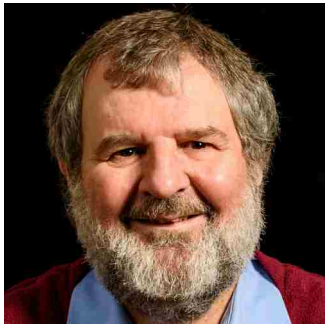
How Jesus liberated the oppressed

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A historical study of the Jesus movement. Drawing on recent scholarship it describes how Jesus and his followers revived the economic values of the Jewish Torah at a time of widespread starvation.

Believing that a generous god was providing enough resources to bless everyone, they saw it as a matter of justice to share their food with the hungry.



The book describes

- the context of Jesus' life
- the nature of the movement
- its political and economic implications
- its achievements over the centuries until its suppression in the interests of modern economic theory
- the differences between what Jesus stood for and modern economic theories.
- how the movement's values can offer constructive responses to major issues today, especially economic inequality.

What it's like

- It makes the human Jesus accessible to unbelievers.
- It draws on academic scholarship but is designed for non-academics.
- It describes the Jesus movement independently of Christian doctrines.

Who it's for

- Churchgoers
- People concerned for the state of society & looking for leadership
- The spiritual but not religious
- Non-Christians who find Jesus attractive
- People put off Christianity by dogmas.

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