

Re: Christian Origins and Archaeology

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prd wrote:

In sci.archaeology message news:1166032320.936941.247110@80g2000cwy.googlegroups.com by "Carl" <pchristainsen@xxxxxxxx> . . . :

Tom McDonald wrote:

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OK, second's over. Still don't care, still not archaeology.
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Huh? The archaeology is in Jodi Magness, a reputable scholar who has shown that Qumran was an Essene settlement.

Why specifically that reference and not these:
http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/Stacey_Qumran_Light_of_Recent_Publications.htm (which actually gives some references)
http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/Hasmonean_Jericho.htm
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/Synagogue.htm>
http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/ben-yehuda_masada.htm

What evidence do you have that Jesus was associated with Jericho or Qumran in any significant way and how do you answer the critique of others suggesting that these areas were work shops for Hasmonian community that were built because of their location proximal to raw materials they used.

Jodi appears to be very convinced, others appear not to be convinced, and there is even a question of whether the scrolls were deliberately sheilded in caves or they were put there by others for other reasons.

You lack perspective.

Really? You asked me no questions to find out and I don't think you

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have been
reading me very carefully.

If you review the conversation of the Thread, I narrowed my end of the conversation to Qumran archaeology and the Magness evidence that the settlement is Essene.

I already told the Newsgroup Jesus was outside the scope here. The reason is that we have no archaeology for him.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qumran>

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The scrolls were found in a series of caves just to the west of the settlement. Some of the caves seem to have been permanent libraries with built in shelves. The texts found in them represent the beliefs and practices of different Jewish religious orientations. A number of them appear to have been selected for the library there, when Qumran is thought to have become the asylum for supporters of the traditional priestly family of the Zadokites against the Hasmonean priest/kings. A letter found in the 1990s expresses the reasons for creating a community, some of which mirror Sadducean arguments in the Talmud. But most of the scrolls seem to have been dumped in the caves only during the turmoil of the First Jewish Revolt, at a time when Jericho and Jerusalem were facing the sack, or had already been sacked, but Qumran was still standing and secretly accessible from Jerusalem via the Kidron Valley.

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For the Hasmonean—against the Hasmonean, which is true, hmm, uncertainty. Some argue that the scrolls were deposited by several groups, the Jerusalem connection is notable. This does not make it seem that the region was manifested strictly for Essene activities, and the Essene connection is to be considered tentative and potentially something to be diced out with more archaeology as to who dominated Qumran and when.

I don't think so at all when the radiocarbon datings of those scrolls involving the Teacher of Righteousness are factored in to 1st century AD.

If you are unaware of the evidence, you or anyone else may check the Thiering Forum (URL already given) and use the Search Facility.

Suffice it to say, the high Essenes left Qumran 6 AD with Simon the Essene, leaving the low Essene zealots.

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What don't you understand? Are you striking a pose to be deliberately obtuse?

- #1 you cross peoples religious or anti-religious sensibilities when you come in with thing like GOOD NEWS, a very pro-christian metaphor.
- #2 you have drop linked to sites that are anything but scientific.
- #3 you have expressed great arrogance, pompassity about wanting to reference what you have given. (Who do we know here who does that)
- #4 your references are pretty much not worth a crap.
- #5 you go nutso and start using ALLCAPS just like our local kooks do when they go Nutso.
- #6 you claimed to have archaeology relating to Jesus and the history of Jesus, but it turned out to be nothing but proselytizing fluff.
- #7 you refreneced source of the notoriously unreliable New Testament references of highly dubious gospels (Matthew, Luke, John) that are Nth hand sources of information on Jesus birth. No althernative scholarly interpretations were provided.

Do you need more?

I don't believe a word of it. You overreact.

May we talk about something else for a change?

Dave

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