

The Lost Tweets of Jesus

**Uncovering the World's Greatest
Ancient Digital Mystery**

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Are you following Jesus?

Latest

The time has come. Repent and Retweet
the Good News.



NazarethJesus

More tweets than the
world can hold.

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following followers listed

Seek and ye shall find

Endorsements

“At least it’s not another blood-sucking vampire novel!”

-Literary Agent

“A triumph in mindlessly meshing Christianity with pop-culture. It hardly even feels like I’m reading the Bible.”

-Christian Editor

“Cyzewski continues to explore the intersection of theology and culture. For fans of his book *Coffeehouse Theology*, you’ll be glad you read *Coffeehouse Theology*...”

-Seminary Professor

“Ed Cyzewski artfully answers a question that no one would bother asking, ‘What would Jesus tweet?’”

-Book Reviewer

“For all who doubt the authority of scripture, Cyzewski provides indisputable proof that there is no end to the writing of books.”

-Conservative Pastor

“R U kidding me? this book rokz! LOL”

-Christian Teenager

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The Lost Tweets of Jesus conforms to the legal principle encapsulated in the phrase, "A moron in a hurry." If you have confused this religious parody with an actual internet company called Twitter, then you either need to slow down a bit or I may have some bad news for you...

See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_moron_in_a_hurry

The Twitter cloud background is a free download from Twitter Backs Now:

<http://www.twitterbacksnow.com/clouds-twitter-background>

Read, revel, and retweet...

Introduction

The Ministry of Jesus in 140 Characters

Never before has one book composed such a culturally bound exploration of the words and deeds of Jesus of Nazareth, or @NazarethJesus.

Though Jesus never wrote a book, he certainly communicated much to his disciples. If he had Twitter, there is no doubt that he would have used it. This book is committed to a fresh exploration of Jesus through 140-character tweets, uncovering the digital legacy in this work of ancient digital linguistic social media archeology.

Based loosely on a few events listed in the Gospel of Mark, *The Lost Tweets of Jesus* encounters the life of Jesus through a series of tweets that incarnate the Messiah into today's technology. The tweets of Jesus will, of course, appear in red font. Since this particular stream of tweets is a print representation of the personal Twitter page of Jesus, only his tweets will appear.

Though Twitter users are generally only able to send tweets to one person at a time, the stories in the Gospels demand an ability to group several people into one Twitter account that they could all check simultaneously. If Jesus could raise the dead, then such a tweak to Twitter would be well within the skill-set of Jesus.

Oh, one more thing: If you think for one moment that this is a serious project, then you'd better find something

else to read. In fact, I have a free devotional on the Gospel of Mark with meditations and study questions that you can download at www.inamirrordimly.com as well as a bunch of other posts and studies of Christianity and culture.

If you're interested in a real book on contextual theology, have a look at my book *Coffeehouse Theology: Reflecting on God in Everyday Life*, as well as its two study guides: the *Coffeehouse Theology Bible Study Guide* and the *Coffeehouse Theology Contemporary Issues Guide*. For those interested in book publishing, check out my latest book: *A Path to Publishing: What I Learned by Publishing a Nonfiction Book* at www.pathtopublishing.com.

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What's happening?

Time to kick things off. Repent 4 the Kingdom of God is near.

@Baptizer You free today? I'm swinging by your part of the Jordan today.

Getting baptized. I'm asking a kid to hang on to my smart phone for a minute. LOL

Sissera wasn't kidding when he said the Jordan is a dirty river. I'll have to get transfigured to clean my robe.

@GodtheFather @HolySpirit Thanks for showing up. Mind sending a few angels my way for the wilderness?

Spending 40 days in the wilderness to be tempted by Satan.

Just got back from the wilderness. Hitting the unleavened bread HARD tonight.

#FollowMeFriday @RockSimon @Andrew @ThunderJohn @ThunderJames

Preaching in Capernaum today. DM me if you need to be healed.

This house is filling up pretty fast. Hurry up if you want to get inside.

@ParalyzedMan There's no way you'll fit a stretcher in here. Can we meet afterwards? DM me.

What's happening on the roof? It's a little tough to teach with all of this debris falling.

@ParalyzedMan I guess coming in through the roof works... Raise the roof. LOL

@ParalyzedMan Your sins are forgiven, even though you just wrecked this guy's roof. I've always wondered what roofs are made of anyway.

@LawTeachers You think you have the authority to tweet that I'm a blasphemer? Watch this.

@ParalyzedMan Your faith has healed you. Now you can ROFLOL or just walk home.

I think I'd better take a walk by the lake now.

@Matthew #FollowMeFriday I'm coming over to your place for dinner too.

@Matthew Of course bread and fish are OK. What else do we eat around here?

@LawTeachers @Pharisees Why are you asking my disciples about why I eat with sinners?

@LawTeachers @Pharisees I'm here to help those who know they're sick.

@Matthew Why don't you guess for the @LawTeachers and @Pharisees how much you think you've extorted.

@Matthew Try a little higher.

@Matthew Higher. It's a good thing I have the power to forgive sins...

@Crowd The @Pharisees don't understand this is a time of celebration. Have you ever partied with @LeviBenAlphaeus BTW?

@Crowd My ministry is like new wine in new wineskins. Fasting is beat. Have a drink with us tonight and we'll talk about it.

@Pharisees If you think I'm breaking the Sabbath by picking grain, have a look at what David did.

@Pharisees Would you rather my disciples went hungry in order to preserve the letter of the law? You guys sure wreck a good time.

@Pharisees The Sabbath is made to benefit man, not to make you look awesome.

Going to the synagogue today. DM me if I can give you a hand.

@Pharisees Of course I'm going to heal his shriveled hand. It's tough to use Twitter with one shriveled hand.

@Pharisees What are you going to say next? That tweeting on the Sabbath is work?

@Pharisees I see, you're not agreed on that, but you don't think I should heal this man's hand? Look at his hand now.

@Disciples Let's go to the lake. Apparently it's OK to throw rocks at people on the Sabbath... Holiness #FAIL

There are people from all over the place showing up.

Hey @RockSimon or @ThunderJohn, can you find a boat that I can sit in while I teach the people? It's a bit crowded.

@EvilSpirit I'm hitting you with a fail whale. No tweeting about who I am. They need to decide for themselves.

@disciples Let's go up the mountain. I'm making a new list of followers.

My Apostle List: @RockSimon @ThunderJames
@ThunderJohn @Andrew @Philip @ Bartholomew
@Matthew @Thomas @James @Thaddaeus, @ZealotSimon
@JudasIs

@LawTeachers You think I'm possessed by a demon?
What chance does Satan have if he's fighting himself?

@Beelzebub Would you ever attack a fellow demon?
LOL!

@Crowd There are four kinds of soil: the path, the rocky
soil, the vine-covered, and the good soil.

@Disciples These are the four kinds of Twitter users.
Some resist it. Others embrace it with enthusiasm and
then stop using it...

@Disciples The vine-covered soil are those who let
Facebook crowd out my tweets. And the good soil read,
believe, and retweet my message.

@Disciples I'm due for a nap. Let's cross the lake again.

Off to the land of the Gerasenes. Not sure if I'll get
reception. They made a deal with Verizon... and @Satan.

@Disciples Why did you send so many tweets before
waking me up during the storm?

@PossessedMan @Legion God's Kingdom has come. I command you to leave the man.

@Legion You can go into the pig herd? Let me send the @PigHerd a DM to see if they're OK with that.

@PigHerd Making a pact with the devil doesn't always work out so well. Are any of you good swimmers?

@Legion They'll give it a shot. Get moving.

@HealedMan It's more important that you tweet people around here and convince them to follow me. Don't mention @PigHerd for now.

Back from Decapolis. One healed man and 2000 dead pigs. Didn't make many new followers.

@Jairus Of course I'll heal your daughter. I hope you don't have a pig herd anywhere nearby...

@Crowd DM me if you just touched my robe. I felt power go out from me.

@Woman Be free from your suffering. I didn't just come to calm storms and drown pigs...

@Jairus Look at @Woman. Have faith like her and things will be fine.

@DaughterofJairus I'm telling you, Get Up! @Jairus probably never saw you get out of bed so fast...

@NazarethCrowd You can't accept a prophet who heals and uses twitter?

@NazarethCrowd DM me if you want to be healed.

@NazarethCrowd Faith #FAIL.

Only four loaves and two fish for lunch? Ugh. I'm gonna have to multiply them to feed the 4,000.

@Crowd Have a seat and watch the expression of @Disciples.

@Disciples Take the bread and fish to the people. Sure, you can upload some shots to TwitPic first.

Sent crowds away with bread and fish leftovers. I don't want to see another loaf of bread for a month.

@RockSimon DM me about who you think I am...

@RockSimon Messiah FTW! This was revealed to you by @HolySpirit.

@RockSimon Don't start following @Satan just when you figured out how to follow me.

@RockSimon @ThunderJohn @ThunderJames Unfollow me if you don't want to carry your cross.

@RockSimon @ThunderJohn @ThunderJames Let's go up Mount Hermon today. I have something to show you...

@Moses @Elijah Thanks for the encouragement. Don't mind @RockSimon. He's a little jumpy sometimes.

@RockSimon Stop talking nonsense. What did you expect a Messiah to do?

@RockSimon @ThunderJohn @ThunderJames Only DM me about this. Don't RT any of this until I rise from the dead.

What? Disciples only have 5 loaves for 5,000? Will they ever learn? Here we go again.

Disciples left. Stuck on shore without a boat. Guess I'll have to walk on water, LOL.

Leaving for Jerusalem. This page is going to be quiet very soon, but I will tweet again when I return...

Until then #FollowFriday @RockSimon @ThunderJohn @ThunderJames

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Just to be clear, this is a fun little parody. Since I'm interested in theology and culture, I thought it would make a fun April Fools Day joke. I hope it made you laugh and did not instigate a crisis of faith. I also hope you in no way associated this project with the actual company known as Twitter. Twitter had nothing to do with this project. Nor did Jesus for that matter...

For a little more fun, have a look at my April Fools Day joke in 2009: *Coffeeshack Theology: The Next Great Fadness*. You'll enjoy reading one particular comment that followed the post as well.