

THE LIFE OF CHRIST – SUGGESTED READING LIST

There has long been a demand for lives of Our Lord. Some of these have taken the form of a harmony of the Gospels where the events listed in the Gospels are set out in what the editor considers to be a proper chronological order. Others have taken the form of pious biographies. And still others have been presented as theological lives of Christ, where events from Our Lord's life are given theological commentaries.

This list gives a selection of all three types, mostly from the 19th and 20th centuries, although one – recently translated into English for the first time in the 21st century – in fact dates back to the 14th century.

Read the notes and, if you wish, speak to Fr Joseph before buying. For out-of-print books, try <https://www.usedbooksearch.co.uk/>

Key to abbreviations **i/p** in-print **o/p** out-of-print **pp** number of pages

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Listed alphabetically by author.

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Only Son by Walter Farrell OP. London: Sheed & Ward. 1955. 244pp. o/p.

The Life of Jesus Christ: A Historical, Critical, and Apologetic Exposition by Rev L.C. Fillion, SS. Translated by Newton Thompson. (3 vols). St Louis & London: B. Herder Book Co. 1948. (Vol 1: 647pp; vol 2: 719pp; vol 3: 784pp). o/p.

The Christ: The Son of God – A Life of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by The Abbé Constant Fouard. Translated from the French. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1929. 250pp. o/p.

The Watches of the Sacred Passion with Before and After by Father P. Gallaway, SJ. (2 vols). Roehampton: Manresa Press. 1930. (Vol 1: 794pp; vol 2: 734pp.) o/p. Reprinted by Legare Street Press in 2022. i/p.

The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Archbishop Alban Goodier, SJ. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne Ltd. 1932. 425pp. o/p. Reprinted by Scepter Publishers in 2018. i/p.

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Jesus Christ: His Person, His Message, His Credentials (3 vols) by Léonce de Grandmaisons, SJ. Translated by Basil Whelan. London: Sheed & Ward. 1930. (Vol 1: 322pp; vol 2: 384pp; vol 3: 522pp.) o/p.

The Lord by Romano Guardini. Translated from the German. London & New York: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1956. 535pp. o/p. Reprinted by Gateway Editions in 1996. i/p.

Our Divine Saviour by Bishop Hedley, OSB (1837-1915). London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne Ltd. No date. 346pp.

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Pere M-J Lagrange. Translated from the French. (2 vols). London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne Ltd. 1938. (Vol 1: 320pp; vol 2: 350pp.) o/p.

The Life of Jesus Christ by Ludolph of Saxony (c.1295-1378). Translated by Milton T. Walsh. (4 vols). Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press. 2022. (Vol 1: 781pp; vol 2: 833pp; vol 3: 860pp; vol 4: 766pp). i/p.

The Life of Jesus Christ According to Gospel History by Rev A.J. Maas, SJ. St Louis: B. Herder Publisher. 1891. o/p. 621pp. Reprinted by Aeterna Press in 2020. i/p.

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Life of Christ by Giovanni Papini. Translated from the Italian by Dorothy Fisher. New York: Harcourt, Brace, and Co. 1923. 416pp. o/p.

Jesus Christ: His Life, His Teaching, and His Work by Ferdinand Prat, SJ. Translated by John H. Heenan, SJ. (2 vols) Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co. 1950. Reprinted in a single volume by the same publisher in 1963. o/p. Reprinted by Arouca Press in 2 vols in 2023. i/p.

Life of Christ by Giuseppe Ricciotti. Translated from the Italian by
Alba I. Zizzamia. Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co. 1952. 402pp. o/p.
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Reprinted by Doubleday in 2008. i/p.

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edition of 1903. Te Deum Press. 2022. 476pp. i/p.