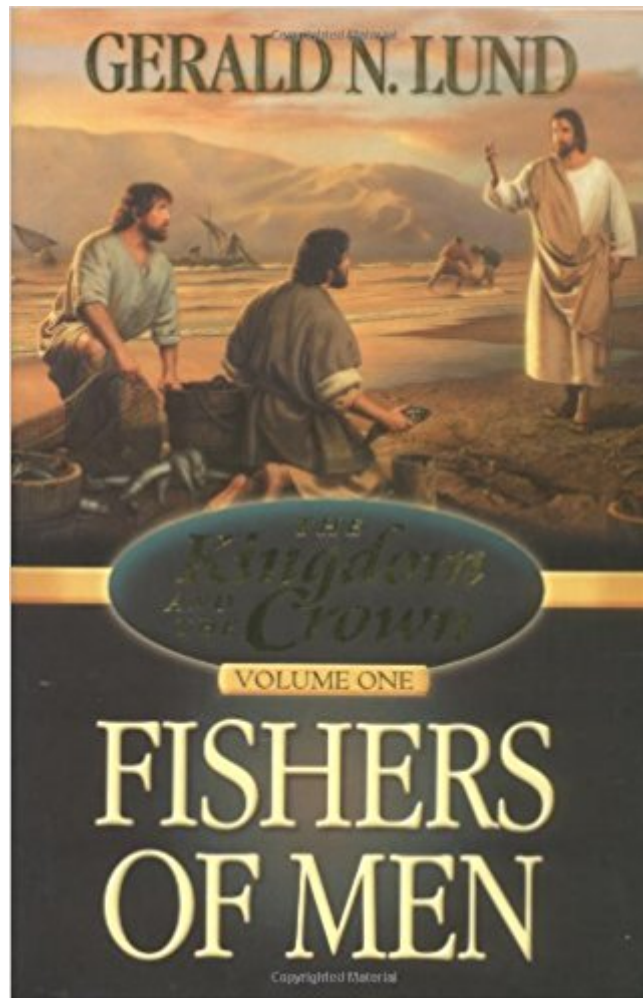




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# Fishers Of Men (Kingdom And The Crown)



## Synopsis

In an ancient land in a time foretold by prophets, a babe was born beneath a shining star. Thirty years later, Jesus of Nazareth began teaching a message of hope, peace, and love. He claimed to be the Son of God, and his words and his life - would change the world. In *Fishers of Men*, the first volume in the new series *The Kingdom and the Crown*, best-selling author Gerald N. Lund transports us to the days of Christ's mortal ministry and invites us to experience the emotions and events of those extraordinary times. Reports of Jesus of Nazareth have reached the ears of David ben Joseph, a merchant in Capernaum, who has waited and watched for the Messiah ever since a special, starlit night thirty years ago. He and his family decide to see for themselves whether or not the rumors are true and journey to hear Jesus. Though David is quick to accept Jesus as the Messiah, the rest of his family is more cautious. His wife, Deborah, and his son, Simeon, leaders in the rebellious Zealot movement, look for a Messiah that will crush the Romans with power and the sword, not one preaching a message of love and forgiveness. Meanwhile, reports of Jesus have reached into the very heart of Jerusalem, and both the powerful Sadducee Mordechai ben Uzziel and the Pharisee Azariah are growing uneasy with the news. Though they hold opposing political views, both agree that something must be done to stop this man from Nazareth before he gets out of hand. However, in Mordechai's own household the influence of the carpenter from Nazareth begins to create conflict. *Fishers of Men* is a sweeping epic filled with memorable characters who bring to life an extraordinary time in the history of the world. It is a story about the importance of family, the power of faith, the miracle of forgiveness, and the strength needed to follow your heart.

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## Customer Reviews

Lund's nine-volume series *the Work and the Glory*, which chronicled the beginnings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 19th-century America, has sold three million copies, mostly in the Mormon market. With this new series (projected to include four or five volumes), Lund expands his religious focus and likely his audience by turning his imagination to the beginnings of Christianity. The novel opens with the commencement of Christ's ministry in A.D. 30, and follows the story through many of Christ's early miracles and Messianic proclamations. Lund writes in pulp fiction style, weaving page-turning plots around fictional characters who come into contact with Jesus and his disciples. But he vividly describes the geographical and cultural backdrop of Christ's time in Israel, and uses these facts and texture to bring many of Christ's teachings and parables into sharper relief, giving them context and deeper meaning. An avid biblical scholar will learn little from his commentary, but more casual readers may enjoy the insights he offers clothed in an easy-to-read tale. Readers who have wondered what it might have been like to be in Jesus' presence, and how ordinary people would have responded to him, will overlook the novel's literary flaws and appreciate its sympathetic insight into both those who embraced and those who rejected Jesus and his teachings. (Oct.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Lund finishes his epic *Kingdom and the Crown* series with *Behold the Man*, following *Fishers of Men*, and *Come unto Me*...Characters from the first two volumes, concerned with Roman oppression and Zealot rebellion, appear also in the conclusion, which is the story of the final days of Jesus' ministry, his trial and crucifixion, and his resurrection...Zips right along...It belongs in public libraries everywhere. --Booklist (Starred review) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I really enjoyed *Fishers of Men*. Gerald N. Lund has a great balance of keeping you engaged and excited while also teaching you the history of the setting in all of his books. *Fishers of Men* is no different. I am definitely going to continue and read the whole series. I love the personal conflict each character goes through when the stranger who is called Jesus comes. Each of them have something that they must give up in order to follow Christ. By the first chapter you will be hooked by the suspense, but the full adventure doesn't come full underway until

you're close toward the end and that can take some time getting too. The book itself is over 600 pages so it's not a fast read. If you want a book that has adventure and excitement with a touch of romance while also enhancing your understanding of Christ in a personal way, this is the book for you! I would recommend it to anyone.

This book is first in a set of three. It is a wonderful trilogy set during the time of Jesus Christ, featuring a fictional family and their friends who encounter a new preacher... Who is he? Is he the Messiah? Some family members accept Him immediately and follow Him. Others question and take time. Belief has consequences The book is an excellent view into the times of Christ. There's chapter notes at the end of each chapter with documentation, explanations of the customs and history. I learned about Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Romans, but best of all this book brought to life the Bible stories I've heard all my life. My understanding has grown - of questions like: How could the crowds love him one day and call for his crucifixion the next? Why were some leaders of the Jews so virulent against this Man who taught his followers to turn the other cheek? The story is gripping, well woven and inspiring. I'm reading it now for the second time and loving it!

This was an engaging book which gave insight into what the Jewish people were experiencing at the time of Jesus' ministry and how difficult it might have been to accept Jesus as the messiah because of their misconceptions of how he would come and what he was there to accomplish. It helped with understanding of the times, the different factions in both the Jewish community and the Roman occupation. With events in story form with fictional families and their stories, I gained insight into Jesus ministry and teachings as well.

The writer wants to explain so much in the prologue that it was a bit like a text book and not easy reading. It is necessary but I would suggest reading it after the book because the book is incredible and grabs you from the start and I could hardly stop reading. I wasn't expecting a novel that was suspenseful and by weaving in the stories of the people in the book I learned about customs, geography, how people lived back then within a book about Jesus.

Love Lund's work!

the kingdom and the crown is a fictional story about a family during the time of the ministry of Christ. Although it doesn't really give Christ a three dimensional character (in my opinion, since the author

tried to keep his character in line with the bible) the rest of the characters are well written and the location, time frame, and customs have been heavily researched. Gerald Lund really did his homework so you do feel like your actually there.

This book puts you right in the middle of 30 AD. I do not care for "voluminous" books-but I cannot put this one down. It is suspenseful, and I can easily put myself in the middle of the times and places that have occurred anciently...looking forward to reading the other two volumes!

This book had a dictionary and character introduction in the preface of this book that was necessary and helped me to understand the culture that was the environment for this historical fiction series. I don't really like to read but I love stories that keep the reader's attention. I couldn't put the book down. Most of all I enjoyed the perspective on Christ from a normal Jewish family from the meridian of time.

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