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LEVINE

Levine, Amy-Jill. ***The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently***. San Francisco, HarperOne, 2020.

Summary: The editors of The Jewish Annotated New Testament show how and why Jews and Christians read many of the same Biblical texts – including passages from the Pentateuch, the Prophets, and the Psalms – differently. Exploring and explaining these diverse perspectives, they reveal more clearly Scripture’s beauty and power. Esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Passages include the creation of the world, the role of Adam and Eve, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the book of Jonah, and Psalm 22, whose words, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,” Jesus quotes as he dies on the cross. Comparing various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological - of each ancient text, Levine and Brettler offer deeper understandings of the original narratives and their many afterlives. They show how the text speaks to different generations under changed circumstances, and so illuminate the Bible’s ongoing significance. By understanding the depth and variety by which these passages have been, and can be, understood, *The Bible With and Without Jesus* does more than enhance our religious understandings, it helps us to see the Bible as a source of inspiration for any and all readers. -- HarperCollins

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ZONDERVAN

Twelve Women of the Bible DVD: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2012.

Summary: Let’s get real! Don’t you just love authentic people? Aren’t you drawn to women who are transparent and real? There is something fresh and wonderful about women who have nothing to hide and who are not ashamed about who they are . . . even the tough parts. In this twelve-session small group journey, taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers, you will meet a group of amazing women in the Bible who are absolutely real. At first you might wonder why God captured these particular stories in the Bible. But, as you press on, you will discover that their raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, sins and brokenness are a real gift to women today. You’ll discover lessons from each of these women that will help you persevere through the circumstances you are facing. Learn how to: Apply biblical lessons to your own modern-day struggles ; Live through your failures as well as your successes ; Draw near to God in a world filled with trials ; Find lasting contentment in every situation ; Overcome rejection and insecurity. Their stories are not fairytales, their road was not easy, and their examples are not perfect. They lived in times and places quite different than ours. Yet they hold up a mirror to our souls that can help us better understand our own story. And in doing so, we find freedom to come to God as we are, with total transparency, honest and real. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Eve: Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth (Lysa TerKeurst) -- Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes (Jonalyn Fincher) -- Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity (Naomi Zacharias) -- Hannah: Surrendering in Waiting (Amena Brown) -- Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships (Elisa Morgan) -- Gomer: Learning to Accept Unconditional Love (Jeanne Stevens) -- Mary, Mother of Jesus: Moving from Comfort to Courage (Jeanne Stevens) -- Mary Magdalene: Transforming from Outcast to Follower (Jonalyn Fincher) -- Mary of Bethany: Putting Our Faith into Action (Elisa Morgan) -- Martha: Finding Our Identity in Jesus (Amena Brown) -- The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages (Lysa TerKuerst) -- The Syrophoenician Woman: Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness (Naomi Zacharias)

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 - The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages (Lysa TerKuerst) -- The Syrophoenician Woman: Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness (Naomi Zacharias) -- Small Group Leader Helps -- About the Presenters and the Writer.

ADULTS
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HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***The Way Audiobook: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: The third volume in Adam Hamilton's Bible study trilogy on the life of Jesus. Travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Fascinating video from his personal travels to the Holy Land give you a "first-person" experience while his biblical wisdom and historical knowledge provide thoughtful and insightful commentary. For personal or small-group study, especially fitting as part of a 40-day churchwide emphasis during Lent and Easter. Resources include book, Leader Guide, DVD, devotional, and materials for youth and children's ministries. The Audiobook CD features reading by Ben Holland. Enter Jerusalem, where Jesus was arrested and crucified. Epilogue: Continue the journey with Jesus' death and Resurrection. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
242.332
HICKLE

Hickle, Steve. ***Triptych 2020: Advent Scripture, Reflection, and Daily Prayer (including Christmas and Epiphany)***. Nashville, TN, WesleyMen, Inc, 2020.

Summary: As an extension of the weekly scripture and devotion offering through the FastPrayGive.org program, we're proud to offer an Advent through Epiphany guide. (November 29th through January 6th) In this project, using selections from the daily readings of the Revised Common Lectionary (Year B) offers a view through the "lens" of three foundational scriptures, Isaiah 58:1-14, Luke 1:46-55, and Luke 4:16-21. Borrowing the name of an art piece of three hinged panels, called a Triptych, each day offers a Triptych of scripture, reflection, and prayer. FastPrayGive.org hopes that this will lead you on a spiritual journey in this season as we remember and rehearse the birth of Jesus and help make your experience enjoyable. --FastPrayGive.org

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248.86
HUGGINS

Huggins, Sid. ***Morning Will Come: Living with Hope in Uncertain Times***. United States, Xulon Press, 2006.

Summary: Morning Will Come addresses our deepest struggles and inspires hope. For individuals and group study, this experienced pastor gives wonderful contemporary examples of the Risen Christ's transforming presence and promises. --Amazon

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253.0954
NOUWEN

Nouwen, Henri J. M. ***In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership***. Cincinnati, OH, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006.

Summary: These reflections flow from Henri Nouwen's involvement with L'Arche, a community dedicated to assisting people with disabilities. Many of the insights he shares in this audiobook come from living and relating with

such vulnerable people. His insights are also based on two stories from the Gospels: Jesus' temptation in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11) and Peter's call to be a shepherd (John 21:15-19). --container

ADULTS 261 CROSSAN Crossan, John Dominic. ***A January Adventure In Emerging Christianity 2010***. St. Simons Island, Ga, January Adventure, 2010.

Summary: John Dominic Crossan speaks on "Gospel Matrix." Paul Raushenbush speaks on "The Social Gospel." --Cover

ADULTS 261 MCLAREN McLaren, Brian D. ***A January Adventure In Emerging Christianity 2012: The Change That Changes Everything***. St. Simons Island, Ga, January Adventure, 2012.

Summary: Brian McLaren and Fr. Richard Rohr speak on "The Change That Changes Everything." --Cover

ADULTS 261.1 EDINGTON Edington, Mark D. W. ***We Shall Be Changed: Questions for the Post-Pandemic Church***. New York, Church Publishing Incorporated, 2020.

Summary: How will we regather the church after the pandemic? The Covid-19 pandemic is an inflection point for the church everywhere—and certainly for the Episcopal Church. The sudden flowering of creativity, connection, and collaboration is an expression of the Holy Spirit's relentless presence within the church; yet ongoing distancing creates difficulties to be overcome on the other side of the present crisis. How will we change habits of isolation and regather the church? How will we manage the impact on church finances? How is God calling us to embrace the energy and creativity of this moment—and the longing people have felt for a return to community? What challenges will we face regathering the people of God, particularly in already weakened communities? *We Shall Be Changed* is a gathering of brief essays from thought leaders around the church on pressing topics that the church needs to be considering now—in preparation for the end of this pandemic. The book is designed to spur conversation within parishes, fellowship groups, and clergy gatherings about how to embrace the gifts this time has given while anticipating and addressing the very real challenges the church will confront in its wake. Contributors: Elise Erikson Barrett, Molly Baskette, Paul-Gordon Chandler, Shane Claiborne, Kelly Brown Douglas, C. Andrew Doyle, Sarah Birmingham Drummond, Mark Edington, Miguel Escobar, Greg Garrett, Lizette Larson-Miller, Lorenzo Lebrija, Jeffrey D. Lee, Andrew B. McGowan, James Murphy, Deanna Thompson, Robert Wright. --Church Publishing

ADULTS 261.8326 MORRIS Morris, Andy. ***FastPrayGive Small Group Study: Ending Hunger By The Means of Grace***. Nashville, TN, WesleyMen, Inc, 2019.

Summary: Chronic malnourishment affects 821 million people in our world today. We grow enough food for everyone. Ours is the first generation on our planet that can end this horrific and intolerable situation. When we involve God and practice means of Grace to align our lives and resources we can deliver compassion and justice to help those persons in need. The World Methodist Council passed a resolution in 2011 calling the people known as Methodist to Fast one meal per week, Pray during that time for world hunger, and Give to those in need. This became a global initiative of the World

Fellowship of Methodist and Uniting Church Men and as a result, launched FastPrayGive.org. This small group study is a resource to aid you in joining this grassroots discipleship movement. --FastPrayGive.org

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270.08
RASMUS

Rasmus, Rudy. *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist.* Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: It's uncertain that Howard Thurman made the remark often attributed to him, "I have been writing this book all my life," but there is little doubt that he was deeply immersed in reflection on the times that bear an uncanny resemblance to the present day, which give voice to the Black Lives Matter movement. Our "life's book" is filled with sentence upon sentence of marginalization, pages of apartheid, chapters of separate and unequal. Now this season reveals volumes of violence against Blacks in America. Ten Black women and men explore life through the lens of compelling personal religious narratives. They are people and leaders whose lives are tangible demonstrations of the power of a divine purpose and evidence of what grace really means in face of hardship, disappointment, and determination. Each of the journeys intersect because of three central elements that are the focus of this book. We're Black. We're Christians. We're Methodists. Each starts with the fact, "I'm Black," but to resolve the conflict of being Christian and Methodist means confronting aspects of White theology, White supremacy, and White racism in order to ground an oppositional experience toward domination over four centuries in America. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

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 - One: I'm (Really) Black. I'm (Amazingly) Christian. I'm Methodist (For Now). /Rudy Rasmus
 - Two: I'm Black. I'm Young. I'm a Woman. And I'm Grieved. /Tori C. Butler
 - Three: I'm BLACK. I'm Kneeling to Stand. /Rodney L. Graves
 - Four: I'm Black. I've Seen. I Remain. /Lillian C. Smith
 - Five: I'm Black. I'm Methodist. I'm Fighting for Racial Reconciliation. /Erin Beasley
 - Six: I'm Black. I'm Pastor of a White Methodist Church. /Justin Coleman
 - Seven: I'm Black. I Stutter. I Teach in a White Church. /Jevon A. Caldwell-Gross
 - Eight: I'm Black. I'm Queer Lesbian. I'm Methodist. I'm Thriving. Irregardless. /Pamela R. Lightsey
 - Nine: I'm Black. I'm Conscious. I'm Your Conscience. /F. Willis Johnson
 - Ten: I'm Black. I'm Methodist. I'm Challenging (To What End)? /Vance P. Ross

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CHRISTIAN

Acting Against Racism: Conversation Guide. Chicago, IL, The Christian Century, 2020.

Summary: Recent police violence against Black people, conflicts over monument removal, and actions by emboldened White supremacists have motivated people of faith to re-engage conversations about racism and specific actions to bring about needed change. It can be difficult to know where to begin the conversation. Therefore, the Century is offering this free resource for pastors, church leaders, Sunday School teachers, and individuals interested in pursuing guided study. This 14-page downloadable guide offers articles from the Century's archives, study questions meant to spark thought and conversation, and specific actions steps to pursue. It is divided into two parts: 1) Think about racism, your role, and how you want to help bring about change, and 2) More steps to alleviate racism. --The Christian Century