Jesus the Central Jew: His Times and His People

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Not a Jew marginally, but centrally

In this book, LaCocque presents the case that Jesus was totally and unquestionably a Jew. He lived as a Jew, thought as a Jew, debated as a Jew, acted as a Jew and died as a Jew. He had no intention of creating a new religion; rather, he was a reformer of the Judaism of his day. True, his critique went far beyond an intellectual subversion. In fact, Jesus progressively thought of himself as the “Son of Man” inaugurating the advent of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Features:
- Focused attention given to the historical Jesus and not Christianity or Christology
- Addresses restricted sources, namely, the Synoptic Gospels
- Close examination of Jesus's way of thinking, teaching, and behaving