

"You will not taste death: Jesus and Epicureanism" (Gospel of Thomas Thread)

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[Quote from DaveT](#)

My own research on the peer reviewed research on the mythology of a historical Jesus, in addition to the questions of the accuracy of translations, I'm not even clear whether Thomas existed as a historical person.

When we simply go by the evidence, there are no signs of any Jesus nor Thomas at all whatsoever. Thomas could be excused of course, whereas Jesus - but let's not wander off 😊

If you're interested in some very interesting research, I recommend Markus Vinzent and David Trobisch, who follow the Patristic writings. If we take all the Christian dating at face value (since we don't have any evidence for the existence of these next two people either), all of the New Testament must have become written in between 155-165 CE, when Justin Martyr certainly attests to no Epistles at all, and no Gospels at all, and 175 CE, when Irenaeus' Adversus Haereses suddenly names almost all 27 books, even though he orders the Gospels by John, Luke, Matthew and Marc

Yet, again, I consider these wholly off-topic for this thread