

New Facebook Game Explores Life of Jesus

Jesus stars in the best-selling book of all time, but he's never been the star of a video game before.

The first-ever video game based on Jesus, *Journey of Jesus: The Calling*, launched this week from Lightside Games, makers of the popular *Journey of Moses*.

"*Journey of Jesus: The Calling* players walk in the Messiah's steps, in an authentic experience of Israel in Christ's time," explains Brent Dusing, CEO of Lightside Games.

Online social gaming currently attracts 300 million players worldwide. *Journey of Jesus* enters the stage with high-quality graphics, music, gameplay and the latest social features. New players log on to Facebook and type Journey of Jesus: The Calling into the search bar.

Following simple registration steps, at no cost, players begin to choose paths, explore intricate and intriguing game spaces, search for items and artifacts; overcome obstacles; and brush with the era's politics, religious landscape, history and everyday life.

While hundreds of millions worldwide play social games, *Journey of Jesus* is the first invitation to new faith conversations in the gaming world.

"Players want a game that's more than a game; we know that well," Dusing said. "One way we keep fun and interest high is to release new chapters—new ideas and information and challenges—by the week."

Pastor Jack Hayford endorsed the game, saying, "I wouldn't have thought a game could do so much to remind us that Jesus

walked this earth of ours, involved himself with real people and lived with both life's daily-ness and its dramas. *Journey of Jesus: The Calling* is marvelous because it's more than a game."