

Jesus Chooses His Disciples Sunday School Center 47826

Prayer, the raising of the heart to God, is the heart of the Christian life. For the author of Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, prayer is the habit of being in the presence of God. One of the primary ways Jesus is characterized in Luke's Gospel is that of a pray-er. Likewise in the Acts of the Apostles, the apostles are portrayed being in God's presence. Prayer is the topic of this book; it highlights the passages where Jesus is found praying in the Gospel and where the apostles are found praying in the Acts. From the example Jesus gives in Luke's Gospel, and from the example the apostles give in the Acts of the Apostles, the reader concludes that prayer should be a part of the life of any Christian. If Jesus himself prayed--spoke and listened to God--then how can his followers do any less? This book can be used during the Advent-Christmas Season, the Lenten Season, the Easter Season, and at any time one wants to hone his or her praying skills. This book is especially useful during the period of post-baptismal catechesis for those in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with its focus on spiritual growth through prayer.

This book is about the names given to Jesus by those followers responsible for putting his words and deeds into writing--the earliest "Christian scribes." In the first-century Mediterranean world, the first name of male person was his proper name. The second name indicated the family or clan to which he belonged, whereas the third name was an "honorary title" bestowed on him because of some achievement, good fortune, physical attribute, or "special excellence." Honorary titles were bestowed on Jesus mostly after his death. Such titles were often given to sages. The titles could either amplify Jesus' wisdom and empower people, or serve as

instruments of power. This book aims to demonstrate the ideological and political mystification of Jesus in the transmission of the tradition about him. It illustrates the relevance of --The social history of formative Christianity; --The evolution of the Jesus traditions; --The genre of the gospels as biography; and --The institutionalization of charismatic authority.

Even the best Sunday school teachers struggle against boredom in their classrooms. This sourcebook of new material helps teachers put their own creativity to work through 77 carefully designed ideas for interesting, enriching programs. Illustrated throughout.

Now available in an easy-to-read Large Print edition, the popular NLT Every Man's Bible is designed to help every man develop a fuller, richer relationship with Jesus as he understands what the Scriptures have to say about the challenges he faces. The Every Man's Bible has thousands of notes on topics just for men— work, sex, competition, integrity, and more. This Bible also includes trusted advice from the pros: Stephen Arterburn, Tony Evans, David Jeremiah, Tony Dungy, Chuck Smith, Jr., Dallas Willard, Michael Youssef, Gordon MacDonald, Bill McCartney, J. I. Packer, Joe Stowell, Chuck Swindoll, Henry Blackaby, Stuart Briscoe, Stephen Broyles, Don Everts, John Fischer, Leighton Ford, Ken Gire, Bill Hybels, Greg Laurie, James MacDonald, Josh McDowell, James Robison, and Gary Rosberg. All of the features and notes were written specifically for men. The New Living Translation is an authoritative Bible translation rendered faithfully into today's English from the ancient texts by 90 leading Bible scholars. The NLT's scholarship and clarity breathe life into even the most difficult-to-understand Bible passages—but even more powerful are stories of how people's lives are changing as the words speak directly to their hearts.

The Goal, explains how one can access, dwell and operate in the Kingdom of God, based on

the teaching of Jesus, found in Matthew Chapter 5. Pastor Evans breaks down each Beatitude and offers the reader a step by step guide to access the Kingdom of God. A powerful book that will move each person who reads it into a powerful and fruitful relationship with the Lord, bringing Heaven to Earth. The Goal, is a modern classic drawing the reader back to it again and again for more wisdom and knowledge.

When we think of women who challenged the social norms of their day to bring about change, our thoughts may turn to the suffragettes, such as Millicent Fawcett or Emmeline Pankhurst. Or we may think of the nurses of the Crimean War like Florence Nightingale, who risked everything to care for the dying and who changed nursing forever. These women would have been outstanding in any generation and their work has rightly been covered by many authors. However there is another band of pioneering women, whose work has been forgotten and these are the daughters of Jerusalem. The female disciples of Jesus played a crucial role in establishing the early Church and they did so in a society that was highly oppressive towards women. When the apostles were in hiding, these women bravely walked the Via Dolorosa behind Jesus to Calvary. Mary Magdalene and Salome were the first witnesses of the resurrection and they and the other female disciples went on to evangelise themselves in foreign lands. This is their story.

Includes music.

In 2008, Samuel was asked to teach an adult Bible study on the Gospel of John. He

wanted it to be rich in Bible background and as close as possible to what the Apostle John intended. When the study concluded, he then placed it on his website, TrustinginJesus.com. He has continued to work on this commentary; it has been a work in progress for more than eleven years and is now read by thousands of visitors daily. A Commentary on the Gospel of John has been used by pastors, teachers, missionaries, Bible schools, students, and everyday people from perhaps every country. It is clear and easy to understand and taken directly from the scriptures with no concern for denominational teachings. It does not ramble but goes directly to the point the original writer was making. This commentary is for people of all ages, even the young; and those whose first language is not English will find it informative, entertaining, and of great value. Samuel's prayer is that it will be a blessing to you and your family for many years. About the Author Samuel is the writer and webmaster of TrustinginJesus.com, where he does commentaries, writes Christian articles, conducts Bible studies, and answers questions and prayer requests. His visitors come from every part of the world. He was born again at a very young age. As a teenager, he reaffirmed his salvation and was baptized. He grew up in a Christian family and is forever grateful for his Christian mother and father. In earlier years, he had a regular job, flew airplanes, rode motorcycles, taught Sunday school and Bible studies, and raised three beautiful daughters. In the 1990s, Samuel felt a deep call from the Lord to do a personal in-depth Bible study. Three years later, he closed the Bible and sat quietly with the Holy Spirit

welling up within and barely able to contain the tears of joy. Having gotten a foretaste of our awesome God, he simply said, "What a great and wonderful God we have!" He had acquired a life-changing knowledge and love for God's Word that he could have gotten in no other way. It had increased his craving to know more and was the beginning of more Bible research and studies, but more importantly, it had given him a burning desire to share the Lord Jesus with the world. "Our God is unfathomable, His love, knowledge and power are like eternity, it has no limits. No matter your lot in life, with Him every day is a new beginning" (Samuel Mills). Please visit him at www.trustinginjesus.com.

The Sunday-school World Little Henry's Sunday book, conversations on the life, miracles, and parables of our Saviour, by the editor of 'Pleasant pages'. The Sunday School Journal St. Mark's Gospel Heinemann

Jesus' parting words to his followers were for them to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19). This being the case, shouldn't we be concerned with gaining a full understanding of discipleship from the entire New Testament corpus? Many scholars recognize that the theme of discipleship is found throughout the New Testament, even in Revelation, with all of its symbolism and bizarre imagery. But how does it do this? The focus of this study, through the use of content analysis methodology, is to demonstrate that the theme of discipleship is not only found in the Apocalypse, but is also exceedingly relevant for Christians today. In many parts of the

world Jesus' disciples are facing opposition and persecution for their testimony to Jesus Christ. It would do Christians well to read the book of Revelation once again. As they read it this time through the eyes of the oppressed, the content of the book will prove extremely valuable to aid disciples of Jesus in their efforts to "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" (Rev 14:4), no matter what the cost.

Examines the biblical record to provide facts about the lives of the twelve apostles, proving information about each apostle's family, character, personality, ministry, and the unique aspect of his service to God.

This title covers many of the key topics taught in classrooms today.

Have you ever wondered about the Disciples journey as individuals, with Jesus and after Jesus ascension to heaven? This book reveals to you, not only Jesus journey, His miracles, signs and wonders, but the Disciples journey as individuals. So, if you are a new disciple, want to be a disciple, or have been a disciple for many years, this book is for you.

To the unstudied eye, St. Matthew's gospel can seem a terse narrative, almost a historical document and not the tremendously spiritual (and doctrinal) storehouse that it is. In his third volume of meditations on Matthew (chapters 19-25), Erasmo Leiva continues to show Matthew's prose to be not terse so much as economical--astoundingly so given its depth. The lay reader can derive great profit from reading this. Each short meditation comments on a verse or two, pointing to some facet

of the text not immediately apparent, but rich with meaning. Leiva's work is scholarly but eminently approachable by the lay reader. The tone is very much of "taste and see how good the Lord is" and an invitation of "friend, come up higher!." The goal of the book is to help the reader experience the heat of the divine heart and the light of the divine Word. Leiva comments on the Greek text, demonstrating nuances in the text that defy translation. He uses numerous quotes from the Fathers and the Liturgy of the Church to demonstrate the way the Tradition has lived and read the Word of God. His theological reflection vivifies doctrine by seeking its roots in the words and actions of Jesus.

Restores the historical context of the gospels and the Jewish nature of the message of Christ • Uses the latest historical findings to explore the life of Jesus in its true historical setting • Shows that Jesus was a Jewish teacher who sought to restore dignity to the ostracized members of his society The canonical gospels were in large part written by authors who were not eyewitnesses to the events they described, and their writings were slanted to fill the needs of the new Church. As a result, a huge gulf exists between the Christ of the Christian church and the historical Jesus. In Jesus the Rabbi Prophet scholar and historian Jacques Baldet seeks to restore the historical context and true nature of the Jewish society in which Jesus lived, and through which his actions assume on an entirely different meaning. The research of modern historians has shed much new light on the historical circumstances at work in Judaea and the Roman

provinces that Jesus knew. Looking at the life of Jesus in its broader historical setting has given Jacques Baldet answers to many of the questions that have puzzled historians, such as when did Jesus really live and what was the true nature of his family, convictions, and spiritual beliefs. From this vibrant and highly informed perspective the deeper story of the man from Galilee emerges: Rabbi Jesus was both a Jew imbued with the monotheistic teaching of the Torah and a visionary who preached of the kingdom within. Viewed in their proper historical context, the Stations of the Passion and Christ's betrayal by Judas and death on Calvary take on a new light. Baldet shows that the true life and original message of Jesus were concealed beneath the literary creations that primarily reflected the agenda of the early Church. Jesus was not trying to start a new religion. He was a Jewish teacher who sought to reform the faith of his fathers by restoring dignity to the unfortunate and ostracized members of his society.

This five-session video-based small group bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately) by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume seven of the That the World May Know series. In this volume, Vander Laan helps you experience how the disciples translated Jesus' call to passionate discipleship into language and imagery the Roman culture already understood. Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and

geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. Each lesson:
Focuses on passages of Scripture explored in the DVD Includes sidebars, maps, photos and other study tools Features questions that facilitate discussion and inspire personal reflection Includes 25 personal Bible studies to help you deepen your learning experience between sessions, and turn lessons from the past into applications that impact how you live out your faith today. Filmed on location in Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, Lystra, and Cappadocia, these illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. The Faith Lessons video series is ideal for use in small groups, personal and family Bible studies, and adult Sunday school. Individual believers and families will gain vital insights from long-ago times and cultures through this innovative approach to Bible study. Lessons include: Run! The Passion of Elijah – Filmed in Aphrodisias Learning to Walk Like Jesus – Filmed in Antioch Pisidia An Unlikely Disciple – Filmed in Lystra Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane – filmed in Cappadocia Don't Forget Us – filmed on location in Cappadocia Designed for use with the Walk As Jesus Walked Video Study (sold separately).

Lessons for Living (volume 2) is a curriculum designed to help Christian leaders

shepherd, mentor, and disciple others in the various aspects of evangelism as prescribed in God's Word. This study offers weekly reminders about the doctrine of evangelism and real-life application and scenarios that Christians face each day as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Lessons for Living encourages readers to spend time in the Word of God, and can be used individually or within study groups, discipleship groups, Sunday School classes, weekly Bible Studies, or life-enrichment groups. Our desire is that these lessons, each outlined with a Key Verse, Discussion Questions, and a Final Thought to Remember, encourage each reader to dig deeper into the Word of God.

Jesus Shows God's Love is the story of Jesus choosing his twelve disciples and the mission he and his disciples were on, spreading God's word. Young readers read about Jesus and his disciples as they travel the holy land, spreading the message of God's great love for his people.

With a historian's precision, Luke's Gospel shows painstaking care both in detail and in expression. Of equal distinction is the universal appeal of the Gospel. Barclay's insightful comments help each of us to see the infinitude of God's love through Luke's eyes. For almost fifty years and for millions of readers, the Daily Study Bible commentaries have been the ideal help for both devotional and serious Bible study. Now, with the release of the New Daily Study Bible, a new

generation will appreciate the wisdom of William Barclay. With clarification of less familiar illustrations and inclusion of more contemporary language, the New Daily Study Bible will continue to help individuals and groups discover what the message of the New Testament really means for their lives. -- Book cover.

Many Christians are unable to give the names, or many details, of Jesus' twelve disciples and yet we can learn many lessons from their lives. Each of them had his own personality but Jesus was able to change and use them in the service of the Kingdom of God. They had faults like we do. They were a mixed bunch of people, each with their own gifts and struggles. God calls all sorts of people, and we cannot forget that Jesus was selecting men for a leadership role in the early church. We can use the example of the apostles to inspire and teach us. This is a tremendously useful book that will have a place on many a minister's bookshelf. From Andrew through to Judas, Ian Fleck's survey is detailed but accessible and never dry. This is a timely book, coming at a time when many in the church are speaking of the need for discipleship, yet, all too often, little or nothing is ever said of the first disciples. This book opens up their lives to us. Rev. Dr. Paul Bailie Chief Executive, Mission Africa (Working in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Chad and Kenya) Inspired by material concerning the Twelve disciples which he has assembled from the Four Gospels, and in interaction with other Scripture texts

and some ancient traditions, Ian Fleck in this series of meditations has succeeded in deriving, from the lives of Jesus' chosen followers, challenging, inspirational and practical lessons for readers to apply in discipleship of Christ today. Rev Dr. Gordon Campbell Professor of New Testament, Union Theological College, Belfast

The Courts of Heaven in God's Answer to Crisis! There are times where we don't know what to do, or where to go. As people, we have run out of solutions and we are faced with crisis. Maybe an incurable illness? Perhaps a financial meltdown. Everything from relationship troubles to global uncertainty, crisis impacts everyone. Robert Henderson provides a prophetic solution that empowers you to come before the Courts of Heaven and receive victory over your current crisis. Receive revelatory teaching and pray anointed prayers that empower you to: Crush Satan under your feet through walking in perfect peace. Access 4 realms of powerful prayer that defeat anxiety. Discover the secret of persistent prayer that secures results. Unlock the supernatural power of thanksgiving with the Lord's Supper. Learn how to properly "Ask God" when you stand in His courts. Crisis was never meant to overwhelm or overcome believers. Discover how to rise up in the middle of whatever crisis you face, overcome fear, defeat anxiety and crush Satan under your feet!

Finding Me in Him is a powerful, compelling, and deeply personal collection of reflections on scripture, family, and the purpose that comes with discovering your God-

worth. It is brimming with potent lessons and an insatiable passion for a life in Christ that is as infectious as it is inspiring. After being diagnosed with cancer, Nichole Forbes began to realize how precious life is and felt compelled to share the lessons she has learned along the way. This book combines carefully selected passages from the Bible with personal anecdotes and observations brought together seamlessly by an author who happily describes herself as a work in progress, because "God isn't finished with me yet!"

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