



### **Pastor Mike's Bookshelf**

#### ***The Genuine Jesus: Fresh Evidence From History and Archeology***

By Paul L. Maier

We rightly look to the Scriptures for the truths about Jesus upon which our faith is based. But are there things we can learn from history and archeology? Is there evidence outside of the Bible for the familiar stories? The answer is yes.

Paul Maier has a distinguished career as an historian specializing in Christian origins and the 1<sup>st</sup> century. I have benefited from several of his other books, especially his books on Josephus and Pontius Pilate. This book is an updated version of previous writings, including new information from archeology.

The book focuses primarily on the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as well as the early church from Acts of the Apostles. Maier simply tells the familiar story, but bringing into it important insights from history, as well as information about the Jewish, Greek and Roman cultures that shed light on the Bible's accounts. He supplements his writing with numerous photographs of sites and artifacts.

I highly recommend this book if you are wanting to better understand the New Testament in its original context. There is a copy of this book, along with previously recommended books on the Church Library cart in the Narthex, available for checking out. For previous recommendations, [CLICK HERE](#).