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Description:

From *Starred Review* There have been a number of books written about Paul and his relationship to the apostles; to James, the brother of Jesus; and to the early Christian community in Jerusalem. But Tabor, a professor of religion, does a particularly fine job of explaining Paul's unique view of Jesus and how he originated a gospel that had almost nothing to do with the life of Jesus, nor the messianic message as it was understood by Jesus' first followers. Tabor contends that Paul's letters—Corinthians and Romans, especially—are the oldest biblical documents we have dating to Jesus' time; the Gospels and even the Acts of the Apostles came later. Within this time line, it is possible to trace Paul's thinking and to come to an understanding of both Paul's gospel and the schism that developed between Paul and Jesus' apostles. Tabor does very little speculating, keeping

his focus on the texts and placing them within the context of first-century Judaism and early Christianity. The crisp, clear writing gives readers much to consider—especially the fact that it is a Pauline Christianity that most Christians practice today. Tabor writes in the preface that he has spent much of his adult life studying early Christianity in general and Paul in particular. The depth of his scholarship shows, but he also makes this an enjoyable read for those who want to know more about one of history's greatest mysteries. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the edition.

Review "Highly recommended to all interested in the historic roots of Christianity, whether or not they are believers. After Tabor, you will never read the NT in quite the same way." ---Library Journal Starred Review

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