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In his book, Josephus And The New Testament, Professor Mason set out to provide an introduction to the life and writings of Flavius Josephus together with presenting insight into Josephus' thinking and the purpose behind the writing of his own works. Mason's intended readership for this book is made up of people who read and have an interest in the New Testament of the Bible. The methodology used by Mason, to which I shall refer later, supported his argument that there is as much to learn about Josephus from the writings within the New Testament as there is to learn about the New Tes... Arguably, apart from the New Testament itself, Josephus has helped us understand the life and times and world of Jesus and the apostles as much as any other document of the ancient world. Unfortunately we have often strip-mined Josephus for selfish reasons and have left the message of this first-century Jewish historian in shambles. His relevance for Christianity has been flattened by a simplistic history=fact formula approach, and his contribution to our understanding of the ancient world has been twisted to suit modern needs and answer to questions Josephus never intended. An internationally Arguably, apart from the New Testament itself, Josephus has helped us understand the life and times and world of Jesus and the apostles as much as any other document of the ancient world.Unfortunately we have often strip-mined Josephus for selfish reasons and have left the message of this first-century Jewish historian in shambles. His relevance for Christianity has been flattened by a simplistic history=fact formula approach, and his contribution to our understanding of the ancient world has been twisted to suit modern needs and answer to questions Josephus never intended.

An internationally The object of this articleis to point out similaritiesbetween some important events recorded in the canonical Gospels and Acts on the one hand, and a series of prodigiesrecordedby Josephus in his Jewish War on the other hand, and to suggest a possible connection between them. The paucity of referenceto Gospel events in contemporary or near-contemporarynon-Christianliterature is well known. Josephusand the new testament. I4I. It has often been suggested that this tale is a religious myth rather than an historical account of actual events. All translations of New Testament texts are the author's. Citations from Josephus are from the Loeb Classical Library (LCL) unless otherwise indicated. The Pilate Inscription on p. 104 is from the collection of Southwest Missouri State University Used with permission. Chapter 4: Who's Who in the New Testament World? ^ 85 Chapter 5: Early Christian Figures Mentioned by Josephus 151 Chapter 6: Josephus and Luke-Acts. 185. Conclusion: The Significance of Josephus for New Testament Study 230 Index of Subjects. 237. Index of Ancient Sources. 240. Introduction: The Purpose of This Book.