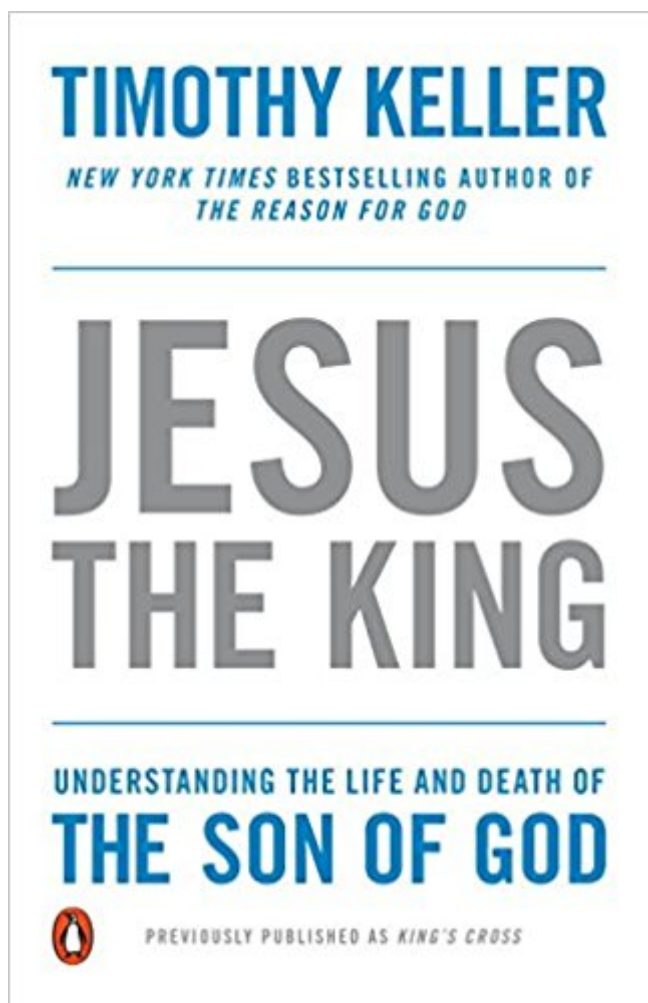


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# Jesus The King: Understanding The Life And Death Of The Son Of God



## Synopsis

Previously published in hardcover as *King's Cross* The most influential man to ever walk the earth has had his story told in hundreds of different ways for thousands of years. Can any more be said? Now, Timothy Keller, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Reason for God* and the man *Newsweek* called a "C. S. Lewis for the twenty-first century," unlocks new insights into the life of Jesus Christ as he explores how Jesus came as a king, but a king who had to bear the greatest burden anyone ever has. *Jesus the King* is Keller's revelatory look at the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark. In it, Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. It is an unforgettable look at Jesus Christ, and one that will leave an indelible imprint on every reader. Look out for Timothy Keller's latest book, *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life*, available from Viking in Fall 2017.

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Praise for Timothy Keller and Jesus the King"Much of Redeemer is remarkably traditional. What is not traditional is Dr. Keller's skill in speaking the language of his urbane audience . . . Observing Dr. Keller's professorial pose on stage, it is easy to understand his appeal." —•The New York Times"Fifty years from now, if . . . Christians are widely known for their love of cities, their commitment to mercy and justice, and their love of their neighbors, Tim Keller will be remembered as a pioneer of the new urban Christians." —•Christianity Today— "In discussing the identity of Jesus, the author describes him as a man both deeply embedded within his culture and times

while also living counter to them in many ways. . . . The author describes a man aware of his upcoming sacrifice, and indeed, a man in continual sacrifice, as he had descended from heaven to live on earth. Captivating reading from a Christian perspective." —Kirkus Reviews"Keller engages the reader with astute pastoral application, littered with excellent sermon illustrations. . . . [Jesus the King] finds Keller in familiar territory: producing another great book, leaving readers from atheist to Christian grappling with the nature and implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

—Michael Johnson, DesiringGod.org"This is the book where Tim Keller hits his stride as an author. . . . Keller directs readers' gazes toward the cross and will not allow them to look away."

—Collin Hansen, The Gospel Coalition

Timothy Keller was born and raised in Pennsylvania and educated at Bucknell University, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was in Hopewell, Virginia. In 1989 he started Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City with his wife, Kathy, and their three sons. Today, Redeemer has nearly six thousand regular Sunday attendees and has helped to start more than three hundred new churches around the world. He is the author of *The Songs of Jesus*, *Prayer*, *Encounters with Jesus*, *Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering*, *Every Good Endeavor*, and *The Meaning of Marriage*, among others, including the perennial bestsellers *The Reason for God* and *The Prodigal God*.

*King's Cross* is a study of the Gospel of Mark designed for both followers of Christ and would-be followers of Christ. Tim Keller's expertise is that he is always able to take a passage of Scripture and show how it's all about Jesus. The Bible is not about us, but always finds its purpose in every story in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This work is not an exhaustive study of the Gospel of Mark, rather it highlights the two primary themes of Mark: Chapters 1-8 - Christ the King - highlighting His teachings, miracles, and authority as God ; and Chapters 9-16 - Christ the Servant - highlighting His sufferings that culminate in His death on the cross. Keller throughout this book manages to weave in and out how Jesus is the answer to all of the major questions, needs, and realities of life. This book is an excellent reminder for the Christian that all of life only makes sense with Jesus at the center of it. For the non-believer Keller makes a cogent case for the necessity of Christ in his or her life. *King's Cross* would be an excellent gift to give to college students, co-workers, friends, acquaintances, and family members who are unfamiliar with the main story lines of the Bible. The gospel in the life of Jesus is presented clearly, articulately, and compellingly in

this concise presentation of Mark's Gospel. The Gospel of Mark gives more than just information about Jesus. It is the account of the person that every human being longs for. We all desperately need Jesus and Keller brilliantly shows us why. One cannot read this book without desiring to have a deeper connection with the Triune God through a personal and intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was absolutely thrilled with this audiobook....There have been a very few audiobooks that I have rushed to listen to, but this was indeed one of them. I enjoyed John Stott's "The Cross of Christ" but that requires scholarship and a degree of Christian maturity, but "King's Cross" is an audiobook that can be absorbed and appreciated by even the most unfamiliar with the Christian faith as the author guides the listener through one of the gospels, The Gospel of Mark, which is the shortest of the gospels (gospels are the 4 books that detail the life of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe to be the Savior, Messiah, The Anointed One, and Promised Redeemer to The Jewish People). I just passed this onto an assistant priest in my church with just one or two remarks that "it communicates about the Anglican Church" worldwide (of which I am a member) and it speaks of how the center of my particular denominational branch of The (catholic) Church has shifted to Africa and South America!?! Timothy Keller's ability to tie so many threads together in describing the life of Jesus and the Church within the Christian historical context is akin to that of a master weaver who ultimately produces a priceless and magnificent-looking rug!!! The only other comment that I made in passing it on for encouragement and illustration of how excited I was that I believe him to be akin to a present-day C.S. Lewis (who by the way was Anglican as well!!), although Timothy Keller is a member of the Presbyterian denomination. There are some audiobooks that I want to listen to again, and I think that this is one of them....of course after my pastor finishes it! Shalom!

This book was recommended in a women's bible study group, and it seemed stuffy. However, when I started reading it, it really held my interest. I would recommend it for those wanting to delve more deeply into Mark's gospel, or for others who just want an engaging read.

One word. "Incredible"! I have never been an avid reader of any kind. This book was recommended to me and I have not put it down. I have never experienced Christ in this format and quite frankly never knew it could exist for me. Dr Keller explains the life and death of Christ so beautifully that allows for readers to feel like they are actually at the events that took place. This book is incredible and highly recommended. You want to know who Christ is, truly know? Add this book to your

collection. You won't be disappointed.

It is an outstanding book. Whether you are a new believer or have known Jesus your whole life there are things you can learn from this book. It is written from the perspective of the book of Mark. I was encouraged and challenged and have already looked up passages from the book to share with others in conversations. I will be rereading the book in the future....something I rarely do!

I am not as theologically savvy as other reviewers and even though I was raised in the Christian family, I didn't understand what the Gospel is really like until I read Keller's first book: Reason for God. I just finished chapter two of King's Cross and could not stop my tears. Thank you. Pastor Keller, if you read this, please make this book available in my language (Indonesian language) so that I can share it with my family and friends back in my country.

Tim Keller's excellent book "Jesus the King" is "an extended meditation" based upon a series he preached on the Gospel of Mark. It is a book he believes includes vital features of the Jesus narrative. This is not an exposition of the entire text of Mark, but rather an illumination of some of the more significant passages. Like the structure of the Gospel, the book is divided into two parts: the first half discusses the life of Jesus, while the second half discusses his death, resurrection and purpose. The writing style is accessible to the layperson, even those with little theological background. This is what Keller does so well, laying out an important subject in plain language for all, including new believers as well as unbelievers. This is a book you could give to just about anyone as a means of introducing that person to Jesus Christ. This book was a joy to read.

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