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Imagine they set out to clone the Son of God.

Imagine they succeed...

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From Reader Review The Son of Man for online ebook

Trina Houston-dotson says

I really enjoyed the book, but some of the subplots seemed pointless to me, and I'm still confused about the "Jesus" fellow. I'm still hoping it wasn't supposed to really be Jesus...that would really be the only offensive thing to me. Maybe John the Baptist or Michael the ArchAngel, since he took the name Michael. All the other religious stuff is pretty accurate; sad but true.

What was the point in selling drugs? To make money to buy all the property? For what? Are these questions gonna be answered in the next book? I hope so, cause I'm kinda hung up on the drug thing.

But the notion of the rebirth of Jesus Christ is an incredible thought, isn't it? I loved the fascinating idea of the story, but thought a lot of it could've simply been left out. A lot of unnecessary "fluff".

It would make me happy to see Todd continue his search for God. I'm glad that Maria found that she could love Todd and the baby, Joshua. Can you imagine not being able to love? Wow!

Overall, an excellent read. Not quite 5 stars, but almost.

Jack Carlin says

When I downloaded this book, I had my doubts about it; usually books of this sort don't appeal to me. Now I'm checking the internet almost daily, to see when the fourth instalment is released.

Indie publishers don't get much chance to prove themselves. This is a *big* shame, as C.W. Johnson proves that their stories can be just as good, if not better, than those published by the big-name publishers.

Sure, there are a few mistakes here and there, but the story is so captivating that they are barely perceptible.

All in all, this is a great book (and series) that I highly recommend you read.

Beth Blake says

So fresh and original. I can't stress the importance of reading this. It was eerie but realistic. This author has a great future.

Chris Bridson says

It's fairly well-written. I appreciate the work of a writer who plies his craft with a certain level of intelligence. Johnson seems to be very well-versed in a number of different intellectual and technological areas. Now for the not so glowing part... once you get past the plot combination of a doomsday scenario and

religious mythology there really isn't much to it. The asteroid part of the story is very similar to the plots of two recent Hollywood movies dealing with an asteroid impact. Johnson exploits the human fear factor to keep you turning the pages, but the eagerly anticipated climax never comes. The love story is pretty sappy. I guess what I'm saying is that in my opinion Johnson had a good idea for a story, but he weighed it down with too many Hollywood plot cliches. Nevertheless, I will read the entire trilogy so if Johnson's goal with these books is to entertain then I say he has accomplished his mission.

Chantel says

Ok, this was amazingly weird but not in a good way. I could handle a story about people trying to clone Jesus Christ and the resulting fall out. Despite some difficulties with the story line it could have been interesting if left at that. Adding in Brother Michael and his crew, Heckle and Jeckle (what was the point of that?), along with an asteroid and a family that resorts to cannibalism was just too much for me. I just think that the premise of cloning Jesus could have led to a much better story. In all honesty, I ended up feeling like the author had an agenda in this story and it wasn't to entertain the reader.

Eeva Lancaster says

While scanning the free books, I came across The Son of Man and read the synopsis. Not one who is fond of reading religious and preachy books, I was quite intrigued by the premise that the fabled Second Coming will happen through cloning. So, I got a copy.

The author has managed to make the story believable, and real. Reminds me of Supernatural, my favorite TV series. The characters are not angelic and perfect and glorious, they were real and flawed. It brought the story to the realm of possibility. The lead characters do not have halos on their heads, they were human, tasked to bring about the Second Coming. There were supernatural elements, which was necessary since this topic is in that realm. But they were not cheesy. The author was able to insert these elements into the story only when they were needed, to convey that something unnatural was happening.

All in all, it was a good find. I read through it and I'm itching to get the next book, which I hope continues the story and doesn't transform into a preachy book.

People who are very defensive about the topic will be offended for sure, since like I said, the characters are imperfect people. Don't expect saints here. The supposed Second Coming is being forced through Science, so the idea that a heavenly being will come down from the sky is not present in the story. It's fiction. Relax.

A recommended read for people who are open-minded and would like a new perspective on the topic of Jesus. I for one am bored with the same story told over and over again in the same way. This was a fresh take. Scientific, Historical.

The only part I didn't like was the "space scenes." The author is definitely not a sci-fi writer, should steer clear of it if possible, or read more of Arthur Clarke. I got lost in the sci-fi lingo used with all the acronyms and military speak. The effort to sound "technological" was just too much. I literally skipped these parts, just getting the gist of what was happening. The weakest writing point, for sure.

With regards to editing, it's not as bad as some self published books. It was a decent read, and the proofreading errors were negligible. Still, that was the reason for the 4 stars... and the space scenes.

Collin Earl says

I give this book 3 and 1/2 stars.

The story isn't exactly as it seems before you start reading. It focuses on the second coming of Christ, but that second coming is going to be accomplished through use of science and technology (i.e. Cloning) instead of miraculous conception. The parallel to the story of christ's first coming is uncanny including John the Baptist (Brother Michael in Modern Day), disciples of christ and plenty of miracles. This all perpetrated by a group of religious separatists known as the "Vinces" They set out to clone the son of god and oh my goodness they succeed.

Pros. C.W Johnson is a brilliant writer in his use of structure and verbiage. The arc of the story proceeds well and the plot is articulated and clear. The characters with the exception of one in particular are good, you like some, you hate others and some you are totally indifferent to. It appears this is done by design and so I count this as good writing. Cons: Maria is a terrible character. She is so hard to understand and connect with I find myself wishing she wasn't around at all. This may have been done purposefully as you're not supposed to be in love with every character in every book. But for me this character ruined much of the story. I also think that the pacing could have been better. The Son of Man is a BIG book. Its long and at times drawn out. My final con is this book is not for the kiddos. This is very much an adult book right down to a priest thats in to child pornography and under age sex with little boys. (Which to be honest I thought was a silly addition to the storyline.)

Overall, I thought the story was well worth the 99 cents I paid for it. It is something different for sure. If you like thriller books and interesting religious mythology, you should like this book. I don't think this book is for everyone however. People with strong religious ties might be offended. I'm quite religious and it didn't offend me but a word of warning before you dive head first.

Gus says

This book took me by surprise. I was thrust into what I found to be an interesting and thought provoking story of man's own design to unwittingly bring about the apocalypse. This quickly became a page turner and I enjoyed it immensely. This was my first indie author and has led me to give other indie's a chance.

I have posted a more indepth review on my blog at <http://gusgallows.blogspot.com/2012/0...> as part of a Pay if Forward program for indie authors. Check it out.

John says

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other books: 1) cloning Jesus 2) big asteroid about to hit the earth 3) various apocalyptic things that may/may not fulfill revelation prophecies 4) heart-warming "survivalist" stories as people flee the coming destruction... I could probably think of more!

But, to my delight, the author managed to create a VERY compelling and well-paced novel from these ideas, which managed also to be quite unpredictable and even original.

Like many indie authors, there were places where the dialog was a bit...uh...unprofessional. But unlike many indie authors, there were NOT very many spelling, grammar or formatting errors in this kindle edition. I also really appreciated that, even in the prison dialog, the author kept this book completely free of "colorful language" and gratuitous violence.

All in all, I would recommend this book to anyone who likes this genre, especially lovers of the Left Behind series. I am anxious to read the other two novels in this series!

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Rebecca says

I just started reading this book. So far I can't put it down. This premise will ALWAYS get me to pick a book up, but only good writing will keep me reading it. I'm just hoping the rest of the book is equally as good! :)

That was then....

Finished this one up a few weeks ago and definitely enjoyed it. I haven't had time to read the second in the series yet, but it's in my queue. I've heard mixed reviews on that one, however I won't let those cloud my enjoyment of how I felt about this one, which was a stand-alone book, I think. If you have some spare time and the theory intrigues you, CW Johnson handles it masterfully!

Jane Quein says

Interesting story line. Cloning of Jesus Christ. Is it possible?
Looking forward to reading sequels.

Elise Stone says

The glowing reviews of so many readers, plus the fact that the premise of the book sounded interesting, made it the first indie book I've read since Amanda Hocking. I was pleasantly surprised by her work and was hoping for something similar here. It didn't happen.

The story question is "What if DNA from the blood of Christ, taken from two relics, was cloned to bring about the second coming?" I liked this because it actually fits with the Biblical account of the first coming. The Jews were expecting the Messiah to be a military leader, a political king of Israel, and lead them to victory over their enemies, establishing God's kingdom here on earth. That wasn't the way things were. Jesus, while fulfilling the prophecies in His own way, wasn't what they expected. The kingdom of God wasn't a political kingdom according to Him. It was in the hearts of His disciples. So it seems entirely logical, in an ironic sort of way, that God would choose cloning rather than a descent from the clouds to fulfill the second coming.

Unfortunately, the original premise wasn't fulfilled by the book. While the story of Maria and Todd (the stand-ins for Mary and Joseph) and the conflicts in their strange relationship and the cloning of the baby are interesting, the subplots seemed pointless and confusing. Brother Michael, who is early on referred to as the Jesus guy, is puzzling. I kept wondering if he was going to turn out to be the true Christ or whether he was the antichrist, but instead he appears to be a John the Baptist character. His activities with his homeless companions don't seem to have a point, although that may have been brought out later in the book.

I don't know because I couldn't finish reading this book. I kept trying, but after 300 "pages" (out of 900), I quit to read something that was better written. There are long sections that could have been cut. It needs a good copyedit to fix punctuation, inconsistent capitalization, etc. And two adjectives (sometimes with an adverb) are not better than one.

The author also has a habit of writing generic actions, e.g., "The whole world cheered." Well, no. Not only do I doubt that everyone on the entire planet cheered at this point, it would have been much more effective to show the characters we've already met cheering over this news. That would have made both the cheering and the individuals more real.

This book starts with an original idea and has some good storytelling, but it is just too flawed to give it more than two stars.

David Brown says

I just finished this book, and wow. I must admit it was definitely an engaging story on a topic which I hold much interest, considering I recently wrote my own apocalyptic thriller: The Omega Gambit.

First of all, I found the subject itself is highly intriguing: could He really be cloned? I opened the book with no preconceptions and let the author take me where he willed.

At first I was impressed with the fullness of the characters and how easily he introduced new ones, but even more remarkable was the author's ability to weave together so many different story threads.

It is a very long book, but the author continually kept me hanging on, just waiting to see what strangeness would happen next.

I would say there were many “parallels” to the biblical story of Jesus’ original birth, but it definitely strayed far from a traditional Futurist’s view of the Revelation.

I was prepared to give a four-star review on this, but one statement from the book’s John the Baptist character caused me to think twice. The moment that he said, “I suppose the Father is God, but then again, so am I, so are you. We human beings are mere extensions of what we think of as God. We are God, exploring our own creation from every standpoint, every angle, and every plain. God is us.”

This concept of the man-god myth broke it for me, sort of how the midichlorians broke the Star Wars saga by belittling the Force.

Suffice it to say that this story significantly twists traditional Christian beliefs of the second coming of Christ, so be warned. If he had done a story on Muhammad he’d be facing a Fatw?.

Even so, this book is worth the time to read it, and I may just go ahead and buy the next two on Kindle to see what C.W. Johnson imagined next.

Kendra says

This was a great read! It has a great plot with well developed characters. You can put yourself in the shoes of any given character and imagine yourself feeling their exact emotions during such an amazingly confusing event. There are a few issues that never seem to be resolved however, they may be felt with in the later books of the series. Overall, however controversial the theme, I recommend reading this book.
