

**THE EARLIEST
SOURCES FOR THE
LIFE OF JESUS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649746057

The earliest sources for the life of Jesus by F. Crawford Burkitt

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

F. CRAWFORD BURKITT

**THE EARLIEST
SOURCES FOR THE
LIFE OF JESUS**

9899 7

THE
EARLIEST SOURCES
FOR THE
LIFE OF JESUS

12

BY
F. CRAWFORD BURKITT D.D., F.B.A.
NORRISIAN PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

NEW AND REVISED EDITION

177268.
CONSTABLE & COMPANY LIMITED 5.1.23.
LONDON BOMBAY SYDNEY

New and Revised Edition 1922

All rights reserved

Printed in Great Britain by Butler & Tanner, Frome and London

CONTENTS

	PAGE
I. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS	7-31
Marks of Genuineness :	
Jewish Topography	18
Jewish Language	22
Jewish Thought	28
II. THE SYNOPTIC PROBLEM	32-46
The Priority of Mark	33
The Identification of Q	38
III. THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK	47-76
The Kingdom of God and the " Son of Man "	56
Influence of the Book of Enoch	64
Outline of the Story as given by Mark	69
IV. POSSIBLE " SOURCES " OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK	77-94
John Mark	80
Inaccuracies :	
Abiathar	85
Jewish Ablutions	86
Date of the Last Supper	87
Simon Peter	89

CONTENTS

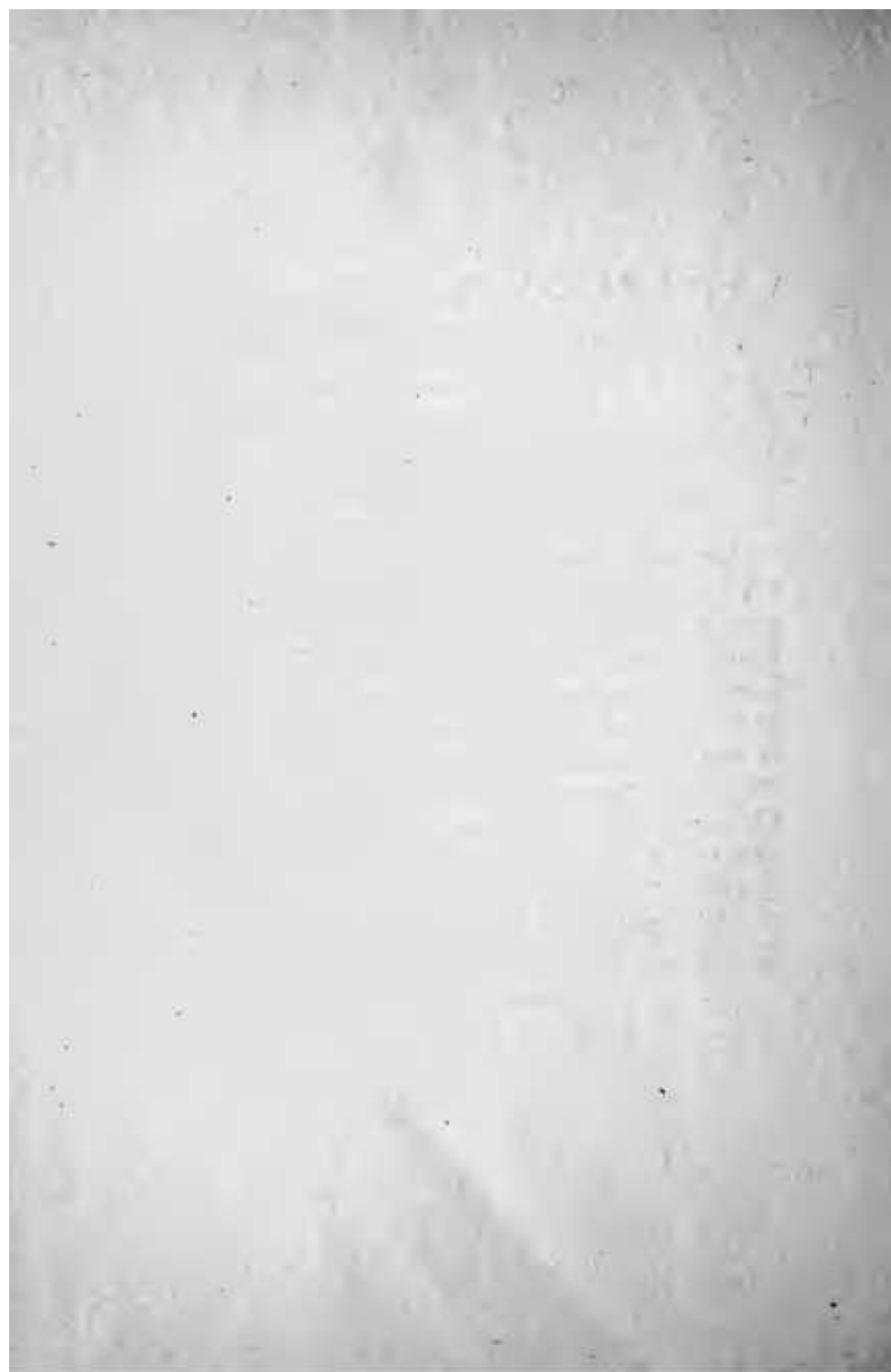
V. THE COMPOSITION OF MATTHEW AND	PAGE
LUKE	95-116
Matthew and Luke contrasted	96
Narrative of the non-Markan Parts of Luke	97
Did Q contain a Passion Story ?	103
The "Peræan Source" of Luke	106
General Faithfulness of Matthew and Luke	109
Matthew's Treatment of Mark	110
Luke's Treatment of Mark	112
NOTE ON RECENT RECONSTRUCTIONS OF "Q"	116
BIBLIOGRAPHY	121-124
EPILOGUE	125

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THIS second edition of *Sources* differs very little from the first, partly because the limited size and scope of the work allowed for little change, but still more because there are very few changes that I wish to make. It may seem to some that I have given excessive space to the Gospel according to Mark, but I am convinced that not even yet is the supreme historical importance of that work sufficiently appreciated either by the general public or by many professed scholars. If my little book has stimulated anyone to study it more closely for themselves, it will not have been written in vain.

F. C. BURKITT.

Cambridge, 1921.



THE EARLIEST SOURCES FOR THE LIFE OF JESUS

I

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

“THE originator of that name,”—Tacitus is speaking of those whom the common people in Rome, as he says, called “Christians” as a term of reproach,—“the originator of that name, one Christus, had been executed in the reign of Tiberius by order of the Administrator, Pontius Pilate.” The contemptuous sentence of the Roman historian¹ is the only information about the life and career of Jesus of Nazareth that has come down to us independently of Christian tradition. So far as it goes, however, it agrees with what we read in the

¹ *Annals*, xv. 44.