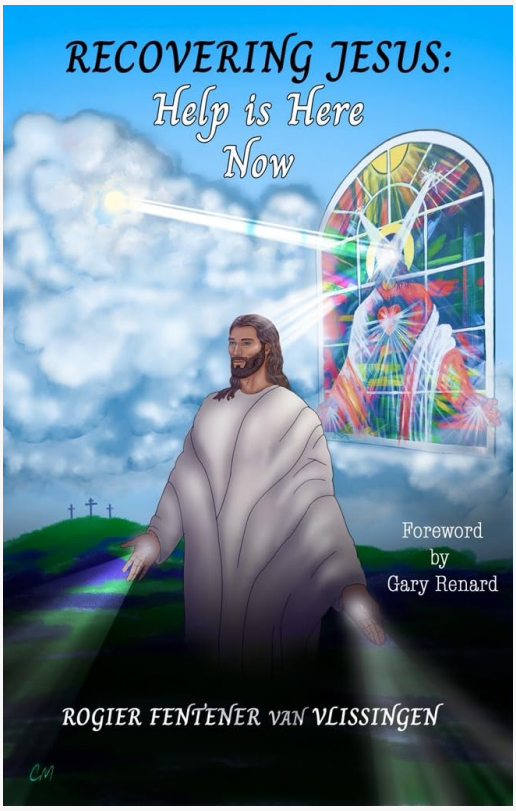
Recovering Jesus Examines Jesus Traditions Outside the Christian Mainstream

Rogier Fentener van Vlissingen draws on decades of study to explore nondual spirituality, early Christian thought, and alternative interpretations of Jesus.



Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now entered worldwide distribution on September 3, 2026.

In the book, Rogier Fentener van Vlissingen examines the relationship between the historical Jesus, early Christian thought, and nondual spirituality. Drawing on more than sixty years of research and personal study, the book brings A Course in Miracles, the Gospel of Thomas, Gnosticism, Sufism, a wide swath of literature, and historical scholarship into conversation. At its center is a provocative question: whether teachings attributed to Jesus may be understood less as the foundation of institutional religion and more as an invitation to spiritual awakening.

In Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now, van Vlissingen explores connections between A Course in Miracles and the Gospel of Thomas, particularly their relationship to ideas of nondual awakening. The book also considers the historical development of Christian doctrine and examines distinctions the author identifies between the early Jesus traditions and those associated with the apostle Paul. Rather than treating established interpretations as the only possible framework, van Vlissingen invites readers to investigate how theology, history, scholarship, and spiritual experience have shaped understandings of Jesus across centuries.

The author's approach reflects decades of engagement with subjects extending beyond conventional biblical study. Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now draws attention to nineteenth-century Dutch Radikalkritik scholarship, including the work of Allard Pierson, Samuel Naber, and author J. W. Kaiser, whose critical approaches questioned traditional assumptions about early Christianity. Van Vlissingen also considers Gnostic traditions, Sufi mysticism, and Ken Wapnick's teachings on A Course in Miracles. These sources form part of a broader inquiry into how

alternative scholarly and mystical perspectives can contribute to discussions surrounding the historical Jesus.

Written for readers of A Course in Miracles, students of the Gospel of Thomas and Gnostic traditions, and those interested in historical Jesus scholarship, Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now encourages careful engagement with questions that may challenge familiar religious assumptions. Van Vlissingen presents his conclusions as part of an interpretive and spiritual investigation, giving readers an opportunity to examine competing understandings for themselves.

The book's focus on nonduality, religious history, and spiritual awakening makes it particularly relevant to readers interested in the intersection between historical inquiry and personal spiritual exploration. Van Vlissingen brings a deeply personal dimension to Recovering Jesus: Help is Here Now while grounding the work in the authors, traditions, and scholarship that have informed his long inquiry.

Featuring a foreword by Gary Renard, author of The Disappearance of the Universe, the book seeks to reopen questions about Jesus that centuries of religious traditions have often failed to answer through established doctrine. By bringing historical criticism and mystical spirituality together, van Vlissingen offers readers an unconventional exploration of what the teachings of Jesus might mean when reconsidered outside familiar institutional boundaries.

At the same time, van Vlissingen has launched a weekly Substack podcast, "Omo & Rogier Study the Course," in collaboration with Nigerian reader Omoyemhe Salami. The first session aired on September 6, 2026, and new sessions are planned for Sunday mornings in New York and Sunday afternoons in Lagos. After early technical difficulties, the communications setup was improved with a Starlink connection and backup battery to provide reliable service. The podcast is available to paid subscribers through van Vlissingen's Substack at https://substack.com/@rogierfvv24 and through Salami's Substack in Nigeria at https://substack.com/@omoyemhesalami.

For more information about the book and its author, please visit: https://recoveringjesus.com

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