

# Encountering Jesus In The New Testament Student Text

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## Encountering Jesus

Jesus Revealed Throughout the Bible Understand  
Jesus in a whole new way as you spend 52 weeks

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studying different aspects of his presence and activity throughout the Bible. As you study, you'll grow in your own walk with the living Savior, shaping your own character more into his likeness. Through 52 studies that lead you to all parts of the Bible, you'll come to discover the Jesus you never knew appearing in all parts of the Bible—present at creation, coming to earth to sacrifice himself for our sin, and living and working powerfully today in the lives of his followers. The Encounter Bible Series introduces you to the three-in-one God as each volume dives deeply into a study of each person of the Trinity: God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As you read these devotional study notes alongside the text of the NIV Bible, you'll begin to gain a fuller understanding of the God of the Bible. Features: • Full text of the NIV • 52 weeks of devotional readings about Jesus, including discussion questions and options for deeper study • Topical index

### **Finding the Afikoman**

Encountering Jesus in the New Testament has been found in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Encountering Jesus in the New Testament helps students further their personal relationship with Jesus Christ by growing in understanding of Jesus' historical, cultural, and religious background through an in-depth look at Scriptures. Answering the question, "Who is Jesus of Nazareth, the person people of faith call "Christ, the Son of God?," is a central focus of the text. In answering this question, the students will explore how

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the New Testament scriptures provide us with an answer.

### **Encountering Jesus with Leaders Guide**

The NIV Encountering Jesus Bible provides 52 weeks of study, examining different aspects of His presence and activity throughout the Bible. With each lesson, your customers will grow in their own walks with the living Savior, shaping their own character more into his likeness. Jesus appears in all parts of the Bible--present at creation, coming to earth to sacrifice himself for the world's sin, and living and working powerfully today in the lives of his followers--and this book shines a lot on his continual presence. The Encounter Bible Series introduces the three-in-one God as each volume dives deeply into a study of each person of the Trinity: God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. By combining these devotional study notes with the text of the NIV Bible, your customers will gain a fuller understanding of the God of the Bible. Features: \* Full text of the NIV \* 52 weeks of devotional readings about Jesus, including discussion questions and options for deeper study \* Topical index \* Presentation page

### **Written that You May Believe**

His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, recently commented on the fire at Notre Dame cathedral. He said, "the Church is only of interest because she allows us to encounter Jesus.

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She is only legitimate because she passes on Revelation to us. When the Church becomes overburdened with human structures, it obstructs the light of God shining out in her and through her. The Church should be like a cathedral. Everything in Her should sing to the glory of God. She must unceasingly direct our gaze toward him, like the spire of Notre-Dame pointed toward heaven.” Encounter Jesus! Transforming Catholic Culture in Crisis is a call to rebuild a Catholic culture that has wandered from her spiritual root system. In the West and the United States, the light that shined, starting in the Acts of the Apostles, has become dim and in some places extinguished. The specifics to what apostolic spirituality embodies will convict, challenge, and call the clergy, consecrated religious, and laity to take seriously what it means to be a catholic Christian. Just as architects design the rebuilding of the Notre Dame Cathedral, may this book serve as a blueprint for transformation in the culture of the church.

### **Opening the Door of Faith**

Applying a comprehensive theory of character to the Gospel of John, Cornelis Bennema provides a fresh analysis of the characters and their responses to Jesus. While the majority of scholars view most Johannine characters as “flat,” Bennema demonstrates that many are complex, developing, and “round.” John’s broad array of characters correspond to people and their choices in real life in any culture and time. This book highlights how John’s Gospel seeks to challenge its readers about where

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they stand in relation to Jesus.

### **Encountering Jesus, Encountering Scripture**

Remarkable True Stories of Jesus's Supernatural Presence In this new collection, people who have seen Jesus, heard his voice, or had him intervene miraculously in their lives share their fascinating stories. Readers will be inspired as they see Jesus at work in a variety of circumstances, many of which are similar to their own. Though Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, these accounts will show how he loves each person individually and manifests himself to each one in a unique and special way. Readers longing for more of Jesus will be drawn closer to the God who is intimately involved and cares about every detail in our lives.

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Schneiders invites you to dwell in Jesus' words in order to know the liberating truth God is. This book makes rich and highly symbolic Gospel accesible to lay readers seeking to nourish their spirituality.

### **NIV, Encountering Jesus Bible, eBook**

This resource helps laypersons encounter Jesus and live as his disciples. Jesus is sought as healer,

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comforter, friend, justifier, sanctifier, liberator, and seeker of justice. 6 sessions; includes leader's guide.

### **Consuming the Word**

Encountering Jesus: A Life-Changing Look at the Son of God helps you discover or recapture the miracles of Jesus as they were first experienced by eyewitnesses to the Savior's power and compassion. The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, and John provide documented accounts of these events, which left an impact on people then and continue to touch lives today.

### **Encountering Jesus in the New Testament**

Draws upon the best of recent biblical, historical, and theological sources to explore how Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist in the assembly, presiding minister, biblical word, and ritual sacrament

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Whether you have made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or have always wanted to walk where Jesus walked, this book offers a rich experience of the many sites associated with Gospel events. Monsignor Vincenzo Peroni takes pilgrims on an unforgettable tour of the most important sites in the Holy Land through beautiful guided meditations, probing questions, and sensitive prayerful reflections. Eighteen original watercolor drawings by Alessandro Alghisi capture the beauty and sacredness of these

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places. Each chapter also contains Scripture texts that set the scene.

### **Encountering Jesus, Encountering Scripture**

Much has been said about why Jesus died. This book focuses on why Jesus lived. *God with Us: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew* shows that Jesus didn't just come to be our teacher, a miracle worker or prophet, or even just Israel's savior and redeemer. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. Notable Scripture scholar Edward Sri leads readers on a faithful exploration of Jesus's kingdom-building mission and how it revealed God's presence, which remains with us today. Helpful discussion questions are provided for personal and group study. This newly expanded edition of the study originally titled *The Mystery of the Kingdom: On the Gospel of Matthew* is an outstanding introduction to the first gospel.

### **Encountering Jesus in the New Testament**

This collection of 20 guided meditations focuses on the life of Jesus. By positioning participants into the places and events of his life and teachings, they become spiritually able to reflect on Jesus' words and actions and integrate them into their lives.

### **God with Us: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew**

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## **Encountering Jesus**

Studying the New Testament can be an exciting--and intimidating--experience. This readable survey is designed to make the adventure less daunting and more rewarding. Two experienced classroom teachers offer a new edition of their bestselling and award-winning textbook, now with updated content and a new interior design. Other distinguishing features include:

- abundant images, maps, and charts--all in full color
- sidebars that address ethical and theological concerns and provide primary source material
- focus boxes isolating key issues
- chapter outlines, learning objectives, and summaries
- study questions

Students of the New Testament will find this introductory text both informative and engaging. An accompanying website through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources offers a wide array of resources for students and professors. Resources for students include flash cards, self quizzes, and introductory videos. Resources for professors include discussion questions, suggestions for class activities, PowerPoint slides, an instructor's manual, and a test bank.

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Subtitled Praying the Commands of Christ into Your Life, Encountering Jesus will get you praying for the things that are most important in a believer's life--all the primary teachings of Jesus. As you read and pray through its 30 short chapters you will encounter the living Christ working in greater and great ways in your life.

### **Encounters with Jesus**

Encountering Jesus showcases a lively and provocative dialogue among five theologians and philosophers of religion that offers insight into the problems of Christology.

### **Encountering Jesus in the Gospels and Daily Life**

Examines some of Christianity's most basic terms to discover what they meant to the sacred authors, the apostolic preachers, and their first audiences.

### **Jesus and the Church**

In sixteen short but perceptive commentaries, Anthony J. Gittins recounts the experiences of various women and men from the New Testament—insiders and outsiders, people of substance and people regarded as sinners—whose lives were changed by an encounter with Jesus. Based on solid biblical scholarship but retold in language accessible to all and illuminated by the author's fresh perspective, these stories emphasize the way in which people

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come to faith and discover discipleship. Encountering Jesus presents New Testament figures in a new light and is perfect for both group study and personal reflection. Among the discipleship stories included are the healing of the paralytic from the Gospel of Mark, the healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter from Matthew, the conversion of Zacchaeus the tax collector from Luke, and the healing of the man born blind from John. Anthony J. Gittins writes: "Typically, the stories demonstrate that there are often a number of stages or steps involved. The easiest way to identify them is to notice exactly what each person says, and in what sequence, during his or her encounter with Jesus. With the rare exception of someone immediately identifying Jesus with God... most people are a little slower.... Readers may look out for a three-step or four-step approach to faith, as a person moves to an even more specific identification of Jesus. It is an interesting, enlightening, and sometimes surprising exercise."

### **Encountering Jesus & Buddha**

In our self-help, DIY culture, we love the idea of improvement. We make-over wardrobes and restore houses and commit ourselves to better habits. But we're still left feeling empty and not-quite-enough. That's because what we need is not an upgrade but a complete upending of our lives. We need to be reborn. And it's not something we can do by ourselves. With deep compassion, Clayton King shares the compelling stories of 12 broken people who came face-to-face with Jesus in the New

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Testament and got a second chance at life. A respected religious leader, an ostracized woman, a despised embezzler, a condemned thief--all of them flawed, sinful, full of regret--encountered Jesus and were never the same. Along with their stories, King shares contemporary stories of people struggling with addiction, lust, greed, and depression, showing that Jesus still meets people right where they are and changes them from the inside out. If you're tired of going through the religious motions by your own power and long to experience the radical life and heart change that Jesus promised, it's time for an encounter with Jesus. It's time to be reborn.

### **Rich**

40 Days looks closely at every recorded event that happened from the moment Christ left the tomb until he ascended into heaven.

### **Encountering Jesus in Word, Sacraments, and Works of Charity**

In *The End of Religion*, Bruxy Cavey shares that relationship has no room for religion. Believers and seekers alike will discover anew the wondrous promise found in our savior. And Christ's eternal call to walk in love and freedom will resonate with readers of all ages and denominations.

### **The Joy of Encountering Jesus:**

Learning to Follow Jesus: Encountering Jesus in the

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Gospels is a devotional Bible study. It focuses on encounters with Jesus in the Gospels in the New Testament. You will see Jesus through the eyes of some of His first followers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These men were privileged to tell the greatest story ever told. You will notice people then were not much different from us today. Their questions and struggles, sorrows and joys, their unbelief and distorted images of God were the same things we grapple with now. The stuff of being human. You will see Jesus' love, patience, grace, brilliance, purposefulness, and more played out as He introduced His Kingdom life, His plan of salvation, to the lost and broken world He came to save. Jesus said in John 12:45, "And whoever sees Me sees Him Who sent Me." To see Jesus is to see God. You can use this study to take a deep look at the life Jesus Christ, God incarnate, and see the love of the Father clearly revealed. Jesus' Name is Emmanuel, God with us. In this study you see the powerful effect being with Jesus had on His early followers. You will find it is the same for us as well, as we spend time with Jesus in the pages of scripture. This study can be used as part of your own personal devotions or it can be used as a Bible study for a group. Either way, it is designed to help you linger in these powerful passages of scripture in order to bring you closer to the Lord.

### **Encountering Jesus**

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conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and fulfills the requirements of Core Course IV of the Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age. Students deepen their understanding of Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's Revelation, as they encounter him in the living Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. Jesus and the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic supports Course IV of the USCCB curriculum and is the first high school textbook released by Ave Maria Press in its new Encountering Jesus series. As they engage with the content of this text, students will recognize Christ present and active in their lives through the visible and vibrant mission of Church, defined by her four characteristics--one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. While Jesus and the Church places the foundations of the Church in their historical and scriptural context, the textbook goes further by guiding students to recognize the sacred nature of the Church and engaging them to more actively participate in the living Body of Christ and serve as witnesses to the sacred Gospel in the world today. Simply put, the goal of the book--as in the Encountering Jesus series as a whole--is to change the lives of students by making real-life connections between what they are learning about the Church and how they encounter Jesus in the contemporary world.

### **The End of Religion**

In this eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study, Douglas Connelly examines the stories of how eight

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people--among them a scholar, a failure, a blind man and an adulteress--found their lives changed forever when they met Jesus Christ. Looking at their lives can give you hope when you find yourself dealing failure or with an emptiness nothing in life seems to fill.

### **Encountering Jesus**

There are 2.2 billion Christians today who revere Jesus as the Savior of the world and another 1.6 billion Muslims who honor him as a prophet of God. It is hard to imagine who else could be called "the most honored man who ever lived." This, of course, doesn't prove anything, but it does suggest spending a little time learning about Jesus could be good. During Jesus' life, the Roman Empire was at its peak. Rome was the world's largest city and only superpower. The Pax Romana had begun a generation before the birth of Jesus and would continue after his death for two centuries. The exception to this Roman stability was the Mideast, a powder keg of unrest. Jewish-Roman wars erupted about thirty years after Jesus died, and continued on and off for sixty years until every remnant of the Jewish temple had been obliterated, Jerusalem was in ruins, and the majority of the Jews who survived were dispersed throughout the world. For decades before the wars began, the Jewish people had difficulty thinking of themselves as God's Chosen People when God was allowing them to be ruled by emperors who outrageously proclaimed themselves divine, taxed everyone endlessly and sold the office of chief priest each year to the highest bidder. With the exception of those who benefited from Roman

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rule, the Jews longed for the days when prophets like Elijah proclaimed God's judgment on evildoers, priests like Aaron interceded for them with God, and kings like David ruled with righteousness and justice. This was the world to which Jesus came as a new kind of prophet, priest and king, who declared himself to be the fulfillment of ancient prophecies. He raised the hopes of those who longed for a better world, and incurred the wrath of those who had power and privilege in the world as it was. The revolution Jesus proclaimed was not what anyone expected. He lived a simple and humble life, but was accused of partying too much and spending too much time with the most outrageous social outcasts. He was wildly popular because of the people he healed and the miracles he performed, but he made lots of enemies by refusing to abide by accepted rules and customs. His revolution was totally out of step with the world because he advocated outrageous love (even for enemies!) and humble service. He said a day was coming when the rich and powerful would be judged for all their misdeeds, and those who were victims of oppression and abuse would finally see justice done. Not surprisingly, the powers that be decided Jesus could not be allowed to continue promoting such a revolution. They determined he must be silenced. Permanently. The chosen form of punishment, crucifixion, was notorious for its humiliation and cruelty. The death of Jesus should have been the end of the story. It wasn't. The resurrection Jesus experienced was even more unexpected than the revolutionary kingdom he proclaimed. It demonstrated nothing less than the power of God to defeat the forces of evil and death. The resurrection

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of Jesus re-energized his band of followers who had given up all hope. Within a matter of days they went from being afraid to be seen in public, to boldly proclaiming the resurrection. They eventually sacrificed their lives rather than recant their testimony. In many ways, the story of Jesus began long before the gospels were written and continued long after his crucifixion and resurrection. The scope of this book, though, is the period covered by the Bible's four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It begins with stories of his birth and ends with appearances to his disciples in the days following the resurrection. *Encountering Jesus Today: Revolution and Resurrection* blends the Bible's four gospels into one story. Each section contains a text box with information to help readers encounter Jesus through what they read.

### **Encountering Jesus**

Bible What does current New Testament research have to say to people today? Daniel Harrington and Christopher Matthews present these essays of contemporary scholarship on Jesus as we know him through the scriptures. This timely collection invites the reader into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Book jacket.

### **Learning to Follow: Encountering Jesus in the Gospels**

When John and Christie were married in 1974, the fact that Christie was a Gentile and John was Jewish was

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not an issue to them. It was, however, an issue to John's parents who were holocaust survivors and had lost all their family in Nazi Germany. They did not want their son marrying a Gentile girl that would lead him away from his Jewish faith. While I assured them that I had no religious affiliation that would persuade him contrary to their beliefs, God had other plans. One year later John and Christie became Christians. Now that her mother-in-law's worse fear had come true, Christie decided to try to soften the blow of their conversion by acting interested in what they believed. At her first Passover celebration with John's family in 1976, Christie had a divine encounter that took her completely by surprise. She found Jesus hidden in an ancient ceremony within the Passover called "Yahatz", or "breaking" the afikoman. After that night, with an insatiable hunger to know Jesus, she began her long journey of looking for the revelation of Jesus and God's heart in all the Biblical feasts. In this book Christie shares personal stories and encounters, mostly from her journals that span over three decades. Her discoveries will broaden your understanding of scripture from their Jewish perspective, and reveal to you the family and culture that Romans 11 says that you have been grafted into. Most importantly, we pray your heart will be strengthened in the love story that is woven throughout all of the Biblical feasts. We are living in that time when God is releasing Bridal love to the Body of Christ and the purpose of this book is to leave you love-sick to know Him more and to have intimacy restored before His return

## **Encountering Jesus Bible-NIV: Jesus Revealed Throughout the Bible**

The Joy of Encountering Jesus does not call simply for faith in Jesus, but spells out how and why we can believe in Jesus in this twenty-first century. Reflecting on human experiences recorded in the Bible, including those of Jesus of Nazareth, we search for who we really are. Finding our true selves is possible only by discovering the risen Jesus dwelling within us. Then the sun rises, the whole world dances with joy, and our hearts are filled with Gods grace; we are Living Gods Life in a New World. The Joy of Encountering Jesus provides 174 short homilies for three liturgical years that will lead you to: rely on the heart rather than the head, utilize non-dualistic thinking rather than dualistic, find God from within rather than from without, build Gods kingdom on earth, expand knowledge on Jewish apocalypse and eschatology, update theology of resurrection and the Eucharist.

## **Encountering the New Testament**

Personal, experiential faith is seldom given a seat at the table of academic theology and biblical studies. David Crump, however, with the assistance of Søren Kierkegaard's religious philosophy, claims that "authentic understanding, and thus authentic Christian commitment, can only arise from the personal commitment that is faith." Examining the various biblical, historical, cultural, theological, and academic hurdles demanding a truly Kierkegaardian

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leap of faith before one can meet the resurrected Jesus, Crump's *Encountering Jesus, Encountering Scripture* provides a very insightful discussion of key New Testament texts and issues revealing how Truth is discovered only through the subjectivity of faith.

### **Encounter Jesus!**

The best-selling author of *The Prodigal God* explores Jesus' perspectives on life's biggest questions as they might have been observed by those who met Him personally, arguing that people do not have to embrace blind faith or willful ignorance in order to explore the deep realities of God's purposes. 75,000 first printing.

### **Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures**

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## **40 Days**

The text is intended to provide a scriptural and ecclesial foundation to answer the question of why Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. It encourages students' growth in a personal and ecclesial relationship with Christ.

## **Encountering Christ in the Eucharist**

Themes include the relative importance of Jesus and the Buddha within Christianity and Buddhism and their different perspectives on the self, the self's future, love, and ethics. They explore Jesus' and the Buddha's different notions of passion and suffering, meditation, prayer, and commitment to the world, history, and community.

## **Reborn**

In one of the first homilies after his election, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: "There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ." In his newest book, *Encountering Jesus in Word, Sacraments, and Works of Charity*, popular DC-based pastor and teacher Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi connects this vision to everyday life, drawing on gospel passages that portray Christ's power and his important teaching in parables. He also offers challenging reflections that show readers how they can draw near to Christ: by studying scripture, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. This essential resource is perfect

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for those fostering the New Evangelization, the newly baptized, during the mystagogy phase of RCIA, catechist formation, and adult education. Msgr. Peter Vaghi presents a fresh and challenging look at how to encounter and grow close to Jesus through scripture, the sacraments, and acts of charity. Prayers and reflection questions at the end of each chapter make this an ideal guide for small groups and other settings of adult faith formation.

### **Encountering Jesus Today**

With a firm conviction from years of ministry that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, Father Ronald Leinen shares stories of the living, healing, and life-renewing power he has found in Jesus the Saviour. As chaplain, pastoral counsellor, teacher, and priest, Father Leinen has met hundreds of people whose lives have been transformed by the love of Jesus. From the Gospels and the lives of both laity and religious who have encountered the person of Jesus, Father Leinen shows us how Jesus is alive today and working in people's lives.

### **Encountering Jesus in the New Testament**

Essays that bring forth another source for study and reflection on the issue of faith, the five major voices of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul. This book lays out four dimensions of the life of faith from each of these voices.

## **Encountering Christ the Servant**

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach. These are the words a newly ordained deacon hears from his bishop as the Book of the Gospels is placed in his hands. It is a solemn but joyous moment in which the deacon is called to a lifelong pursuit of bearing witness to Christ the Servant. The foundation of the deacon's diaconate, the very foundation of his ministry, is intimate communion with Christ the Servant. This communion originates and deepens in the interior life, and it is here, through prayer and meditation, where he truly discovers God on a personal level and, at the same time, discovers himself in a more profound way. In *Encountering Christ the Servant: A Spirituality of the Diaconate*, Deacon Dominic Cerrato, PhD, offers deacons and deacon candidates an integrated approach to diaconal life and ministry, rooted in the cultivation of the interior life. In this study, Deacon Dominic outlines the primacy of the interior life, the necessity of abandonment, the sacrament of the present moment, and living the Servant Mysteries. Entering into a new and more intimate relationship with Christ the Servant will open deacons and deacon candidates to their true identity, and their mission, as heralds of the Gospel of Christ. "In this book, Deacon Dominic provides a fresh way of looking at the diaconate based on his personal experience, unique theological reflection, and a spirituality centered on Christ, the Servant. His insights are worthy of contemplation by the laity and priests." — Most

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Reverend Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri "A fascinating book that every deacon — and anyone curious about deacons — should add to their library. Deacon Cerrato has crafted a rich resource that serves as an excellent introduction to the spirituality of the diaconate, linking this vocation of service to the entire Body of Christ. Encountering Christ the Servant really means encountering him in one another — and this book helps open our eyes to the beautiful possibilities of a servant church." — Deacon Greg Kandra, author and blogger, The Deacon's Bench "Encountering Christ the Servant penetrates the heart of diaconal spirituality like no other work before it. Rooted in the ordained deacon's intimate participation in divine love and cultivated by a rich interior life that enlivens his ministry, Deacon Cerrato elevates and advances the understanding of deacons as a living icon of Christ the Servant. This book, which shines a bright light on the spiritual life of the deacon, is truly a gift to the entire Church!" — Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, author of *Father Augustus Tolton: The Slave Who Became the First African American Priest* "Anytime there is a specialized work that focuses on the uniqueness of the deacon, it is a blessing. Anytime anyone attempts to plumb the depths of diaconate identity and spirituality the blessing is doubled! Readers who draw from this text will be consoled, challenged, and hopefully opened up to God's plan for their ongoing conversion. Thank you, Deacon Dominic, for providing one aspect of a broader and important movement seeking the renewal of the Diaconate." — Dcn. Stephen F. Miletic, Ph.D., Professor of Scripture, Interim Director at the Institute for Diaconate

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### **Jesus Christ**

What does it mean to belong to God's family? Consider the gospel of Luke, which introduces us to the most important Man who has ever lived. The Gospel of Luke is applied to today's audience using contemporary illustrations that will help you to know how to have a relationship with the living God.

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