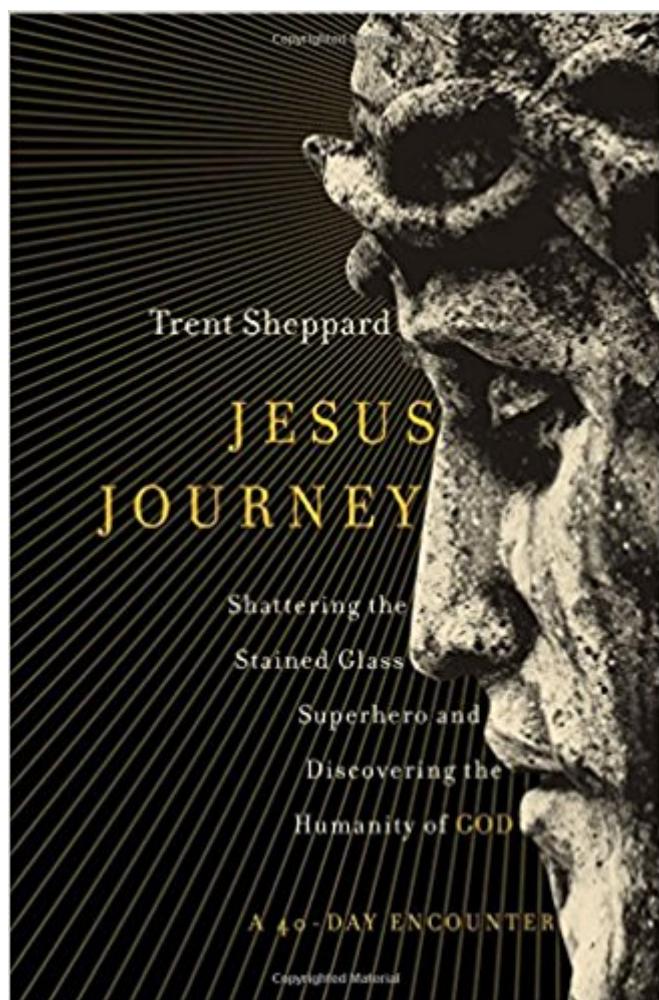


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Jesus Journey: Shattering The Stained Glass Superhero And Discovering The Humanity Of God



Synopsis

Jesus was human, like you and me. If the gospel is true, he still is. Christians worldwide believe that Jesus is God. But this belief wasn't the starting point for Jesus' earliest followers. While Jesus' humanity was a given for the disciples, his divinity was a truth they grew into believing—it was a journey of faith. As Christians today, we are also called into a faith journey—this time, to rediscover Jesus' humanity. Yes, we believe that Jesus is God, but do we truly believe that Jesus is human? And if so, how does that transform our own experience of being human? Through eye-opening yet down-to-earth reflections, Jesus Journey invites you to encounter Jesus again—as if for the first time—by experiencing his breathing, heart-beating, body-and-blood, crying-and-laughing humanity. Join Bible teacher and storyteller Trent Sheppard as he shines new light on the vibrant humanity of the historical Jesus through an up-close look at Jesus' relationships with Mary and Joseph, with the God he called Abba, with his closest friends and followers, and how, ultimately, his crucifixion and resurrection finally and forever redefine what we mean by the word God. Come encounter the human who radically transforms our view of God. Come encounter the God who forever changes what it means to be human.

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I found myself nodding, underlining, and muttering “Yes!” on almost every page. Jesus Journey has a vitally important message. Intelligent, relevant, and passionate, Trent

Sheppard exposes our dualisms, provokes dead religion, and liberates our deepest humanity. This book has the power to reintroduce you to the one you always longed to know. (PETE GREIG, 24-7 Prayer and Emmaus Road)In this immersive experience of a book, Jesus' life leaps right off the page and into our lives with disruption and hope and healing. Jesus Journey reminded me of not only why I follow Jesus but why I love him so. (SARAH BESSEY, author, Jesus Feminist and Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith)Trent Sheppard's new book, Jesus Journey, is a wonder. It's an invitation for both Christians and non-Christians to explore the incidents, people, and circumstances of Jesus' life to understand how they impact our lives today. Anyone interested in a well-grounded exploration of both the historical Jesus and the Christ of faith---for they are one and the same---can't find a better guide than this book. (ROBERT J. HUTCHINSON, author, The Dawn of Christianity and Searching for Jesus)Like Paul commended Titus to the church in Corinth and Phoebe to the church in Rome, I commend my friend Trent Sheppard to you. Trent is the real deal. He's taught multitudes, and his mind runs deep with the things of God. His message will inform, inspire, and ignite your walk with Jesus. Read and be blessed! (LOREN CUNNINGHAM, founder, Youth With A Mission)Read this book and see Jesus from new angles; he lives on its pages. Trent Sheppard brings us into the wonderfully unsettling place of drawing near and seeing Jesus more clearly. (THE REVEREND TIMOTHY CLAYTON, Rector of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church on Boston's North Shore; author, Exploring Advent with Luke)My good friend and kingdom-coconspirator Trent has authority in painting a portrait of Jesus because he's fought so hard to stay right on his heels. I want to see and know the man I have given my life to following, and Jesus Journey adds a beautiful brushstroke to my portrait of the real, raw, relatable, freckled, passionate, all-powerful King Jesus. I will joyfully never see him the same. (BRAD CORRIGAN, member of the indie band Dispatch; founder and president, Love Light & Melody)In a time when the church is waking up to our call to image God to the world, this book is a gift. Through brilliant storytelling and without compromising the divinity of Jesus, Trent brings the reader face to face with this unique, compelling, Jewish man from Nazareth. Be prepared to gaze upon Jesus in ways that will change you forever. (MAUREEN MENARD, Director of Christian Formation and Discipleship, University of the Nations, Youth With A Mission)Jesus Journey opened the eyes of my heart to see the "Word who became flesh" like never before. It's such a tragedy that we can become so familiar with Jesus' story that we miss the majesty and wonder of who he truly is. Jesus Journey took my heart on a journey from familiar to fascinated. This is the kind of book that

goes beyond just filling your head with information; it leads your heart into an encounter with the real and living God. (Ã¢â ¢ JONATHAN HELSER, singer-songwriter of the viral hit Ã¢â No Longer SlavesÃ¢â )Jesus is and always will be the greatest leader the world has ever seen, and Trent explores the practical, faith-in-action elements of JesusÃ¢â ¢ life and humanity that should inspire each of us to go and make an impact in our communities. Jesus is the transformer of lives, and Jesus Journey shows us what it practically means to follow him in a deeper way. (Ã¢â ¢ BRAD LOMENICK, former president, Catalyst; author, H3 Leadership and The Catalyst Leader)In an age of division within the church and tension with the world, Trent Sheppard draws us back to the compelling personality and beautiful humanity of Jesus. Beyond being a beloved campus minister, Trent Sheppard is a theologian rich in profound godly insight. While reading, I recalled my first love for Christ. After reading, I love him more. A gift to the church and the world. (Ã¢â ¢ KELLY MONROE KULLBERG, coauthor and editor, Finding God at Harvard; founder, The Veritas Forum)Here is iconoclasm: recovering the real Jesus out of religious iconography.

(Ã¢â ¢VISHAL MANGALWADI, author, The Book That Made Your World)

Trent Sheppard is a teacher, writer, and Alpha New EnglandÃ¢â s chaplain for college students. He lives in Boston with his wife, Bronwyn, and their three children. Alongside his work with students, Trent helps to lead a neighborhood house church that seeks the wellbeing of their community. He is a sought-after communicator and his teaching and travels have taken him to fifty nations.

Well, I have to confess it, it only took me a couple of weeks to read through this delightful and deeply moving book; not the 40 days suggested. But I can see how powerful it might be to slow down and take just a Ã¢â dayÃ¢â  at a time to read it because it is a journey in itself. I love that the chapters-- each covering a significant event in JesusÃ¢â s life-- are very short, and so relevant to the way we live and think now about what that life was all about. What should we think about him now? What can we think about him now? We may very well still be mystified by the divinity of this extraordinary man, but itÃ¢â s his ordinary humanness that has been captured here: his in-the-body feelings, in-the-moment humour, and in-the-heart compassion such as any of us may want to feel or express, or would want to see in a brother or a close personal friend. Leavened with some of TrentÃ¢â s own experiences within himself or with his family, he beckons us to follow on the journey with some delightful humour, too, spilling from his lightly-held pen. You want to drop

everything and just be on the journey with this Jesus, a journey that is absolutely NOT the tired old facts of a biblical account, but a person very much present in the world we are living in now. As the chapters unfold, each one is followed by a suggestion to ponder on what you've just read, pray about any issue that it brought up for you, and best of all, a suggestion to practice what is being talked about in some very real and concrete way. That's brilliant! It engages you with the teaching that the moments reveal in Jesus' life in a way I have never thought to do before. It's all too easy to read something wonderful, say "oh that's nice", close the book and go on with something else entirely. No, here, you ARE on the journey as you read, and you will see to what degree you are engaged with Jesus and all he stood for, as you go. It's not separate from your daily life. It IS your life! This book is a kind, caring and profound address from a very real human being, about a very real human being, to us, the readers, in all our very human lives of doubts, misgivings, confusions, tiredness, hopelessness, and yes, longing for refreshment of spirit, too. It offers that refreshment of spirit in a very concrete way, and thus bringing you closer to that being who was the inspiration for this very thing in his own time and for all time. Shelagh, May 13th 2017

How much do I Love Trent Sheppard's book? Well, I just finished it last Thursday and on Monday I started it again as part of the author's group reading for Eastertide, the 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension. My first reading was done one day at a time for the 40 days of Lent as well as in concordance with a full reading of the KJV New Testament. I also used the KJV to check the scriptural references in each chapter, some of which are from the controversial interpretation The Message by Eugene Peterson. As a Southern Baptist, I've learned to be prepared to defend anything that is not directly from Scripture. I found all references to be accurate and completely in line with the KJV scriptures. To me, the fact that Jesus was fully human and that His divinity was revealed through His humanity has always been where the crux of my faith had resided because that's where the hope is, that's where the faith is. If Jesus was/is fully human and we are also, imagine the possibilities of what we can do with our faith. This book brought me to tears every morning and drew me so close to Jesus that there were literally times I could, with the help of the Spirit, feel His physical presence in the room with me. If you have an open mind and an open heart for Jesus, read and experience Him through this small volume and draw ever closer to the One you've been in love with for years!!

Being raised in a Christian home and hearing the stories of Jesus' miracles and perfect life on what seemed like a daily basis, it has always been hard for me to believe that Jesus could really understand my struggles. Because of that, I read every book I can find on the humanity of Jesus and each one seems to impact me in a different way. Trent grabbed my attention early in this book when he pointed out in such a graphic way the stigma that Jesus carried with him throughout his life; illegitimate! And I thought the stigma of being a preacher's kid was tough; people would apologize for cursing, friends didn't want to sit with me at lunch because I prayed before I ate, boys would say we can't talk about girls with him here (that one hurt!). All of a sudden it hit me; Jesus does get it. From that point, Holy Spirit just seemed to keep talking to me as I read through the interesting perspective that Trent gives to some of the most familiar stories in Jesus' life. I fell in love with the most important man in history all over again. We have so much in common. I had planned on spending the suggested 40 days to read Jesus Journey but got so taken in that I read it in 2 settings. I know this book will impact your walk with Jesus in a positive way.

This book will change your life. Jesus Christ will become so clearly understood.....you will want to read it more than once. I devoured this wonderful book and bought several more copies for my friends and family, then recommended it to many more. Trent's humor and transparency about his own experiences, make this book so fun and deep at the same time. I had both tears and laughter.

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