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An Opened Grave: Sherlock Holmes Investigates His Ultimate Case

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There have been various attempts to prove that Sherlock Holmes subscribed to a particular religious faith, usually Christian, and several to claim him for a particular branch of Christianity. An Opened Grave: Sherlock Holmes Investigates His Ultimate Case by L Frank James (The Salt Works, Publishers Design Group Inc, Roseville, CA 95678, USA; \$14.95) is unusually well done. Mr James captures the Doyle-Watson style acceptably (though there's the occasional alien phrase such as a 'flat of rooms'). More importantly he achieves the considerable feat of treating a serious subject — the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — seriously within a story that's both thrilling and funny. With Watson as a Doubting Thomas, Sherlock Holmes takes his search for the truth to the extreme lengths of traveling in space and time to ancient Jerusalem. There's excitement in plenty, and the reasoned arguments for and against the Christian faith are thoroughly stimulating. Like G K Chesterton and C S Lewis, Mr James is a fine storyteller and a notable Christian apologist.

-Roger Johnson, Editor

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