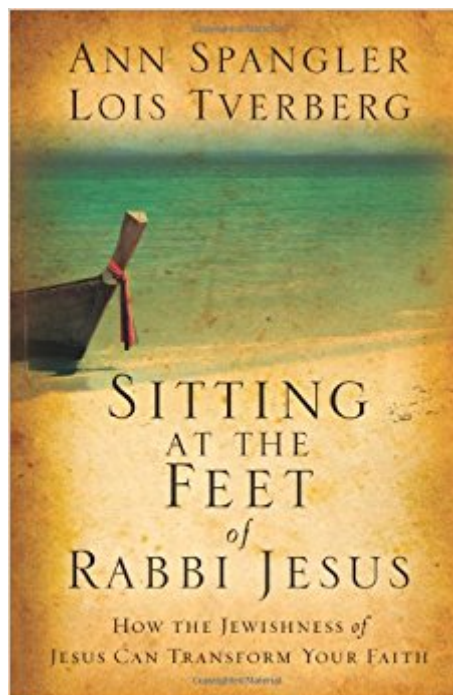




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# Sitting At The Feet Of Rabbi Jesus: How The Jewishness Of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith



## Synopsis

A rare chance to know Jesus as his first disciples knew him. What would it be like to journey back to the first century and sit at the feet of Rabbi Jesus as one of his Jewish disciples? How would your understanding of the gospel have been shaped by the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Jewish culture in which you lived? *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* takes you on a fascinating tour of the Jewish world of Jesus, offering inspirational insights that can transform your faith. Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg paint powerful scenes from Jesus's ministry, immersing you in the prayers, feasts, history, culture, and customs that shaped Jesus and those who followed him. You will hear the parables as they must have sounded to first-century Jews, powerful and surprising. You will join the conversations that were already going on among the rabbis of his day. You will watch with new understanding as the events of his life unfold. And you will emerge with new excitement about the roots of your own Christian faith. *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* will change the way you read Scripture and deepen your understanding of the life of Jesus. It will also help you to adapt the rich prayers and customs you learn about to your own life, in ways that both respect and enrich your Christian faith. By looking at the Jewishness of Jesus, Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg take you on a captivating journey into the heart of Judaism, one that is both balanced and insightful, helping you to better understand and appreciate your own faith.

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background, life style and teachings of the Rabbi from Galilee. Through their engaging personal style and reflective Judaic approach toward understanding biblical discipleship, Spangler and Tverberg have hit a home run. The authors draw their readers in to learn at the feet of the Rabbi and leave them begging for more." --Marvin R. Wilson, PhD, Ockenga Professor of Biblical Studies, Gordon College

Last year over a million pilgrims visited the Holy Land. Few however would have learned as much about the historical Jesus as you can by reading this terrific new work by Spangler and Tverberg. Drawing upon personal experiences as well as the latest Jewish and Christian scholarship in Israel, the authors skillfully guide you on a wonderful journey into Jesusâ™ first-century Jewish world---exploring his culture, his lifestyle as an itinerant sage, and his well honed rabbinic teaching methods and subtle but startling messianic claims. This book makes you really eager to sit at the Rabbi Jesusâ™ feet and learn from the One we joyously serve as both Messiah and Lord. I commend it to every follower of Jesus of Nazareth. -- Dwight A. Pryor

Spangler and Tverberg, with the rigor of a scientist, the drama of a story teller, and the passion of a disciple, present a stirring depiction of Jesus as a first century Jewish teacher which will greatly benefit the scholar and the lay person alike. Supported with careful analysis of ancient sources and recent archaeological discovery this study is a profound call to follow the Jesus of Scripture. I plan to use it as a text in the classes I teach and highly recommend it. -- Ray Vander Laan, Author

For disciples of Yeshua (Jesus) who know little about his Jewishness, including his rabbinic and Hebraic teaching style, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* is the place for them to start. Spangler and Tverberg have created the perfect introduction for the uninitiated. This book will have a deep impact on the thinking of ordinary Christians through the world. -- David Bivin, Author

If we could turn the clock back to the Jewish world of the first century, what would it be like to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Jew? This highly readable work is rooted in rabbinic sources and reflects current Gospel research. Spangler and Tverberg vibrantly introduce the reader to valuable aspects of the Jewish background, life style and teachings of the Rabbi from Galilee. Through their engaging personal style and reflective Judaic approach toward understanding biblical discipleship, Spangler and Tverberg have âœhit a home run.â • The authors draw their readers in to learn at the feet of the Rabbi and leave them begging for more. -- Marvin R. Wilson, Ph. D., Professor

This book changed my perspective on a lot of things. I am an anthropologist and I know the importance culture plays in the perspectives and actions of people. But, if you don't understand a

culture, you aren't going to understand the person...you will just be frustrated and confused and eventually settle on 'never understanding' them. But when you get a glimpse of the 'why' by exploring aspects of their native culture, light bulbs begin to illuminate your perspectives. This book does this very thing, but with the person and culture of Jesus the Messiah! Amazing! I would recommend this book to anyone, Christian or non-Christian. It has powerful and profound insights to many stunning realities of Jesus' actions and the correlations to ancient and modern Jewish culture. Read this! You'll benefit from it, I promise!

If a Christian really wants to learn all about the many feasts and special times of remembrance, atonement, etc. Orthodox Jew practice, this is a very good book. But if you really only want to know about the influence of the old Jewish traditions and practices when Jesus walked this earth as better insight the parables and actions of Jesus and the disciples, this helps a lot. However it is also close to being boring to plow through all the details of and strange words familiar to many Jews but not so for Christians if you do not intend to try to retain all those details.

Great writing, well researched. This author takes one on a journey that should have been learned down the ages. She explains why and how the actions of Jesus and the stories He used were based on His heritage and education of Jewish history. That influence colors the Gospels with clearer understanding and meaning. Every Christian believer and seeker should enjoy the clarity and simplicity of seeing the Full picture.

I learned so much reading this book and it's follow up *Walking in the dust of Rabbi Jesus* which I unknowingly read first. I highly recommend reading both! I'm currently on a journey learning the true Hebrew meaning behind the Scriptures and these two books will give you greater and more in depth understanding of Jewish life and customs. Now I wanna go back and read Jesus words with the more Hebrew understanding I have learned.

I really enjoyed this book. I easily forget the original audience of the gospels and this book reminded me again and again of the context in which Christ spoke; of the audience and their frame of reference. The author includes lots of great information cross-referencing the old and new testament. I learned a lot.

Thought I had already left feedback for this book, but maybe not. I very much enjoyed learning

about how it might have been being with Jesus while he was here on earth. To see from the Jewish perspective of a rabbi's life was most helpful. I want to read more by these authors.

I love reading books on Bible backgrounds, and this volume is a welcome addition to the growing field as it contains many numerous insights and ideas that will be helpful to the aspiring student of Scripture. The book delved into the Jewish customs and culture in which Jesus lived and ministered. My only complaint with the book is that many of the chapters showed little in the way of organization. They seemed kind of patched together in an almost "stream-of-consciousness" way. This is a minor detail, and so I still gave it four stars since the book contains much good information for Bible study and the Jewishness of Jesus.

I enjoyed reading this during Lent. I feel I understand Jesus a little more. Understanding his Jewishness makes him more understanding to me as a Christian.

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