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KIBBUTZ TSUBA, Israel (AFP) - A British archaeologist has uncovered a cave in the mountains near Jerusalem which he believes conclusively proves that the Biblical figure of John the Baptist existed.

"The first concrete evidence of the existence of John the Baptist has been found on site," 46-year-old Shimon Gibson told AFP.

Gibson, who holds a degree from University College London and has written several works on Biblical archaeology, believes the discovery to be "the first archaeological proof of the historical veracity of the Gospels".

Other archaeologists, however, believe Gibson's conclusions go too far, and that the discovery of an ancient place of worship linked to John the Baptist does not prove that he actually existed.

Re: British archaeologist discovers 'John the Baptist' cave near Jerusalem - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/12/7 3:51

Greg

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/7 11:18

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But it could be related to some other ascetic believers or Jewish sect perhaps. Yea but relating it to John the Baptist seems like a very long-shot and has not credible foundation.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/12/7 11:32

Hi Greg

Yes, I just happened to have read the article in the BAC journal. See here for a taster.