the scattered faith documents that are the "Gospels"

into a kernel of real truth. It is a truly remarkable piece of work for those of us who believe Christ is more than the caricature that many zealots paint him as today. Jefferson deduced the real message in the New Testament, which was a call to live a better, more ethical life. He saw through the amalgam of Greek mythology, cynic-style homilies, and cosmic-battle cultic material that was mish-mashed together by 2nd century apologists to create a life for a man whose very existence is debatable. Christ is a concept and a model, not a god! Jefferson indeed created a bible that can be used as a life tool, not a tool of oppression and coercion with which one can be saved or damned. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What Jesus said Von Gent Dave Jesus taught that religion comes from the heart, and not from books or ancient laws. When Jesus spoke about the priests of Jerusalem, he quoted Issiah. Matthew 15:7-9 You hypocrites! Issiah was right when he prophesied about you: These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. It is easy to see how this also applies to today's fundamentalists. Jefferson focuses on the simple clear message of Jesus. Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do on to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the Prophets. Nothing could be simpler. 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Jesus without the miracles! Von Ein Kunde Jefferson presents a picture of Jesus that is very compelling. In this work, there is no healing of the sick or walking on water. What Jefferson puts much attention to is Jesus's use of parables as a way to tell his stories. Even though, I am no longer religious at heart this book was very thought provoking.

Kurzbeschreibung "Question with boldness even the existence of a god," Thomas Jefferson asserted, "because if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason than that of blindfolded fear." America's third president regarded Jesus as a moral guide rather than a divinity, and in *The Jefferson Bible*, he highlights Christ's ethical teachings from the Gospels. Discarding the scriptures' supernatural elements and dogma, this volume reflects the deist view of religion, focusing on Jesus' message of absolute love and service. Jefferson undertook his self-appointed task in 1794, consulting not only the King James Bible but also Greek, French, and Latin versions. He selected verses from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and arranged them in chronological order to form a single narrative. Although Jefferson shared his interpretation with friends and family, he declined to publish it, in keeping with his conviction that religion is a private matter and also to avoid providing his political enemies with ammunition. Not until the turn of the twentieth century did the book appear in print, when it became a tradition to present it to new members of Congress. Unique and influential, this volume reflects not only the thinking of one of the nation's most brilliant statesmen, but also the ideology of the Enlightenment era.