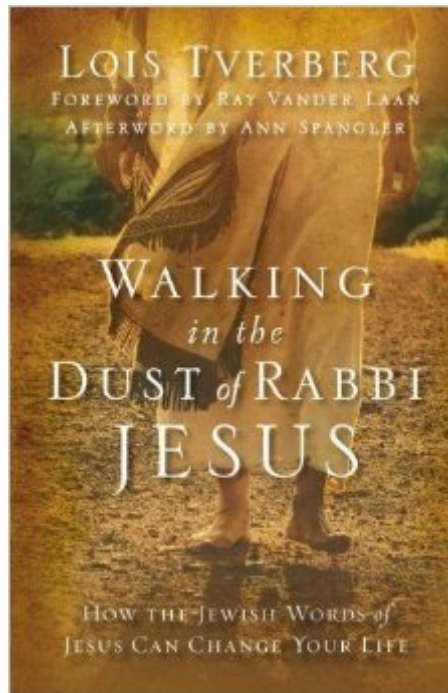


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Walking In The Dust Of Rabbi Jesus: How The Jewish Words Of Jesus Can Change Your Life



Synopsis

What difference does it make that Jesus was Jewish? In *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus*, Lois Tverberg challenges readers to follow their Rabbi more closely by re-examining his words in the light of their Jewish context. Doing so will provide a richer, deeper understanding of his ministry, compelling us to live differently, to become more Christ-like. We'll begin to understand why his first Jewish disciples abandoned everything to follow him, to live out his commands. Our modern society, with its individualism and materialism, is very different than the tight-knit, family-oriented setting Jesus lived and taught in. What wisdom can we glean from his Eastern, biblical attitude toward life? How can knowing Jesus within this context shed light on his teachings for us today? In *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* we'll journey back in time to eavesdrop on the conversations that arose among the rabbis of Jesus' day, and consider how hearing Rabbi Jesus with the ears of a first-century disciple can bring new meaning to our faith. And we'll listen to Jewish thinkers through the ages, discovering how ideas that germinated in Jesus' time have borne fruit. Doing so will yield fresh, practical insights for following our Rabbi's teachings from a Jewish point of view.

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Customer Reviews

Lois Tverberg does us a great service here with this book. How wonderful and different to hear what Jesus was saying, teaching, and thinking, when we understand his Jewish nature and how the language in his time worked and what things meant AS they were spoken in His native vocabulary, not how they have been translated, perhaps even transliterated and then translated, substituted for newer interpretations and meanings, etc., down through the ages. I long have avoided regular

attendance at church services, and frankly often look at the Bible and scratch my head. I have always been comfortable when I have attended Synagogue with Jewish friends. Not knowing completely why, I would have to say "that it is because it is closer to the way things were", and to me that is deeply relevant. As an adult I have continually sought out any and all information that I can find that takes me back to the way that things really were and to become more enlightened in all things resulting from Jesus and His direct followers and those who witnessed events directly related to Him and His thoughts and ideas, teachings, sayings, etc. So, for me, this book is a wonderful and closer look at, and also a welcome breath of truth (fresh air so to speak) Jesus the Man and his teachings. You will find much here that will surely please you to know and come to understand that has seemed "murky" or "unclear" and that enlightens one in ways not seen before. Once you understand what the words Jesus used really meant (in His time), as spoken by Him, everything makes such common clear sense. Like I said above, it's like "fresh air" and it's truly wonderful to have new insight and knowledge into His expressions and sayings AS He presented them to His friends and acquaintances.

While reading this book I almost feel like Christians get cheated in our Sunday School class as children. I so wish I had grown up with the understanding I am getting as an adult. I have long had a love of the Jewish faith and God's chosen people always wanting to learn more as I know Jesus was in fact Jewish. He didn't just start a new church he was preaching in the temple at 12 years of age and keeping all the Jewish traditions and Holy Days. In this book Lois Tverberg digs so deep into the Hebrew meanings of the words Jesus spoke and taught us with. Hebrew has only 8,000 words and English 400,000 I never knew that. Thus the words are deep and full of meaning, often mean different things. She teaches us how in the context of the time and whom he was speaking to what the words most likely stood for. It is eye opening and very humbling. I have highlights on most every page and plan to re read it as it is so rich you have to take time and think and pray about what you have learned. I have often wondered just what the Talmud was it is a huge set of books that are commentary on the Mishnah which simply put is the oral teachings of the time 200 AD and the previous 200 years. The teachers of the time including Jesus taught much more than what is recorded in our Bible. This Mishnah puts into print this oral history. I plan on looking into this soon. Included in the back are her vast resources and a glossary of terms we may not be familiar with. I found this very helpful even though I have read much about Jewish teachings. I have never read anything like this. This is a life changing book to read. To know the deeper meanings of what Jesus was telling us, how to live and how to treat others what he expects. Shema- Hear and Obey.

A friend told me once about having to break up a fight in her school room. "Jesus wasn't a Jew!" one girl insisted, "The Jews killed Jesus!" A few Jews handed Jesus over to the Romans for execution 2000 years back, and all Jews forevermore were judged as undesirables. Tverberg holds that many Christians forget or discount Jesus's Jewishness when reading His gospel. A few preachers even teach that Jesus did away with the Jewish scriptures--the New Testament supercedes the Old Covenant. But Jesus Himself said He did not come to do away with the Old Covenant, but to add to it. Lois Tverberg writes a thoughtful study of the Jewish scriptural basis for the New Covenant gospels. She sheds light on the key parables of Jesus which define 'Christianity', adding extra depth and bringing out more of the richness of Jesus's teachings--what He really meant when speaking of Himself as the Living Water, or preaching on loving God and loving each other--all that entails. The trouble with the Bible is, we read it, listen to it, study it, and it never sits still! There's always more in its pages! Tverberg is careful to document her teachings. She starts with Jesus and His contemporaries to an attempt to better understand the World Trade Center destruction and the conflicts between Jews and others in the middle east, today. Most of this book focuses on the Shema--so central to the identity of the Jew, and such a seminal springboard for the many discussions of its meanings in the parables of the New Testament. She deals mostly in comparisons of the teachings of the Pentateuch and of the 4 gospels. I chose this book, because I've always wanted to understand more of what the Bible says, what it means. I assumed the Bible can be confusing because I can't read it in the original.

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