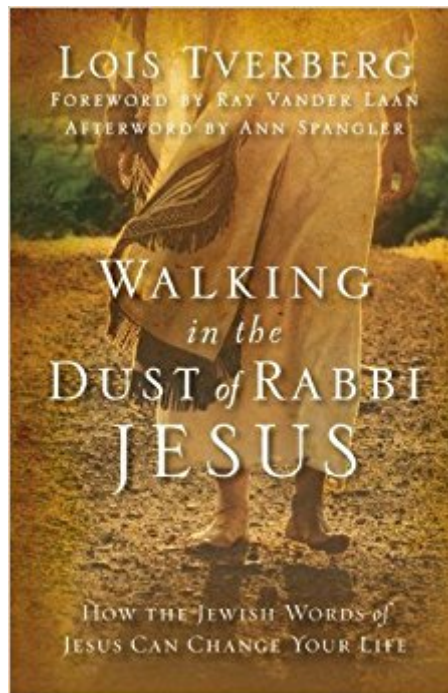




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Walking In The Dust Of Rabbi Jesus: How The Jewish Words Of Jesus Can Change Your Life



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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"What Tverberg uncovers brings Scripture to light in contextual, astonishing ways. She makes me hunger to dig deeper in the meaning of the Word." - Ann Voskamp, author of *One Thousand Gifts*

"The first book that I would suggest to those interested in understanding Jesus' teaching better with the help of the historical background." - Todd Bolen, BiblePlaces.com

"Her knowledge of Jewish customs, scholarship, language, and culture is astounding, and her writing style is lively and

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In *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus*, Lois Tverberg brings the Bible to life as she explores the cultural context of Jesus' teachings. With well-researched information and a highly readable style, Tverberg explains how understanding Jewish idioms and expressions can help us better grasp what Jesus was saying. How viewing Jesus within the context of Middle Eastern culture can enliven his parables in surprising new ways. How the Jewish world of Jesus can teach us many wise insights, like how to pray with chutzpah or think with both hands. By understanding the religious and cultural atmosphere in which Jesus lived and taught, you will begin to understand why his first disciples abandoned everything to follow him. You will also learn the meaning behind key Hebrew words that make Bible reading a richer, more powerful experience. And you will see how Jewish customs, culture, and beliefs can enrich your life as a Christian whose faith first emerged from Jewish roots. Come eavesdrop on the conversations among the rabbis of Jesus' time. Learn how hearing Rabbi Jesus with the ears of a first-century disciple can bring new depth to your spiritual life. Along the way you will discover both practical ways to live as Jesus' disciple and an invigorated faith that will draw you closer to God.

This is an amazing book and I love it. Every Christian read it and learn what has been missing in the teaching we have been getting in our churches over these many years. There is so much to learn about how important it is to include both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The statement that the NT is hidden in the OT and the OT is revealed in the NT. Most people sit in church and maybe even take their Bibles or attend a Bible Study and still miss that Jesus was Jewish and the disciples were Jewish and the many first converts worshiped in a Synagogue. So much Antisemitism and replacement is being taught. All that God promised His people is coming to pass daily and has been happening right before our eyes.

Lois Tverberg's *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* is a fun and enlightening read. It brings many of Jesus' words and teachings to life as it explores the cultural, Jewish context of those teachings. The author explains numerous Jewish idioms and expressions that expose deeper and richer--and often

clearer--meanings to what Jesus said. She sheds new light on many of Jesus' familiar parables. And she reveals the linkage between Jesus' words and Scriptural or historical background that his first audiences would have understood and appreciated--yet which modern readers miss. I made numerous marks and notations in the book, which is one measure of quality for me. I thought the earlier chapters were especially helpful, and was amazed at the book's voluminous endnotes, many of which are as fun and helpful to read as the body of the book. In short, I recommend *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus*. Whether you're a newbie to the subject or an experienced Bible student, you'll find much to learn and much to appreciate there.

Excellent book for better understanding Jesus's world. Lois describes the Jewish culture at the time of Jesus's ministry clearly and explains many stories and phrases in the Bible from that standpoint.

Many of us who were raised in the Christian church still have no idea what it was like for Jesus to be Jewish. Too often we think of him as "Christian". Quote--"Jesus lived like a Jew, talked like a Jew, and worshiped like a Jew. His words, actions and teaching methods were in keeping with the customs, traditions, and practices of the Semite culture into which he was born. He wasn't born in northwestern Iowa, among nineteenth century Dutch immigrants. He was born in Judea, a land that was a hotbed of political and religious turmoil, a country that had been the crossroads of the ancient world for centuries." Lois Tverberg's words. Her book will help you discover answers to many of the "why's" most Christians have.

This book I must read as a chapter book so that I can reflect, relish, and remember the highlights of each chapter. *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* does exactly what it says it will do; that learning of the Jewishness of Jesus can transform your faith. Spangler and Tverberg are a dynamic duo--thorough yet an easy read. Recommended to me by a friend, I recommend it to anyone wanting to draw closer to Jesus.

Just finished Chapter 2 and am amazed how the first two chapters have already enriched my understanding of so many other expressions and events in Scripture both New and Old. The author's explanation of characteristics of the Hebrew language, use of examples, and quotes from Jewish authorities sets the stage into which Jesus, promised Messiah, brought the message of His kingdom. Good questions after each chapter.

having used sitting at the feet of Rabbi Jesus in a study this book caught my attention, I wasn't sure if it was just the original book restated. It is not, I am using it with the same bible study group as the first book. It has moved us beyond "sitting" to "walking"

For me, it did not enhance the person of Jesus but detracted from Him and I did not see much connection between His work and His "Jewishness". Not very revealing.

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