

Lent Easter Bible Studies Bible Studies Small Group

This is the 11th year for a thematic Lenten study offering. This study will include 7 sessions, one for each Sunday in Lent, including Easter Sunday. Each session features a scripture reference, a personal reading and questions for personal reflection or group discussion; suggestions for ways to deepen the Lenten journey or a focus for the coming week may also be included. This particular study is based on Philippians 2:1-11 (“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...”). The goal is to discover what it might look like for us, in very practical ways, to live with the mind of Christ.

You love God's Word. You want Scripture to inform you daily life and seep deep into your soul. Yet too often Bible study becomes a mere fact-finding exercise or a dull, spiritless routine. How can Bible reading shape you and transform you? How can you meet God face to face while pondering his message in the Old and New Testaments? Cindy Bunch has written this practical study guide to help you experience the variety of ways that Scripture can meet your desire for spiritual connection and growth. Utilizing the revised LifeGuide Bible Study format, God's Word features questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal

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reflection. A helpful "Now or Later" section at the end of each study offers you suggestions for further study, prayer or application. Notes for group leaders are also included. Here is help for loving God's Word—and living it. PDF download with a single-user license; available from InterVarsity Press and other resellers.

With few exceptions, the Oberammergau Passion Play has been presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany every 10 years since 1634. The play is a staging of Jesus' Passion story, covering the final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem to the journey to the cross.. In his new book and study, *The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days*, author and pastor Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and how it has been experienced through the centuries against the backdrop of this amazing play. Perfect for Lent, this study takes you on a journey to the origins of the Passion Play and helps you understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. The book and study help readers and small groups feel a sense of connection to the play while recognizing their own place in the story of Jesus. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Rob Fuquay filmed on location in Oberammergau, Germany and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

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How can you apply Jesus' crucifixion to your life in practical ways? How can you and those you lead see the deeply spiritual practices in Jesus' journey to the cross? The Journey to the Resurrection answers these very questions! Jesus didn't just come to earth to die on the cross. He came to show us how to live an abundant life, a life focused on God in every season even in times of weakness, brokenness, and betrayal. As you journey through Jesus' final days, you'll see spiritual practices that sustained him, including fasting, repentance, and confession. These practices were regularly apart of Jesus' life not as rules or regulations, but as lifelines to God's heart. See how to cultivate these 6 spiritual practices in your own life with Rose's Journey to the Resurrection 6-Session Visual Bible Study. In this 6-session study, you'll cover: Dust and Ashes: Confession and Repentance Desert Time: Fasting Broken and Poured Out: Generosity Strength in Weakness: Service Victorious Failure: Contemplation Hope: Celebration Enjoy Having a Highly Visual Bible Study Packed with Charts and Illustrations Helpful charts help you and those you lead unpack 6 key spiritual disciplines that reflect Jesus' ministry along with practical steps and actions. In the clear and easy-to-read style of Rose's visual elements, Rose Visual Bible Studies are packed with charts, practical applications, images, and fascinating facts. Features include: 6-session,

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flexible Bible study. Optional reading plan for people with more time who want to go deeper Leader's guide is contained within each study guide, so no extra book purchase is required Discussion questions for each session and lots of space for writing. Most Bible studies don't include visuals. Imagine having one that does! Perfect for group and individual use, Easter and Lent studies, young adult groups, homeschool, church library, to give to a friend, and more! Get an In-Depth Overview of Lent, Jesus' Crucifixion, Holy Week, and Jesus' Resurrection Each of the 6 sessions in every Bible study guides you (and your group) through the following sections: Introduction: Simple overview to get started. Read It: Key Bible Passages and Optional Reading. Know It: Discussion Questions with space for writing. Explore It: key information, easy-to-read outlines, charts, full-color illustrations, and more. Live It: Devotional reading and Life Application Questions, a short prayer, and space for note-taking & journaling. 5 Key Features of this Bible Study on Spiritual Disciplines Packed with Visuals & Graphics that help you picture where and how key events in Jesus' Ministry happened. Clear and Easy to Understand. Dig deeper and get a solid overview of how each key event in Jesus' journey to the cross provides a practical way to help us connect with God. Practical Life Applications. Start this life-changing Bible study today and discover the godly

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principles and blessings the Lord has for you in his Word. Flexible & Easy-to-Use Format. Whether you want a 30-, 60-, or 90-minute study (3 plans included), this book is designed to help you dive into Scripture and retain information, the format of the Rose Visual Bible Study Series helps you focus on key takeaways, applications, and important lessons. Anyone Can Lead This. Each Bible study contains a leader guide to help anyone guide their small group or church through discussions and important lessons. No additional purchase necessary! Packed with the Do's and Don'ts of leadership, group guidelines, 3 Bible study plans for flexibility, and more, this simple leader guide will get you and your group up and running in no time!

As Christians, we know that Easter is perhaps the most important day of the year. But when we wake up on Easter Sunday, we often struggle to grasp the significance of the day and find ourselves on the outside of the celebration looking in. Journey to the Cross moves us closer to the heart of Easter through forty days of Bible readings, prayers of confession and thanksgiving, and daily devotional readings. This forty-day devotional takes a deeper look into six central themes of the Christian life: repentance, humility, suffering, lament, sacrifice, and death. Journey to the Cross moves beyond “doing penance” and helps Christians focus on Christ’s sacrifice for us—the real meaning of Easter and the

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reason we celebrate. Journey to the Cross serves as a combined liturgical guide and devotional—presenting a call to worship, confessional, gospel reading, and daily devotional with application. This compact devotional guide meets the needs of Christians who want to prepare their hearts for Easter but don't know how, and it answers the growing desire of many to be connected to the broader history of the church. At its heart, Lent is all about Jesus—his suffering and sacrifice, all powered by his love for his people. Taking the time to meditate on the cross will give readers the opportunity to re-center their hearts, reframe their lives, and rekindle their love for Christ this Easter.

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN | REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT | STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH Reflect on the Sacrificial Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Celebrate the Joyous Reason for the Easter Season! This special collection of 50 word search puzzles recounts the major parts of the Easter story in the New Testament, including Jesus': Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Last Supper Prayer in Gethsemane Arrest and Crucifixion Death and Burial Miraculous Resurrection Post-Resurrection Appearances Great Commission Ascension Includes 40 puzzles directly based on scripture passages from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as well as 10 puzzles based on beloved Easter hymns such as "The Old Rugged

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Cross." SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE: Formatted for enhanced readability Large 20-point typeface for puzzles; 16-point for solutions Semi-bold black text on white paper for high contrast Two-page word search puzzles: scripture/hymn lyrics on the left, grids and word lists on the right 1200 words (24 per puzzle) hidden in eight possible directions Easy to read and understand passages from modern translations of the Bible A beautiful matte cover that will appeal to both men and women Suitable for all ages who prefer large print or have low vision

Dimensions: 8.5" x 11" MAKES A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR LENT AND EASTER:

This faith-based puzzle book would be a thoughtful gift for baptisms, Lent and Easter, or to show your appreciation to someone who works or volunteers at your church.

The puzzles can also be used as activities for individual or group Bible studies, personal devotions, witnessing or homeschooling. CLICK THE "BUY NOW" BUTTON AND START PREPARING YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR EASTER TODAY!

The events that took place during Jesus' final week on earth—Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus' death and his resurrection—are foundational to your salvation and your Christian life. This eight-session LifeGuide Bible Stud allows you to focus more closely on these amazing events and gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves you.

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The Easter season is full of joy, celebration, and life. It's so easy to get swept up in the busyness of plays and pastels that we sometimes forget to stand in awe of Jesus this time of year. Easter: Behold Your King is a thoughtful look at the Easter season, focusing on the events and deeper theological meaning of the Passion Week. Diving into topics like: Old Testament prophecy that connects to Jesus as the Messiah, the significance of the events of Palm Sunday through the silence of Holy Saturday, and Jesus' appearances after His resurrection, this study will not only help the reader understand how beautifully deep Christ's sacrifice for us was, but also how to live in light of these life-giving truths. This resource will also include Easter activities to help kids, students, and adults celebrate the season together. Features: Leader helps for group discussion Beautiful 4 color interior to enhance the study experience 4 weeks of personal study to be completed between the 5 group sessions Specific Easter activities for kids, students, and adults Benefits: Understand the order and theological significance of the events and big moments during the Passion Week, including the Old Testament prophecies that connect to it, seeing it as more than just a familiar story. Allow a deeper understanding of Easter to fuel your worship of and love for Christ. Understand the important implications that Jesus' work during Passion Week brings to bear on your

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everyday life. Learn about the hope the Easter season brings us and be equipped to share that hope with others.

Lent is a season of the Christian liturgical calendar intended for spiritual reflection and preparation. It lasts approximately 6 weeks, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the Thursday before Easter. The term Lent comes from an old English word meaning, Spring. However, in Latin, Lent means fortieth because Lent is observed for forty days. This book combines these aspects for a challenging, yet inspirational message to facilitate self-reflection as you prepare yourself to be fully engaged during the time of year that we recognize, celebrate, and focus on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You'll appreciate the combination of gaining knowledge and finding personal insight as you navigate the Scriptures, devotions, and applications. If you are looking for a daily devotional to facilitate reflective Bible study, worship, provide Christian education, and build your vocabulary this will be the devotional for you. This devotional is intentionally set up in a unique way to help you learn by association through attaching a vocabulary word to a passage of Scripture for Bible study. Each daily devotional has a vocabulary word that has a definition that matches up to the devotion you will be reading, studying, and applying to your life. By writing this devotional with this methodology, you will have the best chance to retain the daily message during the bible study through a spirit of worship and reflection. Knowable WordHelping Ordinary People Learn to Study the Bible

The perfect companion to your daily devotions throughout the 6-7 weeks leading up to Easter, this Lent Bible Study Journal provides sections for you to record: the daily scripture message what you have learned prayers that have arisen

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from your devotion things you are thankful for your meditations on the nature of God You can use this journal in conjunction with any guided Bible study or your own schedule throughout the 46 days of Lent (the traditional 40 days plus Sundays), with room for an additional day if you want to include Easter Sunday. 106 white pages (53 sheets) covering 47 days of daily Bible studies 8"x10" with clear, clean layout and featuring appropriate Lenten images for you to reflect on Non spiral, durable, matte perfect-bound paperback cover in a simple textured watercolor design 2 pages per day for your study notes with illustrations ("Look Inside" to view some of the interior). Divine Inspirations offers a growing range of Bible Study and Sermon journals in different lengths, interiors and themes to reflect the seasons or specific events in the Christian calendar.

A PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER Motherhood is hard. In a world of five-step lists and silver-bullet solutions to become perfect parents, mothers are burdened with mixed messages about who they are and what choices they should make. If you feel pulled between high-fives and hard words, with culture's solutions only raising more questions, you're not alone. But there is hope. You might think that Scripture doesn't have much to say about the food you make for breakfast, how you view your postpartum body, or what school choice you make for your children, but a deeper look reveals that the Bible provides the framework for finding answers to your specific questions about modern motherhood. Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler help you understand and apply the gospel to common issues moms face so you can connect your Sunday morning faith to the Monday morning tantrum. Discover how closely the gospel connects with today's motherhood. Join Emily and Laura as they walk through the redemptive story and reveal how the gospel applies to your everyday life, bringing hope, freedom,

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and joy in every area of motherhood.

While many of us naturally wish to avoid the reality of the cross, it's from the cross that Jesus speaks and shows his deepest love for us. It's from the cross that Jesus' full humanity draws us closest to him. It's from the cross, as Jesus breathes his last breath and speaks his last words, that his deep trust in the Father and his divine glory are revealed. Those who listen to Jesus' last words from the cross will discover what he most wants them (the world) to hear and will experience an intimate and divine awe only available to those who are willing to draw near his cross. In *Seven Words*, Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. The book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Susan Robb and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Honor the Easter season for 40 days with our Redeemer. The sanctity of Easter...how do you approach and honor this holy time of year? Now you can spend 40 days with Jesus—from leading up to His death on Good Friday, to celebrating His resurrection on Easter Sunday—and draw into worship and praise as never before. Select devotionals from Sarah Young's bestselling *Jesus Calling* are compiled into this gift book to create an experience of closeness with the Savior during the Lenten season.

ECPA BESTSELLER • This giftable Bible study for the Lenten season explores the stories of three women who played a vital role in the life and ministry of Jesus, as well as in the events of that first Holy Week that first Easter. With unforgettable insights and powerful life application for today's women, Liz Curtis Higgs delves into the biblical text to help us view Easter through the eyes of three women named Mary,

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each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus: Mary of Bethany, who prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume; Mary of Nazareth, who remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering; and Mary Magdalene, delivered of seven demons, who bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection. What a trio. What a Savior! Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. Higgs, a seasoned Bible teacher and award-winning novelist, combines her storytelling skills with a thorough verse-by-verse study of Scripture as together you explore the remarkable lives of The Women of Easter. "The perfect companion for Easter and beyond!" —Jennie Allen, visionary of IF:Gathering "Liz Curtis Higgs is one of the most amazing teachers of God's Word that I have ever experienced. Her in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures, gifting as a communicator, and personal relationship with the Lord make her unmatched in the ability to take biblical truth and make it applicable to anybody." —Priscilla Shirer, New York Times best-selling author of *Fervent*

This Lent, discover the Bible as one Big Story of God and God's people. This book follows the story from the very beginning up to the wonder of Easter morning. Day by day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, we read part of The Big Story, with space for you to respond, Bible readings, a reflection and a short prayer. Each week covers a section of the Bible and finishes with the story seemingly crashing to an end, but by God's grace, it continues. Gain an overview of the whole story of the Bible, and see how some familiar (and some less-familiar) parts of the Bible fit together. Perfect for personal devotions, for weekly Bible studies, youth groups and sermon series. Written by the best-selling author of

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'Walking the Bethlehem', discover The Big Story today. Little Rock Scripture Study, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock, provides resources that can transform lives. This Lent, choose one of the following Bible studies -- especially for the newest members of your parish. With Little Rock Scripture Study, you'll experience: -- deeper, more personal relationship with God -- lively experience of Christian community -- greater desire to reach out to others in need -- richer appreciation for the Church's teachings and worship -- increased understanding of the journey of faith Little Rock Scripture Study for Adults uses solid principles of adult learning to meet the educational and spiritual needs of Catholics. Enter into the core events of your faith. Four lessons on the Passion of Jesus will help you find meaning in the suffering and death of Jesus. Two lessons on the Resurrection will help you celebrate the new life of Easter. 7 weeks.

The perfect guided Bible study for your daily devotions throughout the 6-7 weeks leading up to Easter. Discipleship: A Guided Lent Bible Study Journal provides a daily reading and journal prompts with a particular focus on what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus. Every day includes: a daily scripture reference for you to read and contemplate from your favorite version of the Bible questions and comments on the theme of discipleship based on the daily scripture for you to use as the basis of your journal entry for that day 2 pages of lined journal pages per day a short prayer to conclude your daily devotions action pages to help you list the steps to put the teachings into practice This journal

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covers the 46 days of Lent (the traditional 40 days plus Sundays), with the addition of Easter Sunday. 100 white pages (50 sheets) covering 47 days of daily Bible studies 8"x10" with clear, clean layout Non spiral, durable, matte perfect-bound paperback cover in a simple teal and gold design 2 pages per day for your study notes ("Look Inside" to view some of the interior) Undated for use in any year but with days included to keep you on-track and allow for you to add your own dates Divine Inspirations offers a growing range of Bible Study and Sermon journals in different lengths, interiors and themes to reflect the seasons or specific events in the Christian calendar. Please note: This is a guided Bible study. If you would like a journal you can use throughout Lent using your own Bible study references, please search Amazon for our popular "Lent Bible Study Journal: Daily Devotions Workbook"

Why should the cross—an object of Roman distaste and Jewish disgust—be the emblem of our worship and the axiom of our faith? And what does it mean for us today? In the centennial edition of this study of Scripture, theology, and contemporary issues, John Stott brings you face to face with the centrality of the cross in God's plan of redemption.

The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. But what exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? In *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. The Bible uses many

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images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus. Components for this six-session study will include a book, leader guide, and a DVD with videos featuring deVega presenting each chapter's main ideas and themes. The leader guide will include instructions for showing and discussing these videos as an option for the group leader.

Each of these three separate Bible studies can assist in guiding an individual or a congregation through key scriptures during Lent. Each study includes a lesson objective, a focal point for prayer, questions for discussion and thought, and suggested songs and other resources, all working together to make the Lenten experience a memorable one.

Focus on the amazing story of Jesus' crucifixion and the gospel in days and weeks leading up to Easter and think yet again how the cross transforms our lives today. With Bible verses, prayers and 40 meditations by Chris Wright and treasured, timeless nuggets from John Stott, prepare to be inspired as you contemplate the deep, life-transforming truths of the gospel: 'love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all'. Our Radical Reconciler * forgives sins * reconciles enemies * destroys death * defeats evil * governs history * restores creation

What would it be like to be discipled by Jesus himself?

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What would he teach you about relationships, priorities, wealth and his coming kingdom? What would you learn from his actions? Matthew's Gospel brings you face to face with Jesus as he calls, teaches and prepares his disciples. As you work through these eleven-session LifeGuide® Bible Study on Matthew, you can become one of those chosen followers.

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, *Lent in Plain Sight* reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

Do you enter every holiday wanting it to be meaningful, only to find that it feels chaotic with no direction? We set New Year's goals we can't keep, struggle to love or be loved on Valentine's Day, and find it hard to celebrate the risen Jesus when we are searching for the perfect Easter dress. Our summer and back-to-school seasons are whirlwinds, even as adults; we aren't quite sure what to do with Halloween as Christians; and we feel less than grateful at Thanksgiving because it is

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sometimes full of complicated people. Even Christmas becomes a challenge, as celebrating Jesus gets lost behind twinkling lights and a mountain of gifts. Holidays are meant to be more than chaos with glimpses of grace; they are meant to draw us closer to God and one another. We want all the whimsy and joy the holidays held when we were children, before life crowded it out. We want the holidays to reflect our love for Jesus and reveal the grace that has been lavished on us, but life is so busy that setting a game plan just doesn't happen. No more. It's time to stop trying to survive the holidays or over indulge the whimsy, and instead live in the abundant life God called us to live. Sacred Holidays is part book and part resource: meant to help you avoid what has tripped you up in the past and give you insights, tips, and tools to make your holidays less chaotic and more about loving Jesus and others. Don't let your holidays be marked by regret, whirlwinds, or survival mindset. Let's celebrate every holiday together purposefully and worshipfully—loving Jesus and others well in every moment.

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. In six brief chapters, Thompson addresses such questions as the following: Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians

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do not need to forgive? Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities? Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured? How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness? Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness.

The events that took place during Jesus' final week on earth—Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus' death and his resurrection—are foundational to your salvation and your Christian life. This eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study allows you to focus more closely on these amazing events and gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves you.

Pastors love to preach about grace. The essence of the Good News, grace is unmerited favor from the all-powerful Creator of the world. There is perhaps no more satisfying message to deliver. But does the average churchgoer really understand what grace means for them? Is it just another "Christianese" term that fails to resonate? Bill Thomas' *Surrounded by Grace: A Bible Study for Lent* is a tool based on the Gospel of John to help pastors, small groups and congregations answer the question of what grace is in a modern context. From the story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana to his conversation with the Samaritan woman at

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the well, Thomas uses John's words to affirm that the Lord's favor extends to all no matter how insignificant we see ourselves or our problems. Written to be utilized for individual or group study, or for worship services during the Lenten season, Surrounded by Grace encourages the imagination to ponder that there is no storm so great the Lord cannot overcome it; no pain so deep he will not sustain us through it; no death so final he will fail to resurrect us from it. Lessons Include: "Grace for Those Awkward Moments" (John 2:1-11) "Grace for the Broken Heart" (John 11:17-44) "Grace When Things Are Chaotic" (John 16:17-33) Bill Thomas is an associate pastor at First Christian Church of Washington, Missouri. Previously he has served as a minister at Northridge Church of Christ in Circleville, Ohio, and as pastor of Stony Point Christian Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Bill received a B.S. in Education from the University of Kansas, a Bachelor of Theology from Manhattan Christian College, and a Master of Arts from Johnson Bible College. His previously published works include The Road to Victory: A Pre-Easter Home Study and The Critical Questions ... And More: Three Pre-Easter Bible Studies (CSS Publishing). An avid sports fan who referees football and basketball, he is also the author of two young adult Christian books with a sports theme: Pete Thompson and the Long Road Home, and Pete Thompson and the Last Out (Publish America, 2004). Guides readers through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in complete detail and with the aim of helping readers understand the sacrifice he made.

Observe...Interpet...Apply People with Bibles don't

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always know how to use them. They're good at absorbing and repeating material from sermons, commentaries, and blogs, but they miss the fullness and joy that comes from studying the Bible for themselves. The power to change the world is available, but it goes untapped. Though study aids are helpful, imagine if your primary ministry curriculum was Scripture itself. You could study the Bible, teach people how to study it themselves, and expect those folks to lead their own Bible studies with their neighbors, coworkers, and friends. Each year, you'd see an increasing number of men and women wield the sword of the Spirit, piercing hearts and drawing the lost to Jesus. Ordinary people can learn to study the Bible. These people may not have been to seminary. They don't have much free time. But they love Jesus and want to be more like him. They want to know him. Knowable Word offers a foundation on why and how to study the Bible. Using a running study of the first chapter of Genesis, it illustrates how to observe, interpret, and apply the Scripture-and gives the vision behind each step. It also shows how to read each Bible passage in light of salvation history. But besides being just a how-to on Bible study, it fuels the desire to learn and grow through studying the Scriptures. This book will appeal to three kinds of people: 1. Beginners who love God and his Word 2.Mature Christians who want to improve their Bible study skills 3.Leaders who long not only to teach but also to equip Knowable Word offers what each group needs: a sensible Bible study method. By learning to observe, interpret, and apply, ordinary people will grow extraordinarily close to Jesus Christ as

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they learn to study his knowable Word.

“This book will prove to be a most effective weapon... against the debunking and skeptical attitudes toward the Gospels that are so prevalent, not only in academe, but also on the street, among young people who, sadly, are leaving the Churches in droves.” – Robert Barron, author of *Catholicism For well over a hundred years now, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. In *The Case for Jesus*, Dr. Brant Pitre, the bestselling author of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, goes back to the sources—the biblical and historical evidence for Christ—in order to answer several key questions, including:*

- Were the four Gospels really anonymous?
- Are the Gospels folklore? Or are they biographies?
- Were the four Gospels written too late to be reliable?
- What about the so-called “Lost Gospels,” such as “Q” and the Gospel of Thomas?
- Did Jesus claim to be God?
- Is Jesus divine in all four Gospels? Or only in John?
- Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah?
- Why was Jesus crucified?
- What is the evidence for the Resurrection?

As *The Case for Jesus* will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early church fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels. Above all, Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth can only be understood by putting them in their ancient

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Jewish context.

Jesus' resurrection is the singular event upon which the truth of Christianity rises or falls. This exploration of the resurrection begins with a survey the earliest mentions in the Old Testament through the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Then it examines each of the four gospels to determine as precisely as possible what took place that first Easter morning. It investigates five alternate theories of Jesus' resurrection and demonstrates why none deals adequately with the New Testament evidence. It outlines the strong facts that underlie our belief in Christ's physical resurrection from the dead and explores the theological and practical implications that flow from it. Finally, the book considers what the New Testament teaches about our own resurrection on the Last Day. This examination of the resurrection, with its provocative discussion questions, provides an excellent five-lesson Lenten study for personal enrichment, for use by small groups and classes, and for sermon preparation by teachers and preachers.

Drawing on texts from all three Synoptic Gospels, this series of seven lessons traces the events of Jesus' final journey into Jerusalem and toward crucifixion. Through the study of parallel passages from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, readers will discover both common elements and disparate viewpoints in the passion narratives. Each study includes a listing of texts and themes, plus a preparation guide for class members and discussion suggestions for group leaders. These practical resources will be

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useful not only for pastors, but for anyone who plans educational opportunities for adults during Lent. Use them in combination with Bankhead's other Lenten titles for a complete interrelated program focusing on the journey to the cross. Also by Robert C.

Bankhead: * Jesus' Lonely Road: Devotional Guides For Lent And Holy Week * Come In And Worship:

Liturgies And Sermons For Holy Week An active

pastor for nearly 40 years, Robert C. Bankhead has served Presbyterian congregations in North

Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. He is a graduate of Davidson College (B.A.), Columbia

Theological Seminary (M.Div.), McCormick

Theological Seminary (D.Min.), and the University of Basel, Switzerland (D.Th.). Bankhead is currently the

Chaplain of the International Seamen's Service in Wilmington, North Carolina. CSS Pub

Kingdom Life in Mark - Lent to Easter gives relational Bible studies using Lectionary readings for the

period from Lent to Easter and Pentecost. These studies can be used as both personal and group studies.

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story.

Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th-century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and

memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several

screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story. In the six-week study *The Grace of Les*

Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into

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six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world. A DVD, Leader Guide, youth resources, and Worship Resource Flash Drive are also available for a six-week study. John the Baptist said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world These words summarize Jesus mission and help us understand the significance of his death and resurrection. Through this study you will come to appreciate Jesus atonement in a new way. Chapters include an in-depth study of Jesus as a Lamb sacrificed for our sins, the amazing prophecy of Christ as the Lamb in Isaiah 53, redemption through the blood of the Lamb, Christ as our Passover Lamb, and the Lamb on the throne in the Book of Revelation. The book contains a wealth of background information, as well as questions for thought or discussion and key verses for meditation. These five lessons can be used for personal enrichment, Lenten Bible studies by small groups and classes, and by teachers and

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preachers for sermon preparation.

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” Adults, youth, and children alike can experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in Adam Hamilton’s six-week, DVD-series, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. Everything you need to lead small groups of all ages is available for this special study including the entire Gospel of John in the CEB translation printed in the book.

Part of the *Waiting for Water Easter Journey Series*, this devotional connects families and individuals to the season of Lent through weekly Bible studies and an art project. The Bible studies are centered around the theme of Encounters with Jesus from the book of Luke. Included in the studies are stories of water access and safety from around the globe, as well as practical application for responding to the global water crisis during Lent, Easter and beyond. *Waiting for Water* is an ecumenical group of Christians who recognize that millions of people around the world are still waiting for access to safe water. We provide

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free resources for churches and individuals to participate in The Easter Journey. Our mission is to mobilize followers of Jesus to provide safe water during Lent, Easter, and beyond. We envision Easter as a launching pad for the cause of safe water for the world's poor.

Experience New Growth this Easter Do you feel like Easter sneaks up on you, as if you're spiritually and emotionally unprepared to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection as victorious King? In *Uncovering the Love of Jesus*, Asheritah Ciuciu invites you to reclaim the Lenten season with 40 devotionals that reveal the deep love of Jesus that's exhibited at the cross and tomb. Each daily reflection looks at Jesus' personal interactions in Scripture and leads you in meditation on a new aspect of His love. Don't let Easter pass by this year. Reflect, engage, and be transformed as you uncover the love of Jesus and learn to love your neighbor as He would. Includes optional family activities to help you celebrate Jesus together.

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