**Turning the World Upside Down:**
*An Ancient Jewish Life of Jesus*

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In Late Antiquity, as Jews encountered more and more Christians, they developed their own stories about Jesus. Building on earlier traditions scattered in the Talmud and Midrash, they assembled a variety of writings known as the *Toledot Yeshu*, or *The Story of Jesus*. Little known in the modern era beyond scholarly circles, these texts contain surprising and fascinating reinterpretations of the relationship between Judaism and Christianity and provide insights into how medieval Jews coped with living under Christian domination.

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