

# Jesus: Man, Myth or Messiah?



**A Debate Addressing the Historical Identity of Jesus**

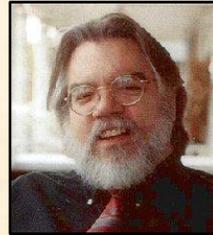
**Dr. Douglas Jacoby vs. Dr. Robert Price**

**Saturday June 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

**[Houston Baptist University](#) – [Dunham Theater](#) – 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, TX 77074**



**[Dr. Douglas Jacoby](#)** (Christian)



**[Dr. Robert Price](#)** (Atheist)

In recent years, attacks on the Christian faith have been constant as authors such as [Richard Dawkins](#), [Sam Harris](#), [Daniel Dennett](#), [Christopher Hitchens](#), [Victor Stenger](#) and others have written books attacking belief in God in general and the Christian faith in particular. Likewise, [The Jesus Seminar](#), founded in 1985, has popularized the perception that the “Jesus of history” is distinctly different from the “Christ of faith”. [Bart Ehrman](#), in his recent book, [Jesus Interrupted](#), has argued that “*Jesus, Paul, Matthew, and John all represented fundamentally different religions and that Christian doctrines such as the suffering messiah, the divinity of Jesus, and the trinity were the inventions of still later theologians*”. Robert M. Price, a Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, in his recent book, [Jesus Is Dead](#), has argued, “*not only is there no good reason to think that Jesus ever rose from the dead, there is no good reason to suppose that he ever lived or died at all*”.

The Bible calls Christians to be prepared to defend their faith so that they may respond to challenges from skeptics.

## [1 Peter 3:15-16 ESV](#)

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Dr. Douglas Jacoby has [debated](#) *Skeptic Magazine* founder [Michael Shermer](#) on the topics of the existence of God (as witnessed during a brief clip in the movie [Expelled](#)) as well as creation and evolution. He has also [debated](#) Rabbi [Shmuley Boteach](#) and Imam [Shabir Ally](#) on the topic: *Judaism, Christianity or Islam: Which is the True Legacy of Abraham?* He is the author of numerous books, including the recently published [Jesus and Islam](#). Dr. Jacoby has studied at Duke, Oxford, Harvard, London, and Drew. He became a Christian in 1977, and since that time has spoken on a variety of topics in nearly ninety nations. His [website](#) provides details on his worldwide ministry of preaching, teaching, writing, recording, debate, ministerial training, consulting, and extensive correspondence.

As with several of Dr. Jacoby’s previous debates, this debate is sponsored by the Apologetics Research Society, which hosts the [Evidence for Christianity](#) website and is also hosting the [2009 International Christian Evidence Conference](#) in Houston from June 12-14, 2009. Admission to the debate is \$12.00 and advance purchase is encouraged to assure seating availability. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to learn how to better defend the Christian faith!

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