

Contents

<i>Preface</i>	xiii
1. Christianity in the Making	1
 PART ONE: FAITH AND THE HISTORICAL JESUS	
2. Introduction	11
3. The (Re-)Awakening of Historical Awareness	17
3.1 The Renaissance	17
3.2 The Reformation	20
3.3 Perceptions of Jesus	23
4. The Flight from Dogma	25
4.1 The Enlightenment and Modernity	25
4.2 Exit Revelation and Miracle	29
4.3 The Liberal Jesus	34
4.4 The Sources for Critical Reconstruction of the Life of Jesus	39
4.5 The Collapse of the Liberal Quest	45
4.6 Jesus in Sociological Perspective	52
4.7 Re-Enter the Neo-Liberal Jesus	58
4.8 Conclusion	65

5. The Flight from History	67
5.1 The Historical-Critical Method	68
5.2 The Search for an Invulnerable Area for Faith	71
5.3 Rudolf Bultmann (1884-1976)	73
5.4 The Second Quest	78
5.5 A Third Quest?	85
5.6 Post-Modernism	92
6. History, Hermeneutics and Faith	99
6.1 An Ongoing Dialogue	99
6.2 The Necessity of Historical Inquiry	100
6.3 What Can History Deliver?	101
6.4 Hermeneutical Principles	111
6.5 When Did a Faith Perspective First Influence the Jesus Tradition?	125
6.6 Two Corollaries	135
 PART TWO: FROM THE GOSPELS TO JESUS	
7. The Sources	139
7.1 External Sources	141
7.2 The Earliest References to Jesus	142
7.3 Mark	143
7.4 Q	147
7.5 Matthew and Luke	160
7.6 The <i>Gospel of Thomas</i>	161
7.7 The Gospel of John	165
7.8 Other Gospels	167
7.9 Knowledge of Jesus' Teaching and Agrapha	172
8. The Tradition	173
8.1 Jesus the Founder of Christianity	174
8.2 The Influence of Prophecy	186
8.3 Oral Tradition	192

8.4 The Synoptic Tradition as Oral Tradition — Narratives	210
8.5 The Synoptic Tradition as Oral Tradition — Teachings	224
8.6 Oral Transmission	238
8.7 In Summary	253
9. The Historical Context	255
9.1 Misleading Presuppositions about 'Judaism'	255
9.2 Defining 'Judaism'	260
9.3 The Diversity of Judaism — Judaism from Without	265
9.4 Jewish Factionalism — Judaism from Within	281
9.5 The Unity of First-Century Judaism	286
9.6 Galilean Judaism	293
9.7 Synagogues and Pharisees in Galilee?	302
9.8 The Political Context	308
9.9 An Outline of the Life and Mission of Jesus	312
10. Through the Gospels to Jesus	327
10.1 Can a Further Quest Hope to Succeed?	327
10.2 How to Proceed?	330
10.3 Thesis and Method	335
 PART THREE: THE MISSION OF JESUS	
11. Beginning from the Baptism of John	339
11.1 Why Not 'Beginning from Bethlehem'?	340
11.2 John the Baptizer	348
11.3 John's Baptism	355
11.4 John's Message	362
11.5 Jesus' Anointing at Jordan	371
11.6 The Death of John	377
11.7 Jesus Tempted	379
12. The Kingdom of God	383
12.1 The Centrality of the Kingdom of God	383
12.2 How Should 'the Kingdom of God' Be Understood?	387

12.3 Three Key Questions	396
12.4 The Kingdom to Come	406
12.5 The Kingdom Has Come	437
12.6 Solving the Riddle	465
13. For Whom Did Jesus Intend His Message?	489
13.1 Hearing Jesus	490
13.2 The Call	498
13.3 To Israel	506
13.4 To the Poor	516
13.5 To Sinners	526
13.6 Women	534
13.7 Gentiles	537
13.8 Circles of Discipleship	539
14. The Character of Discipleship	543
14.1 Subjects of the King	544
14.2 Children of the Father	548
14.3 Disciples of Jesus	555
14.4 Hungering for What Is Right	563
14.5 Love as Motivation	583
14.6 Forgiving as Forgiven	589
14.7 A New Family?	592
14.8 Open Fellowship	599
14.9 Living in the Light of the Coming Kingdom	607
 PART FOUR: THE QUESTION OF JESUS' SELF-UNDERSTANDING	
15. Who Did They Think Jesus Was?	615
15.1 Who Was Jesus?	615
15.2 Royal Messiah	617
15.3 An Issue during Jesus' Mission	627
15.4 A Role Declined	647

15.5 Priestly Messiah	654
15.6 The Prophet	655
15.7 'A Doer of Extraordinary Deeds'	667
15.8 Teacher	696
16. How Did Jesus See His Own Role?	705
16.1 Eschatological Agent	705
16.2 God's Son	708
16.3 Son of Man: The Issues	724
16.4 Son of Man: The Evidence	737
16.5 Son of Man: A Hypothesis	759
16.6 Conclusion	761
 PART FIVE: THE CLIMAX OF JESUS' MISSION	
17. Crucifixus sub Pontio Pilato	765
17.1 The Tradition of Jesus' Last Week	765
17.2 Why Was Jesus Executed?	784
17.3 Why Did Jesus Go Up to Jerusalem?	790
17.4 Did Jesus Anticipate His Death?	796
17.5 Did Jesus Give Meaning to His Anticipated Death?	805
17.6 Did Jesus Hope for Vindication after Death?	818
18. Et Resurrexit	825
18.1 Why Not Stop Here?	825
18.2 The Empty Tomb Tradition	828
18.3 Appearance Traditions	841
18.4 The Tradition within the Traditions	857
18.5 Why 'Resurrection'?	866
18.6 The Final Metaphor	876
19. Jesus Remembered	881
19.1 A New Perspective on the Jesus Tradition	881
19.2 What Can We Say about Jesus' Aim(s)?	884
19.3 The Lasting Impact of Jesus' Mission	890

CONTENTS

Abbreviations	895
Bibliography	901
Index of Authors	949
Index of Subjects	970
Index of Scriptures and Other Ancient Writings	977