

The Rich Farmer Stories Jesus Told

We all want a place where our stories matter, our voices are heard, our uniqueness is celebrated, our failures are embraced, and our hopes are unleashed. That kind of deep, life-changing community was modeled perfectly by Jesus and the ragged bunch of disciples with whom he chose to spend his time. But how can we create it in our lives? Using the relationship of Jesus to his disciples in the upper room, Bill Donahue presents a simple but compelling approach to community life that was modeled by Jesus and offered to us all today. Using a table, a towel, and the truth, Jesus created an "irresistible community" where everyone finds a place to belong, live fully in the truth, and serve others with joy. Foreword by Dr. Henry Cloud.

This richly illustrated book, with a collection of 365 bible stories, selected from the Old & New Testament. Starting right from the Creation of the world till the Revelation by Christ, the text is retold in simple words that would help a child gain better understanding of the stories and in turn help him imbibe the true essence of the bible. With stories about miracles performed by God and Jesus Christ, 365 Bible Stories teaches kids about the importance of good behaviour and imparts wisdom.

This book looks at the connection between character and calling. Authority resides in a believer, not in one big bundle, but rather in the smaller compartments of their character. The recent moral failures of certain ministries were not because of their evil nature but rather indicated a lack of mature character in one or more areas. Immaturity is not evil, neither is maturity purity. Our destiny is to think like, look like, and act like Jesus. Where areas in our character have not been converted, immaturity and carnality dominate our thoughts and therefore our actions. This book is designed to be an incite into our own journey into maturity and purity. The abundance of scripture is allows the reader to hear God's point of view on each characteristic and to allow an impartation for change in those areas. The personal stories are there to show that even ordinary people can partake of His divine nature and affect their world.

An illustrated collection of 365 stories retold from the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

3 Very Cool Stories and Why Jesus Told Them

A Disciple's Path: Daily Workbook

Jesus for Farmers and Fishers

The Irresistible Community Designer Genes

The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday's Texts, The Third Readings: Surprising Ways Popular Bible Stories Are Misunderstood

Christianity is one of the world's great religions, with more than two thousand years of history and over two billion adherents worldwide. But what is Christianity? Where did it come from? How did it develop to its current forms? What doctrines do Christians affirm? What ethical norms do they endorse? What relationships between church and state do they champion, and why? What changes have transpired for the faith over the centuries? And what new challenges does Christianity face in the contemporary world? These and other questions are addressed in Michael Robinson's Christianity: A Brief History. After a concise description of the social, political, and religious world of first-century Palestine, the text quickly examines the Jesus of history and tradition, including Jesus' impact upon his first-century followers; the narrative then moves to describe the expansions and developments of Christianity through the ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary eras. Along the way, readers learn of the varied beliefs, mores, rituals, struggles, and triumphs of the faith, as well as of the spiritual heights and moral blunders of its people. Robinson's intention is to introduce Christianity through its story and through those who lived it. One morning, Rabbit discovers a birthday parcel addressed to him. Inside is a Bible and on the flyleaf is written 'Read Me'. As he wonders at this odd present a brightly painted gypsy-style caravan hurtles down the road... and narrowly misses him. Rabbit picks up the book and joins the caravan travellers - Fred the horse, Caravan Bear and Whitby (female) the dog. The Animal's Caravan, has echoes of children's classics such as Wind in the Willows and Alice in Wonderland as Rabbit leaves his home to set out on an unexpected journey - a journey to find friendship and make sense of the world around him. He also finds himself on a journey of faith as he and his new friends wrestle with some of the often difficult concepts in the bible, thereby gaining fresh insights and understanding of God's loving involvement and care for the world. The travelling life of the caravan and its occupants provide the opportunity for Rabbit to share these tales with other animals they meet and they join Caravan Bear, Whitby and Freddie in listening - and learning from - the stories. He is frequently interrupted by questions from his listeners, the kind of questions any child - or adult - might ask. The real and often humorous events that happen to Rabbit and his friends are mirrored by the stories from the Bible enabling children to realise that the stories have relevance and meaning today.

These lessons help kids know who Jesus is and then respond by following him, worshipping him, and telling others about him. A 52-week Bible Journey—Just for Kids!Route 52™ is a Bible-based journey that will take kids through the Bible every year from age 3 to 12. Every lesson features: Scripturally based themes Culturally relevant, hands-on activities Age-appropriate Bible-learning challenges Reproducible Life-application activity pages Route 52™ Bible lessons will help kids learn the Bible and how to apply it to their lives at their own level of spiritual development. These reproducible Bible lessons are appropriate for Bible school, children's church, youth group, kids club, and midweek Bible study programs.

Parables of Jesus are stories about everyday life, ranging from a person's worldview to economic justice in society. This book examines most parables of Jesus from a critical literary perspective. Twenty-three narrative parables in the Synoptic Gospels are rearranged by their source: Markan parables, Q parables, Matthean unique parables, Lukan unique parables. Each parable invites readers to reengage Jesus's stories in the contemporary world.

The Rich Farmer

God Designed the Seeds of Your Character to Create Your Destiny

A Comprehensive Guide to the Parables of Jesus

Insights

The Good News

The Substance of Faith

Jesus's Truth

The Children's Bible in 365 StoriesDavid C Cook

According to Luise Schottröf and Wolfgang Stegemann, the search for the historical Jesus has been marked by the tendency to isolate Jesus from his disciples and from Judaism. They argue, however, that Jesus is inseparable from his first disciples and from the indigent Jews who made up the earliest Jesus movement. Understood in the context of his following, Jesus emerges from Schottröf and Stegemann as a Jew who not only proclaimed the reign of God in a unique way but who was himself a symbol of hope for the poor and oppressed of his time. This exciting socio-historical interpretation of the Jesus movement focuses chiefly on the earliest Jesus tradition, the Sayings-source, and the Gospel of Luke. Students, teachers of New Testament studies, and anyone who wants to explore Jesus's life context will be challenged by this book.

The 7 Sins of His Defective People takes an honest look at each of the seven deadly sins and the virtues that are needed to overcome each. The intensely practical book offers Jewish applications for overcoming the sins. The concise and touching writing style offers appropriate illustrations and stories to support the themes and principles presented. The good news is that the seven sins can be defeated and the seven virtues can be cultivated to build Christian character, leading one into a lifestyle that is pleasing to God.

What would it take for you to make a radical change in the way you earn, save, and spend your money? On a deeper level, what would be required for us to experience a fundamental shift in the relationship between our faith and our finances? From the Introduction Faith and finances—these two areas of our lives sometimes seem poles apart. And yet, shouldn’ t our finances be shaped by our faith? Guided by the Bible and the timeless wisdom of John Wesley, popular author James A. Harnish challenges Christians to face the issue of money head-on, with God’s help. Ideal for individual or group use, this book’s contents include: When Crisis Forces Change Gain All You Can: A New Opportunity Save All You Can: The New Frugality Give All You Can: A New Generosity

Strength for the Broken Places

Why You?

25 Lessons for the Daily Vacation Bible School. Primary Department

Other Cotton Patch Sermons

Light to My Path

52 Bible Lessons from the Life of Christ for Ages 6-8

Jesus and the Hope of the Poor

Many devotionals are in circulation; no other should be introduced just to increase their number. This devotional is unique in a number of ways, including: a) It is written in English that is simple enough for a 5-year old to understand, yet parents are not bored studying it. This devotional has struck a wonderful balance and completely avoided oversimplification and difficult presentation style; b) This devotional has subject areas from Genesis to Revelation and each subject is simplified – with explanations and examples; c) It is family-based, family-friendly and totally inter-denominational, avoiding areas of doctrinal controversies; d) Selected passages and associated titles cover a wide variety of human behavior, activities and relationships; e) God’s intervention in the affairs of mankind as individuals, families, communities and nations is brought to light and relevance for today; f) This devotional was planned to be a resource-cum-reference material for daily reading and study for a year by family members.

It's Okay to Laugh with Jesus as one that God who loves to laugh because he's proud of his perfect world and loves the people he put in it. He laughs at the folly of humankind that rejects him and rewards faithfulness rather than success. He laughs at a mother as she cuddles her newborn, a baby's giggle, a father tucking a blanket under his son's chin and praying him to sleep. God laughs at the folly of humankind that rejects his love and at the devil knowing his doom is sealed. Those who laugh with Jesus enter a world of smiles and surprises. Starting the adventure costs nothing; living it costs everything. It's easy to become a Christian and difficult to live like one. Once the adventure begins, the awareness shifts from ownership to service, from selfishness to sacrifice, from world-thinking to heaven thinking. Goals change, values deepen, and variables that make no earthly sense develop eternal significance. Where did we ever get the idea that sorrow, sadness and skepticism represent the Christian religion? Not from God. He laughs with a world of people who live and die laughing all the way to heaven. When we laugh with God, the sorrows of life blend with joy; anxiety is calmed with forgiveness; and heartache balances against happiness. In a book of fun and surprises, It's Okay to Laugh with Jesus reveals how, and what, sharpens the faith that brings us closer to our God than we ever thought possible. And when we laugh with him, he knows we're getting it. What a delightful way to spend an hour, a day, a lifetime laughing with Jesus.

The renowned biblical scholar, author of The Misunderstood Jew, and general editor for The Jewish Annotated New Testament interweaves history and spiritual analogy to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers. Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity and have often allowed anti-Semitism and misogyny to color their perspectives. In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Amy-Jill Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narratives. In Short Stories by Jesus, she analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

Postils for Preaching reprintsinates an old term for commentaries on the appointed texts by assisting preachers in their time-honored calling of preaching the Word. "Post illa," some think, probably refers to the reflecting "after this" (meaning upon the texts) that preachers must do in the context of the lives of their congregations and larger communities. These essays do not aim to be sermons but sermon-starters, goals and incitements to consider the assigned texts with serious imagination and good humor, all in the context of the church year and its inter-textual connections. The intention of this publication is to dip into a lifetime of that exegetical and homiletical "bag of tricks" as Jesus himself obliquely recommended when he noted how "every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Matt 13:52). Please consider these postils a "thesaurus" ("treasury") from which to borrow insights, references, and allusions as needed and found of value.

An Invitation to Life Together

Many Things in Parables

Investments of Time for Life in Eternity

A Disciple's Path Daily Workbook

Hurlbut's Story of the Bible

Uncovering the Lost Relevance of Jesus

Taking Caesar out of Jesus

Here is a commentary that doesn't read like a commentary but like letters from a good friend. Here is the exciting truth of the New Testament Scriptures wrapped in the warm, personal style of one of America's best-loved Bible teachers. Study the first half of the New Testament, from Matthew through Galatians, in digestible sections that emphasize personal application as well as biblical content. And be spiritually enriched as have hundreds of thousands of other pastors, teachers, and students of the Word who have brought the people, places, history, and teachings of the New Testament to life in the pages of the Bible Exposition Commentary. This first volume is a compilation of the following books: and Be Loyal Matthew Be Dynamic Acts 1-12 Be Diligent Mark Be Daring Acts 13-28 Be Compassionate Luke 1-13 Be Right Romans Be Courageous Luke 14-24 Be Wise 1 Corinthians Be Alive John 1-12 Be Encouraged 2 Corinthians Be Transformed John 13-21 Be Free Galatians

Moments with Jesus is a daily devotional presenting one central thought per week with six supporting Scripture references to build on that thought, all through the week.

James A. Harnish, from the Introduction: "I'm broken. So are you. We're all broken people who live in a broken world. The critical question is, how do we find strength to put broken things back together again? This book is an invitation to touch the scars that mark the broken places in our lives, in the same way the risen Christ invited a doubting disciple to touch the nail scars in his hands. It is a challenge to explore some of the dark places in our human experience, to uncover the sinister power of sin, and to experience the light of God's grace."

While working with Zig Ziglar, the author observed how his positive, successful living message not only helped people improve their lifestyles, it also led many to recognize their spiritual needs. Similarly, "Why You?" will lead readers to discover that the Bible overflows with simple, common-sense teaching on how to live successfully, even in today's chaotic world. For example, what Proverbs 1:3 says about the proverbs themselves can be applied to the whole Bible: "Their purpose is to teach people how to live discipline." Foundational principle of this book. It says, "We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." In summary, readers will learn the "good things" which give life purpose: how to develop successful life skills; and how to deal with life's issues. The title of the book asks the question: "Why You?" The subtitle answers it: "You Are God's Masterpiece. Designed to Succeed in His World!" You can live with purpose as God's masterpiece!

One Hundred and Sixty-eight Stories, Each Complete in Itself, and Together Forming a Connected Narrative of the Holy Scripture

Colouring Book

Adventures through the Bible with Caravan Bear and friends

Bringing Reading Meaning to Daily Bible Reading: Helping Even Children Read the Bible Daily and Understand It

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Are You Sure You Know What Your Favorite Bible Stories Mean? A surprising number of popular Bible stories are commonly misused or misunderstood, even by well-intentioned Christians. In this concise yet thorough book, Eric J. Bargerhuff helps you fully understand the meaning of David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish, the Woman Caught in Adultery, and other well-known Bible stories. Providing fascinating historical and scriptural insights, Bargerhuff helps you sort through messy stories and grasp their original meaning and purpose for us today.

To read 'The Substance of Faith' is once again to experience Clarence Jordan at his best: the flashing wit that could illuminate even as it entertained, the blazing concern that knew how to lay its burden on the heart of even the casual listener, the biting irony that pierced sham and pretense, the depth of spirit that saw fresh meaning in the most familiar passage of Scripture. Within the pages of this book, you'll discover the basic themes of Clarence Jordan's life: 'Incarnational Evangelism' and the enemies of authentic faith, such as Mammon. Dallas Lee has brought all this together from what Clarence Jordan said in pulpit, classroom, and lecture hall.

The Rich Farmer grew more and more corn until his barns were bursting. Is he clever, or just really silly?

In this splendid introduction to the elusive rhetorical device central to the New Testament picture of Jesus, Charles Hedrick explores the nature of the parable and its history of use. He asks basic questions such as, what is a parable? is Jesus really the author of the parables? and what does a parable mean? and then reviews a range of sources--from Aesop's fables to modern New Testament scholarship--to answer them. He also surveys the various ways the parables have been used, examples of each method and delineating their strengths and weaknesses.

Life in Parables

The Gospels

The 7 Sins of Highly Defective People

For Home, School, Church and Platform ; Recitations, Readings, Plays, Drills, Tableaux, Etc. ; Explained by Special Pose Pictures, ...

Postils for Preaching

Stories with Intent

It's Okay to Laugh with Jesus

Winner of the 2009 Christianity Today Award for Biblical Studies, *Stories with Intent* offers pastors and students a comprehensive and accessible guide to Jesus' parables. Klyne Snodgrass explores in vivid detail the historical context in which these stories were told, the part they played in Jesus' overall message, and the ways in which they have been interpreted in the church and the academy. Snodgrass begins by surveying the primary issues in parables interpretation and providing an overview of other parables—often neglected in the discussion—from the Old Testament, Jewish writings, and the Greco-Roman world. He then groups the more important parables of Jesus thematically and offers a comprehensive treatment of each, exploring both background and significance for today. This tenth anniversary edition includes a substantial new chapter that surveys developments in the interpretation of parables since the book's original 2008 publication. Many pastors are confused about what to say during children's time in churches. Feasting on the Word Children's Sermons for Year C offers practical suggestions for preparing and delivering the children's sermon. After explaining the purpose of the children's sermon, noted Christian educator Carol Wehrhenn provides a story for each Sunday of the church year based on the Revised Common Lectionary. In addition, a few stories are provided for special moments in the church's life, such as when a mission group is commissioned, church leaders ordained, a death occurs. This resource provides pastors and other church leaders with fresh, engaging stories that children will understand and enjoy.

This classic is organized as follows: Introduction: The Purpose and Plan of This Book Part First: Stories From the First Five Books in the Bible 1. The Story of a Beautiful Garden (Genesis i: 1, to iii: 24) 2. The First Baby in the World and His Brother (Genesis iv: 1 to 18) 3. The Great Ship That Saved Eight People (Genesis v: 1, to ix: 17) 4. The Tower That Was Never Finished (Genesis x: 1, to xi: 9) 5. The Story of a Long Journey (Genesis xi: 27, to xiii: 18) 6. How Lot's Choice Brought Trouble and Abram's Choice Brought Blessing (Genesis xiv: 1, to xvr: 21) 7. The Angel by the Well (Genesis xvii: 1, to xviii: 27) 8. The Rain of Fire That Fell on a City (Genesis xviii: 1, to xix: 30) 9. The Boy Who Became an Archer (Genesis xxi: 1, to 21) 10. How an Angel's Voice Saved a Boy's Life (Genesis xxii: 1, to xxiii: 20) 11. The Story of a Journey After a Wife (Genesis xxiv: 1, to xxv: 18) 12. How Jacob Stole His Brother's Blessing (Genesis xxv: 27, to xxvii: 46) 13. Jacob's Wonderful Dream (Genesis xxviii: 46, to xxx: 24) 14. A Midnight Wrestling Match (Genesis xxxi: 25, to xxxiii: 20) 15. The Rich Man's Son Who Was Sold as a Slave (Genesis xxxvii: 1 to 36) 16. From the Prison to the Palace (Genesis xli: 1, to xlii: 44) 17. How Joseph's Dream Came True (Genesis xlii: 46, to xliiv: 24) 19. From the Land of Famine to the Land of Plenty (Genesis xlv: 25, to l: 26) 20. The Beautiful Baby Who Was Found in a River (Exodus i: 1, to ii: 22) 21. The Voice From the Burning Bush (Exodus iii: 1, to iv: 31) 22. The River That Ran Blood (Exodus iv: 28, to xv: 28) 23. The Night When a Nation Was Born (Exodus xii: 1, to xiii: 22) 24. How the Sea Became Dry Land and the Sky Rained Bread (Exodus xiv: 1 to xvi: 36) 25. The Mountain That Smoked and Words That Were Spoken From It (Exodus xvii: 1, to xxvii: 18) 26. How Aaron Made a Golden Calf and What Became of It (Exodus xxxii: 1, to xxviii: 35) 27. The Tent Where God Lived Among His People (Exodus xxxvi: 1, to xl: 38) 28. How They Worshipped God in the Tabernacle (Leviticus i: 1 to 13; xviii: 20, 21) 29. What Strong Drink Brought to Aaron's Sons (Leviticus xvi: 1, to 11) 30. The Scapogat in the Wilderness (Leviticus xvii: 1 to 34) 31. The Cluster of Grapes From the Land of Canaan (Numbers iii: 1, to iv: 45) 32. How the Long Journey of the Israelites Came to an End (Numbers xii: 1, to xxiii: 1) 33. What a Wise Man Learned From an Ass (Numbers xxii: 2, to xxv: 18; xxvii: 1 to 9) 34. How Moses Looked Upon the Promised Land (Numbers xxvii: 1 to 4, 63 to 65; xxviii: 1 to 42; Deuteronomy xxxi: 1, to xxvii: 12) 35. The Story of Job (Job i: 1, to ii: 13; xliii: 1 to 17) Part Second: Stories of Joshua and the Judges 1. The Story of a Scarlet Cord (Joshua i: 1, to ii: 24) 2. How the River Jordan Became Dry, and the Wall of Jericho Fell Down (Joshua iii: 1, to vi: 27) 3. The Story of a Wedge of Gold (Joshua vii: 1, to viii: 35) 4. How Joshua Conquered the Land of Canaan (Joshua ix: 1, to xii: 23) 5. The Old Man Who Fought Against the Giants (Joshua xiv: 1, to xix: 51) 6. The Avenger of Blood, and the Cities of Refuge (Joshua xv: 1, to xvi: 45) 7. The Story of an Altar Beside the River (Joshua xxii: 1, to xviii: 33) 8. The Present That Ehud Brought to King Eglon (Judges i: 1, to iii: 31) 9. How a Woman Won a Great Victory (Judges iv: 1, to v: 31) 10. Gideon and His Brave Three Hundred (Judges vi: 1, to viiii: 28) 11. Jephthah's Rash Promise and What Came From It (Judges viii: 33, to xi: 40) 12. The Strong Man: How He Lived and How He Died (Judges xiii: 1, to xvii: 31) 13. The Idol Temple at Dan and Its Priest (Judges xiv: 1, to xviii: 31) 14. How Ruth Gleaned in the Field of Boaz (Ruth i: 1, to iv: 22) 15. The Little Boy With a Linen Coat (I Samuel i: 1, to ii: 21) 16. How the Idol Fell Down Before the Ark (I Samuel iv: 1, to viii: 17) 17. The Last of the Judges (I Samuel v: 2 to 17) 18. The Tall Man Who Was Chosen King (I Samuel viii: 1, to x: 17) Part Third: Stories of the Three Great Kings of Israel 1. How Saul Saved the Eyes of the Men of Jabesh (I Samuel xi: 1, to xii: 25) 2. The Brave Young Prince (I Samuel xiii: 1, to xiv: 46) 3. Saul's Great Sin and His Great Loss (I Samuel xv: 1 to 35) 4. The Shepherd Boy of Bethlehem (I Samuel xvi: 1 to 23) 5. The Shepherd Boy's Fight With the Giant (I Samuel xviii: 1 to 54) 6. The Little Boy Looking for the Arrows (I Samuel xviii: 55, to xx: 42) 7. Where David Found the Giant's Sword (I Samuel xxii: 1, to xxvii: 12) 9. The Last Days of King Saul (I Samuel xxviii: 1, to xxxi: 13) 10. The Shepherd Boy Becomes a King (II Samuel i: 1, to iv: 12) 11. The Sound in the Treetops (II Samuel v: 1, to vi: 29) 12. The Cripple at the King's Table (II Samuel viii: 1, to ix: 13) 13. The Prophet's Story of the Little Lamb (II Samuel xii: 1 to 25; Psalm 51) 14. David's Handsome Son, and How He Stole the Kingdom (II Samuel xiii: 1, to xviii: 23) 15. Absalom in the Wood; David on the Throne (II Samuel xvii: 24, to xx: 26) 16. The Angel With the Drawn Sword on Mount Moriah (II Samuel xxiv: 1 to 25; I Chronicles xii: 1 to 27) 17. Solomon on David's Throne (I Kings i: 1 to 19) 2. The King Who Led Israel to Sin, and the Prophet Who Was Slain by a Lion (I Kings ii: 25 , to xiv: 20; xv: 25 to 32) 3. The Prophet Who Raised a Boy to Life (I Kings xv: 33, to xvii: 24) 4. The Prayer That Was Answered in Reign (I Kings xviii: 1 to 46) 5. The Voice That Spoke to Elijah in the Mount (I Kings xix: 1 to 21) 6. The Wounded Prophet and His Story (I Kings xx: 1 to 29) 8. The Arrow That Killed a King (I Kings xxii: 1 to 40) 9. Elijah's Chariot of Fire (Kings i: 1, to ii: 15) 10. A Spring Sweetened by Salt, and Water That Looked Like Blood (II Kings ii: 19, to iii: 27) 11. The Pot of Oil and the Pot of Poison (II Kings iv: 1 to 7; iv: 38 to 44; vi: 1 to 7) 12. The Little Boy at Shunem (II Kings v: 8 to 37) 13. How a Little Girl Helped to Cure a Leper (II Kings v: 1 to 27) 14. The Chariots of Fire Around Elisha (II Kings vi: 8 to 23) 15. What the Lepers Found in the Camp (II Kings vi: 24, to viii: 20) 16. Jehu, the Furious Driver of His Chariot (II Kings viii: 7 to 15; ix: 1, to x: 36) 17. Elisha and the Bow; Jonah and Nineveh (II Kings xiii: 1 to 25; Jonah i: 1, to iv: 11) 18. How the Ten Tribes Were Lost (II Kings xv: 8, to xvii: 41) Part Fifth: Stories of the People and Kingdom of Judah 1. The First Four Kings of Judah (II Chronicles xii: 1, to xx: 37) 2. The Little Boy Who Was Crowned King (II Chronicles xpi: 1, to xxiv: 27) 3. Three Kings and a Great Prophet (II Chronicles xxv: 1, to xxviii: 27; Isaiah vi) 4. The Good King Hezekiah (II Kings xxviii: 1, to xxx: 21; II Chronicles xxix: 1, to xxxiii: 22) 5. The Lost Book Found in the Temple (II Kings xxix: 1, to xxxiii: 25; II Chronicles xxxiii: 1, to xxxv: 27) 6. The Last Four Kings of Judah and the Weeping Prophet (II Kings xxxiii: 31, to xxv: 22; II Chronicles xxxvi: 1 to 21; Jeremiah xxii: 10 to 12; xxiv: 1 to 10; xxix: 1 to 29; xxxvi: 1, to xliii: 13) 7. What Ezekiel Saw in the Valley (Ezekiel xxxvii) 8. The Jewish Captives in the Court of the King (Daniel i: 1, to ii: 49) 9. The Golden Image and the Fiery Furnace (Daniel iii: 1 to 30) 10. The Tree That Was Cut Down and Grew Again (Daniel iv: 1 to 37) 11. The Writing Upon the Wall (Daniel v: 1 to 31) 12. Daniel in the Den of Lions (Daniel vi: 1 to 28) 13. The Story of a Joyous Journey (Ezra i: 1, to iii: 7) 14. The New Temple on Mount Moriah (Ezra iii: 8, to vi: 22; Haggai i: 1, to ii: 23; Zechariah iv: 6 to 10) 15. The Beautiful Queen of Persia (Esther i: 1, to x: 3) 16. The Scribe Who Wrote the Old Testament (Ezra vi: 1, to x: 4) 17. The Nobleman Who Built the Wall of Jerusalem (Nehemiah i: 1, to viii: 73) 18. Ezra's Great Bible Class in Jerusalem (Nehemiah viii: 1, to xiii: 31; Malachi i: 1, to iv: 6) Part Sixth: The Story of Jesus 1. The Angel by the Altar (Luke i: 1 to 80) 2. The Manger of Bethlehem (Matthew i: 18 to 25; Luke ii: 1 to 39) 3. The Star and the Wise Men (Matthew ii: 1 to 23) 4. The Boy in His Father's House (Luke ii: 40 to 52) 5. The Prophet in the Wilderness (Matthew xiii: 1 to 17; Mark i: 1 to 11, Luke iii: 1 to 22) 6. Jesus in the Desert, and Beside the River (Matthew iv: 1 to 11; Mark i: 12, 13; Luke iv: 1 to 13; John i: 29 to 51) 7. The Water Jars at the Wedding Feast (John ii: 1, to iii: 21) 8. The Stranger at the Well (Matthew xiv: 3 to 5; Mark vi: 17 to 20; Luke iii: 19, 20; John iii: 22, to iv: 42) 9. The Story of a Boy in Capernaum, and of a Riot in Nazareth (John iv: 46 to 54; Luke iv: 16 to 31) 10. A Net Full of Fishes (Matthew iv: 18 to 22; Mark i: 16 to 34; Luke iv: 33, to v: 11) 11. The Leper, and the Man Let Down Through the Roof (Matthew viii: 2 to 4; ix: 2 to 8; Mark i: 40 to 45; ii: 1 to 12; Luke v: 12 to 16) 12. The Cripple at the Pool, and the Withered Hand in the Synagogue (Matthew xii: 1 to 14; Mark ii: 23, to iii: 6; Luke vi: 1, to 11; John v: 1 to 18) 13. The Twelve Disciples and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew ix: 9 to 13; v: viiii; Mark ii: 13 to 17; Luke v: 27 to 32; vi: 12 to 49) 14. The Captain's Servant, the Widow's Son, and the Woman Who Was a Sinner (Matthew xviii: 5 to 13; Luke vii: 1 to 17; 36 to 50) 15. Some Stories Jesus Told by the Sea (Matthew xlii: 1 to 53; Mark iv: 1 to 34; Luke viii: 4 to 18) 16. "Peace, Be Still" (Matthew xvii: 18 to 34; Mark iv: 35, to v: 21; Luke xviii: 22 to 40) 17. The Little Girl Who Was Raised to Life (Matthew ix: 18 to 38; x: 1 to 42; Mark v: 22 to 43; Luke viiii: 41 to 56; ix: 1 to 5) 18. A Dancing Girl, and What Was Given Her (Matthew xii: 2 to 19; xiv: 1 to 12; Mark vi: 14 to 29; Luke xvi: 18 to 35) 19. The Feast Beside the Sea and What Followed It (Matthew xiv: 13 to 36; Mark vi: 30 to 56; Luke ix: 10 to 17; John vi: 1 to 71) 20. The Answer to a Mother's Prayer (Matthew xv: 21 to 39; Mark viii: 24, to viii: 26) 21. The Glory of Jesus on the Mountain (Matthew xvii: 13, to xviii: 23; Mark viiii: 27, to ix: 32; Luke ix: 18 to 45) 22. The Little Child in the Arms of Jesus (Matthew xvii: 24, to xviii: 35; Mark ix: 33 to 48; Luke ix: 46 to 50) 23. At the Feast of Tabernacles (Matthew viiii: 19 to 22; Luke ix: 57 to 62; x: 38 to 42; xvii: 11 to 19; John viii: 2 to 52) 24. The Man With Clay on His Face (John ix: 1 to 41) 25. The Good Shepherd and the Good Samaritan (John x: 1 to 41; Luke x: 1 to 37) 26. Lazarus Raised to Life (John xi: 1 to 55) 27. Some Parables in Perea (Luke xii: 1, to xv: 32) 28. The Poor Rich Man and the Rich Poor Man (Luke xvi: 1 to 31, to xviii: 1 to 34; Matthew xix: 13 to 30; xx: 17 to 19; Mark x: 17 to 19; John vi: 1 to 71) 20. 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Jesus is the center of Christian faith and the Bible is its holy book, its sacred scriptures. For hundreds of years, this meant that Jesus was divine and the Bible was a divine product. This remains the primary perspective for many Christians today. However, it has mutated appreciably for others. It is not that Jesus is no longer thought of as the center of Christian faith or the Bible as Christianity's sacred scriptures. Those remain true for everyone. However, studies in biblical criticism and the historical Jesus suggest Jesus was a Palestinian Jew a human being -- not different in that respect from you and me. Divinity was bestowed upon him by his followers, and eventually took the form of imperial divinity after the example of Caesar. This presents a conundrum for Christianity. What, for instance, is Christianity to do with a human being at its center? How has Christianity accommodated imperial rule? What do we do with those imperial titles by which he is known Lord, Savior, Redeemer, and Son of God? Taking Caesar out of Jesus presents a new portrait of Jesus based on solid historical evidence assembled from the works of hundreds of critical biblical scholars. As the subtitle proclaims, Jesus emerges from this book as a new figure, relevant to the 21st century. Some will say this new perspective destroys Christianity. Others will find Jesus to be far more believable and compelling. Anyone will find this progressive approach to uncovering the historical Jesus thought-provoking. This book, however, goes beyond biblical criticism and a new portrait of the historical Jesus. It confronts the Christian proclamation that Jesus is humanity's savior including the notion that it needs a savior. It suggests that the historical Jesus never embraced the well-known notion of divine salvation. To the contrary, Jesus embraced Judaism's wisdom tradition. In the wisdom tradition, a person deals with the exigencies of life by developing a new vision of reality, and by acting differently. Jesus did not provide an instruction manual for living; rather, he pointed us

in the direction of self-management. As described in this book, this new way of living, taken from Jesus's parables and aphorisms, will startle some, and stir others toward greater maturity and responsibility for their own lives.

Climate disasters, tariff wars, extractive technologies, and deepening debts are plummeting American food producers into what is quickly becoming the most severe farm crisis of the last half-century. Yet we are largely unaware of the plight of those whose hands and hearts toil to sustain us. Agrarian and ethnobotanist Gary Paul Nabhan--the "father of the local food movement"--offers a fresh, imaginative look at the parables of Jesus to bring us into a heart of compassion for those in the food economy hit by this unprecedented crisis. Offering palpable scenes from the Sea of Galilee and the fields, orchards, and feasting tables that surrounded it, Nabhan contrasts the profound ways Jesus interacted with those who were the workers of the field and the fishers of the sea with the events currently occurring in American farm country and fishing harbors. Tapping the work of Middle Eastern naturalists, environmental historians, archaeologists, and agro-ecologists, Jesus for Farmers and Fishers is sure to catalyze deeper conversations, moral appraisals, and faith-based social actions in each of our faith-land-water communities.

In this revised second edition of Stories Jesus Still Tells, John Claypool brings fresh insight to a selection of parables, allowing us to hear Jesus' calm, persuasive voice still speaking to us through stories like the great banquet, the rich fool, and the final judgment. By providing us with a clearer understanding of the context of these stories in Jesus' immediate culture, Claypool demonstrates how accessible the parables were to his listeners, told in familiar terms that everyone who heard them could grasp. He writes: "This is how Jesus worked the miracle of reconciliation again and again. People would come to him in all degrees of panic, fear, and anger. Yet, instead of confronting them head-on and driving them deeper into their defensiveness, he would, like Nathan, defuse their anxiety by saying, 'Let me tell you a story.

. . .' Then, drawn in by the narrative and with their defenses down, the listeners would see the story as a mirror, and its light would make their personal darkness visible. In this way, parables became events of revelation." And so it is with us, Claypool believes. When we open the deep places in our being to the parables--these stories Jesus still tells--then in a moment of surprise and insight, we who listen

recognize ourselves in the characters and the decisions they face. The stories are no longer about them, but about us, and the opportunity for illumination and transformation in our own lives.

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