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**The Material/Archaeological Evidence Related to Jesus and His Movement
A Selected Bibliography of Readings and Sources**

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