

## READING RESOURCES - JESUS

### **The Son of God**

By: Karl Adam

A brilliant dissertation on the proofs of the divinity of Christ and a searching analysis of the belief that He is true man and true God. **17.ADAM**

### **Jesus of Nazareth**

Gunther Bornkamm

This book is intended to inform those who wish, as far as possible, to arrive at an historical understanding of the tradition about Jesus. **17.BORNK**

### **Hidden God**

By: Ladislaus Boros

This book tries to help man rediscover God - who is "closer to him and his own heart." Boros speaks of the nearness of God, and of God's presence as the source of peace and joy. **17.BORO**

### **An Introduction to New Testament Christology**

Raymond Brown

Paulist Press, 1994

This book is addressed to a broad range of people interested in the Bible, whether they read it themselves or are engaged in study groups, college courses, or a beginning theology program. The author's goal is to enable all such readers to understand the new Testament issues about the identity of Jesus and why there is a debate, and thus to gain the biblical background to read further and reflect with discrimination on modern proposals. **17.BROW**

### **Jesus Christ, Centre of the Christian Life**

By: CCCB

Encouraged by the central theme of his first encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II in which he chose, *Jesus, the Redeemer of man*, the CCCB wrote this pastoral reflection to help their brothers and sisters in this country to renew and strengthen their faith in Jesus as "The centre of the universe and of history." **17.CCCB**

### **Jesus in My Life: A Guide to Gospel Reflections, Year "C"**

By: Rev. Fr. Victor Clemen

Through these brief Gospel reflections, Fr. Clemen has broken into digestible morsels the riches of the Word of God. The reading of these reflections will help the Christian attune himself to the thinking of the Church as the liturgical year progresses. (Bishop Teodoro Bacani) **17.CLEM**

### **Responses to 101 Questions About Jesus**

By: Michael L. Cook, S.J.

In this book theologian and pastoral minister Michael Cook responds simply and candidly to some of the nagging questions real people have about Jesus – who he was and is, his life and message, and what meaning that can have in our lives today. **17.COOK**

### **The Humor of Jesus**

By: Henri Cormier

This book is addressed to every Christian. The serious intellectual will find refreshment in reading this book, renewing that spirit of childlike openness which was recommended so much by Christ in the Gospels - the spirit of the child who always has a question, always wants to know, but who is never arrogant. This book has just the right tone, a simple and clear style, and is written by a man who knows the Gospel intimately. **17.CORM**

### **Scripture & Christology**

By: Joseph Fitzmyer S.J.

This statement describes eleven different approaches to Christology in modern times and levels official

criticism against many of them as one-side presentations. The document proposes an integral Christology based on all the data of the Old and new Testaments that bear on the questions “Who is Jesus of Nazareth?” and “What did he do for the sake of humanity?” **17.FITZ**

**The Passion of Jesus** and its hidden meaning

Fr. James Groenings, S.J.

Tan Books and Publishers, Inc. 1908

The Passion of Jesus shows how every person in the world, whether he realizes it or not, is personally involved in the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. The hidden meaning of every event and every episode is brought to light and its lessons applied to our lives. **17.GROE**

**The Lord**

Monsignor Romano Guardini, S.J.

World Publishing Company, 1969

A supra-historical biography of Jesus as the Christ. The meditations within select from Jesus’ life this or that teaching, event, trait, miracle for thought, as it happens to warm to life. **17.GUAR**

**To Know and Follow Jesus**

By: Thomas N. Hart

The theological effort to study and learn more about Jesus is known as Christology. This book is a concise and popular summary of the principal issues in Christology today. **17.HART**

**Jesus the Compassion of God**

By: Monika K. Hellwig

Dr. Hellwig approaches the question of the meaning of Jesus from the questions raised by the various liberation movements of our times and particularly from the questions raised by liberation theology.

**17.HELL**

**The Life Story of Jesus: Rabboni**

W. Phillip Keller

In *Rabboni* Phillip Keller presents a magnificent epic that originally and vitally captures the personality, the purpose, and the power of Christ. **17.KELL**

**The Imitation of Christ**

By: Thomas à Kempis

This meditation on the spiritual life has inspired readers from Thomas More and St. Ignatius Loyola to Thomas Merton and Pope John Paul I. Written by an Augustinian monk between 1420 and 1427, it contains clear instructions for renouncing worldly vanities and locating eternal truths. **17.KEMP**

**Why Jesus?**

By: David M. Knight

This book expands, deepens and fills out the theme of Evangelization or the good news about Jesus Christ through a study of Matthew’s Gospel, Chapters 1-2 and 8-9. What did Jesus come to do as Savior? What more can He be for us if we enter deeply into relationship with Him? Do we experience Him now as saving our existence from destructiveness, distortion, meaninglessness and mediocrity? What promises does He fulfill? How does He challenge us to grow? **17.KNIG**

**The Reality of Jesus**

By: Dermot A. Lane

“This is a fascinating study of the mystery of Christ, of the historical Jesus and biblical research, of the mysteries of Incarnation and Resurrection.” - *The Tablet* **17.LANE**

**The Experience of God**

By: Dermot A. Lane

This book is an exciting synthesis of topical issues such as experience and God, revelation and history,

faith and unbelief. Theology emerges as an exciting adventure available to all. **17.LANE**

**Breakfast with Jesus**

Greg Laurie

Start your day with Jesus and his disciples. Learn the spiritual lesson he entrusted to his closest friends. In his open and engaging style, Greg Laurie encourages us to see Jesus through the eyes of his disciples - as a living, breathing, ever-present friend, mentor and teacher. Eighty-four devotional chapters give us insight into the person of Jesus, the teaching of Jesus, and the promises of Jesus. **17.LAUR**

**My Heart's Cry: Longing for More of Jesus**

Anne Graham Lotz

In this book, Anne Graham Lotz shows you how saturating your life with more of Jesus can: restore love to your marriage; destroy fear; provide hope in times of grief; help you love others with whom you are totally incompatible; embolden you to speak out in a doubting world; make your service to God more fruitful. You'll learn how having more of Jesus in your life leads you into a world of unparalleled privilege: Doors open, angels attend, mountains move, doubts disappear, fears fade. And the God of the universe bends down to hear what you have to say... and draws you close to Himself! **17.LOTZ**

**God Came Near: Chronicles of the Christ**

By: Max Lucado

God came near - to be seen. He desires more for you than a secondhand faith. He wants you to see him for yourself. To be touched by his glory. To witness his majesty. To know him as friend. **17.LUCA**

**In the Footsteps of Jesus: One Man's Journey Through the Life of Christ**

Bruce Marchiano

When aspiring Hollywood actor Bruce Marchiano landed the role of Jesus in **The Gospel According to Matthew**, he could never have imagined the awe-inspiring experience of walking in the footsteps of the Saviour. Come with Bruce on an intensely personal journey into the heart of God - from the joy of healing a beloved child to the emotional isolation and physical devastation of the cross to the joyous reunion of the resurrection. The Jesus you discover will move you to tears, fill your heart with joyous victory, and astound you with His amazing love. Harvest House Publishers, 1997 **17.MARCH**

**Jesus Wept**

Bruce Marchiano

When Jesus sees the pain of our hearts, he weeps. Author and actor Bruce Marchiano answers the questions hurting people have been asking for centuries: Where is God when I hurt? The profound truth revealed in this amazing book is that God is right there with you in the midst of your pain, crying with you. His tears are for you. Howard Publishing Co. 2004 **17.MARCH**

**Jesus in the Margins**

Rick McKinley

Welcome to the crowded margins of life. It's a place where normal people don't feel normal. Where the daily grind drowns out the soft cry within that says, "I do not have it together." Where just beneath the surface we long for meaning and - day we hope? - wholeness. Only God can rescue a person from the margins. Why? Because when He came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ, in the margins is where He landed. On purpose. To find you. **17.MCKIN**

**Parables of Jesus**

John McLaughlin

This book reveals a fresh perspective on the reign of God reflecting on many of the parables found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Each chapter looks at a single parable and considers its meaning for the people who first heard it and its relevance for us two thousand years later. Novalis, 2004 **17.McLAU**

**The Questions of Jesus**

John McLaughlin

“Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” “Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” “Do you love me?” Based on a number of questions Jesus asked his followers and others, these prayer-filled reflections on the call of Christianity and the meaning of faith will give you fresh insight into what Jesus is asking, and how you are called to answer. Novalis, 2001 **17.McLAU**

**The Greatest Story Ever Told**

Fulton Oursler

This beautifully written, timeless story of the life of Jesus Christ has become an everlasting bestseller for both the secular and lay reader. Set against a rich and historical background, Fulton Oursler’s powerful and moving narration describes the story of Christ’s nativity, the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, his youth, his public ministry, his death and resurrection, and so much more. Wings Books, 1997 **17.OURS**

**Who is Christ?**

By: Anthony Padovano

A creative theologian explores the question which is basic to any attempt at genuine renewal. **17.PADO**

**Jesus of Nazareth**

By: Normand Provencher, O.M.I.

The reading of these pages allows us to rediscover Jesus and his message so that we too can say with Saint Peter, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68) **17.PROV**

**Jesus of Nazareth**

Pope Benedict XVI - Joseph Ratzinger

In this bold, momentous work, the Pope seeks to salvage the person of Jesus from recent ‘popular’ depictions and to restore Jesus’ true identity as discovered in the Gospels. Through his brilliance as a theologian and his personal conviction as a believer, the Pope shares a rich, compelling, flesh-and-blood portrait of Jesus and incites us to encounter, face-to-face, the central figure of the Christian faith.

**17.RATZ**

**The Story of Salvation**

By: William J. Reedy

Religion textbook. **17.REED**

**The Miracles of Jesus - What Really Happened?**

By: H.J. Richards

It is a simple historical fact that both friends and foes saw Jesus as a wonderworker. They differed only in their interpretation of these works. This book examines those interpretations closely to discover what really happened and what meaning those miracles have for us today. **17.RICH**

**Studies in Salvation History**

By: C. Luke Salm, F.S.C.

The purpose of this volume is to bring to light and make available research done by American scholars trained in the great centers at Rome and Jerusalem. **17.SALM**

**Jesus**

By: Eduard Schweizer

The New Testament church had to express its belief in Jesus Christ in changing ways to reflect changing situations. The church today must do the same or become petrified. Schweizer therefore focuses on the historical *development* of our understanding of Jesus. After describing Jesus as the man who fits no preconceived formula, Schweizer considers the diverse New Testament views of Jesus (judge, exalted Lord, crucified Savior) and of his earthly ministry. The last chapter moves to the church of the second century. **17.SCHW**

**The Hidden Jesus**

Donald Spoto

In this transcendent work, Spoto challenges common misconceptions about Jesus’ life, beliefs, and

teachings, and he offers a new vision of him that will both haunt and fulfill modern readers. Breathing new life into Christ's image, which has suffered the degradations of centuries of increasing secularism, Spoto reflects on his glory and power for modern readers of all faiths. St. Martin's Press, 1998 **17.SPOTO**

### **Simply Jesus**

Joseph Stowell

Multnomah Publishers, 2002

You've known *about* Jesus for years. In times of crisis you may have sensed His presence, His touch, His call. The apostle Paul longed for Jesus, simply Jesus - nothing more! And in a letter to the church at Philippi, he shares the secrets of living in intimate fellowship with Christ. Joe Stowell relates his own journey toward a radical shift in values that can lead you, too, into a joyous *close encounter* with God's Son. **17.STOW**

### **When the Son of Man Comes**

Federico Suarez

Four Courts Press, 1990

Fr. Suarez argues that people deserve to be offered answers, they have a right to know the truths of faith. This book confronts the reader with passages from the Gospels, often 'awkward' passages and reflects on them to show that the salvation which God offers us is both desirable and attainable. **18.SUAR**

### **Issues and Answers in Jesus's Day**

Charles Swindoll

Insight for Living, 1990

As a Master Teacher, Jesus had a remarkable way of getting straight to the heart of an issue . . . He asked questions which challenged listeners to become learners by forcing them to think. Each chapter in this study stems from a question Jesus asked, explores the issues we face, and applies the truth He offered to all who would hear. **17.SWIN**

### **In the Days of Jesus**

By: Anthony J. Tambasco

This book fills a need for college classes and adult readers who have not yet been introduced to modern biblical scholarship, but who have limited time at their disposal to learn to read the gospels in their historical context. Written in an easy, fluent style, the book tells the story of the Jewish context for the life of Jesus and for the community's accounts of him. **17.TAMB**

### **Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John**

Jean Vanier

Novalis, 2004

Vanier's gentle and lyrical style allows the reader to slowly and prayerfully explore the mystery of Jesus. **17.VANI**

### **A Guide to the Passion**

By the editors of Catholic Exchange, 2004

This book was written to help you understand the many theological and artistic elements of the movie: The Passion of Christ. It presents a fascinating scene-by-scene analysis of this unforgettable film experience. By understanding the film better, we not only get into the mind of its creator, but also glimpse the mind of the Creator of all things. **17.VARI**

### **Jesus**

Walter Wangerin Jr.

Consider this man who, by his power, his peace, his simple presence, and his fierce purity, quietly turned the whole world upside down. None other could evoke such joy at his astonishing deeds, such anger at his strange aloofness, such fear when he began to draw the attention of powerful enemies ... and such heartbreak when the inevitable came to pass. The author finds the voice and the heart of Jesus from Nazareth, drawing readers within the sweet sphere of the man who was cherished as a friend, honoured

as a teacher, marveled at as a healer, and loved as a son. **17.WANG**

**Meeting Jesus in Everyday Life And Recognizing Him When We Do**

By: Clair Woodbury

The author uses the Gospel of Luke to help us experience the miracle of hearing the truth and recognizing it. **17.WOOD**

## VIDEO RESOURCES - JESUS

### GOD THE SPIRIT

**SPEAKER:** Donald Senior

**PUBLISHED:** Argus Communications (1984)

This program is an ideal resource for Bible study, RCIA, and worship. It can be the means for Christians of all ages to rediscover the foundations of their faith. Programs included: Breath of Life; The Spirit of Love; The Spirit Today. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** Three 30-min. segments. **VID#:** 10.705

### GOD THE FATHER

**SPEAKER:** Donald Senior

**PUBLISHED:** Argus Communications (1984)

This program can be a real help in the teaching and learning process of your religious education program. It is especially appropriate for Confirmation programs and for adult and high school education. Programs included: The God Who Cares; Lord, I Long to See Your Face; The God of Jesus. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** Three 30-min. segments. **VID#:** 10.706

### GOD THE SON

**SPEAKER:** Donald Senior

**PUBLISHED:** Argus Communications (1984)

This program is an ideal resource for Bible study, RCIA, and worship. It can be the means for Christians of all ages to rediscover the foundations of their faith. Programs included: Death & Victory; The World of Jesus; Jesus & the Kingdom; To Be a Disciple. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** Four 30-min. segments **VID#:** 10.707

### JESUS THE PROPHET

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Stephen Doyle, OFM

**PUBLISHED:** Franciscan Communications (1987)

A scriptural pilgrimage highlighting the years of Jesus' public ministry -- the wedding of Cana, baptism in the Jordan, temptation in the desert, the Sea of Galilee, multiplication of the loaves, the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' Transfiguration. Adult level. **LENGTH:** 30 min. **VID#:** 10.727

### JESUS THE REDEEMER

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Stephen Doyle, OFM

**PUBLISHED:** Franciscan Communications (1987)

A scriptural pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the sites of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Rev. Doyle visits the sites commemorating the Last Supper, Gethsemane, and the Via Dolorosa. It closes recalling the key appearances of the risen Jesus -- the Holy Sepulchre and Emmaus. Adult level. **LENGTH:** 45 min. **VID#:** 10.728

### THE BIRTH OF JESUS

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Stephen Doyle, OFM

**PUBLISHED:** Franciscan Communications (1987)

This is the first in a series by Teleketics in which scripture scholar Fr. Doyle takes his viewers on a scriptural pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In this episode, Fr. Doyle guides us through the ancient land of prophecies (ruins of the City of David, Quamran, site of the Jewish sect living in intense expectation of the coming of the Messiah). At Nazareth, the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth is recalled during a visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation, and at Shepherd's Field the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story is retold at the Basilica of the Nativity. Senior - Adult level. **LENGTH:** 25 min. **VID#:** 10.729

### THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**SPEAKER:** Rev. F. Scinto

A taped workshop presentation. Rev. Scinto examines the parables of the Synoptic Gospels. Adult level.

**LENGTH:** 2 tapes; 1 hr. each **VID#:** 10.748-10.749

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST**

**PUBLISHED:** Family Theater Productions

Divided into 15 separate episodes, each approx. 20 min. Each episode has an opening and closing, and presents a dramatic re-enactment of one mystery of the Rosary. The set consists of three cassettes, one containing the Joyful Mysteries, one the Sorrowful Mysteries, and one the Glorious Mysteries.

**LENGTH:** 5 hrs. (total) **VID#:** 10.754-10.756

**JESUS OF NAZARETH**

**PRODUCER:** Frank Zeffirelli production **PUBLISHED:** LIVE Entertainment Inc. (1992)

Beginning before the Nativity and extending through the Crucifixion and Resurrection, this video brings to life all the majesty and sweeping drama of the life of Jesus as told in the Gospels. An excellent international cast adds depth and humanity to the roles of the saints, sinners and ordinary people who walked in the footsteps of the Lord. The film provides the setting and background for the birth, childhood, baptism, teaching and many miracles of the Messiah, culminating in the Divine Resurrection.

**LENGTH:** 3 tapes; approx. 2 hrs. each **VID#:** 10.771-10.773

**WALKING WITH JESUS**

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications (1988)

Walking with Jesus presents the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus on the Stations of the Cross. It not only acquaints children with this traditional devotion as an event from the past (art); but also depicts scenes from contemporary life that parallel the passion experience of Jesus. It encourages the children to respond to Jesus' love by loving one another as he has loved us.

This video presentation can serve three valuable purposes: 1) to familiarize children with the events of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, 2) to introduce them to the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, and 3) to suggest numerous ways in which a child can walk with Jesus today. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** 8 min. **VID#:** 10.789

**AFTER THE TRIAL OF JESUS**

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications

Compelling dialogue, a contemporary setting, and dynamic dramatic action bring to life the political, social and spiritual issues portrayed in *After The Trial of Jesus*. The time is a few days after Christ's crucifixion, the place is the temple in Jerusalem. Emerson searingly plays the role of Caiaphas, temple high priest. Emotionally charged, a number of Jesus' followers are gathered here to ask questions of Caiaphas, suspecting that he played a pivotal role in the execution. The confrontation that ensues offers much in the way of historic and religious content, with relevance to our own questions concerning today's spiritual and political values.

*After The Trial of Jesus* is a valuable resource for enriching the lenten experience. This thought-provoking video and its attendant guide will provide added depth and background to the Holy Week services, as well as Scripture study at any time of year. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** 23 min. **VID#:** 10.790

**JESUS**

**PUBLISHED:** Inspirational Films, Inc.

This film has helped millions of people find the answers to questions like, Who is He?, How could this destitute man from Galilee become the best-known and most-loved figure in history? and more...

Translated into over 325 languages, it is the most widely viewed film in history. This moving account of the life of Jesus, so accurately following the Gospel of Luke, gives an amazingly authentic portrayal of life in first century Palestine, the moment destined by God for the coming of Christ into the world.

**LENGTH:** 120 min. **VID#:** 10.791

**JESUS AND HIS TIMES****PUBLISHED:** Reader's Digest Video

**The Story Begins:** Travel the dusty roads with Joseph and Mary as they make their way to the tiny village of Bethlehem in obedience to the edict of the Roman Emperor Ceasar Augustus. Be amazed, along with shepherds on a nearby hillside, at the angels' "good news of great joy." Learn about the life of King Herod the Great and about the wise men from the East who brought word of Jesus' birth to that murderous tyrant. See for yourself what daily life was like for the Holy Family in Egypt, where they fled for safety, and in the village of Nazareth, where Jesus later grew to manhood. Accompany Him as a 12-year-old to the Temple in Jerusalem for observation of the Passover. **LENGTH:** 61 min. **VID#:** 10.792.1

**Among the People:** Listen to John the Baptist as he preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and visit the community of devout Essenes to which John may have belonged. Be there as he baptizes Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Watch Jesus teaching in the synagogues of Galilee and understand how His teachings echoes those of the highly respected Pharisees - and how they differed. Walk with Him and His disciples through Galilee, Samaria and Judea, and hear His parables as they must have fallen on the ears of His listeners: plain working people who understood and responded to the images of sheep and shepherds, seeds and harvest, vineyards and the fruit of the fine. Witness His miracles, His healings, the raising of Lazarus. **LENGTH:** 57 min. **VID#:** 10.792.2

**The Final Days:** See Jerusalem, the Holy City, as it appeared in Jesus' day. Be part of the cheering throng that welcomed Him into the city to celebrate Passover, and join the startled crowd in the Temple when He drove out those who sold. Learn who the hereditary priests of the Temple really were and why they feared Jesus. Understand the political and religious turmoil that raged through a land ruled by Rome but inhabited by a people ruled only by God. Share their dreams of the Messiah who would save them. Join Jesus at the Last Supper. Witness His betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, His trial before Pontius Pilate. Despair with His followers at the crucifixion and rejoice at the events that followed. **LENGTH:** 55 min. **VID#:** 10.792.3

**JESUS****PRODUCER:** Lion Gate Films

The life and times of Jesus of Nazareth, from His humble beginnings as a carpenter to His destiny as the sone of God, are vividly retold in this epic movie event. When His earthly father dies, Mary tells Jesus the time has come to fulfill His prophecy. Jesus' dramatic journey includes the Sermon on the Mount, the temptations of Satan, the selection of the twelve Apostles, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and His Resurrection. **LENGTH:** 174 min. **VID#:** 10.793

**JESUS****PRODUCER:** Campus Crusade for Christ of Canada

The complete story of Christ faithfully recreated from the Gospel of Luke. An excellent tool for Bible study and evangelistic outreach. **LENGTH:** 120 min. **VID#:** 10.794

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**

Icon Productions, 2004

From Academy award-winning director Mel Gibson comes a profound story of courage and sacrifice depicting the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus Christ. **LENGTH:** 126 min. **VID#:** 10.795