

David Flusser

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(from the foreword)



DAVID FLUSSER (1917–2000) was professor of early Christianity and Second Temple Judaism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a recipient of the national Israel Prize in 1980 for his academic achievements. His best-known book, *Jesus*, has been translated into eleven languages and is now in its fourth edition under the title *The Sage from Galilee* (Eerdmans).

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“David Flusser was an original and colorful commentator on Second Temple Judaism, and he was especially influential in Israeli scholarship. Many of Flusser’s articles, however, have hitherto not been available in English, were widely scattered in obscure publications besides, and consequently have not been widely known in the English-speaking world. Azzan Yadin has rendered an inestimable service to scholars and students of Second Temple Judaism by translating them and bringing them together in this timely volume.”

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