



Who Is "Killing Jesus" by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

1. Bill O'Reilly's Book & Movie

"Killing Jesus," a book by Bill O'Reilly, now a movie, is supposed to tell the history of Jesus by separating fact from fiction. What "fiction" did he find in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John? Without proof, he simply strips out of the life of Christ everything that would prove Jesus' Deity. Does O'Reilly know more than the Apostle Peter who said,

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (**John 6:68-69**)?

Does O'Reilly know more than the people who saw Jesus?

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did (**John 2:23**).

Both book and movie are the "fiction."

2. Keepers of Moses' Law

Saul was told:

Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' (**Acts 22:16**)... and he arose and was baptized (**Acts 9:18**).

[He wrote] I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain (**Galatians 2:21**).

John said:

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (**John 1:17**).

People who claim to be saved by keeping the Law of Moses, including the 10 Commandments, are, in effect, ignoring Jesus' death. That removed the Law of Moses so that He could teach:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**).

3. Saved Without the Church

Paul told the Ephesian Elders to:

Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (**Acts 20:28**).

That purchase makes Christians "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" (**1 Peter 2:9**). People obey the command to:

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38, 41**).

[They know that] the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (**Acts 2:47**).

People who claim they are saved and live a Christian life, but have nothing whatever to do with the churches of Christ, have killed Jesus' purpose in dying on the cross! Since His death purchased the church, and the Lord adds the saved to the church, no one saved is outside His church.

4. Dethroned Jesus

After quoting David's prophecy from **Psalms 16:8-11**, Peter said,

Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses (**Acts 2:30-32**).

Beginning on that Pentecost in the First Century, Jesus Christ was already on the throne of David in Heaven. Jesus was raised "to sit on his throne." All who teach and believe that Jesus is NOT YET on that throne are denying His resurrection from the dead! Makes for an empty "Easter Service," doesn't it?

5. Hypocrites

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame (**Hebrews 6:4-6**).

These Christians who decide to leave behind their salvation and Jesus Christ are "killing Jesus" in their lives. Some are pretenders who are:

... Ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ (**Jude 4**).

These must be the “hypocrites” in the church people talk about, because all other Christians are sincerely following in Jesus' footsteps.

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