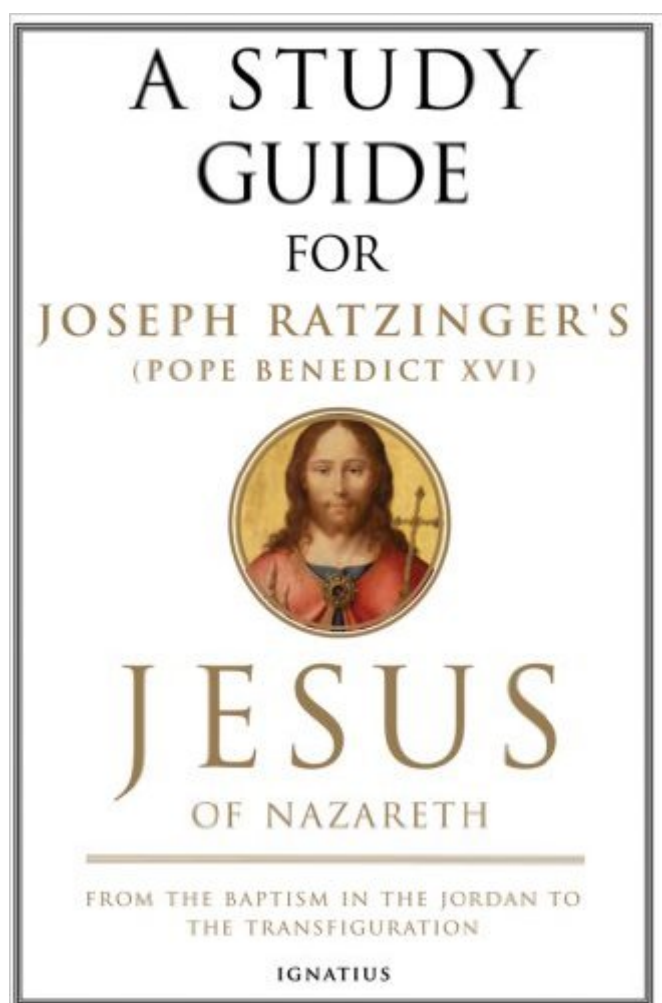


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A Study Guide For Joseph Ratzinger's Jesus Of Nazareth: From The Baptism In The Jordan To The Transfiguration



Synopsis

This easy-to-use companion study guide helps the readers who approach Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict's *Jesus of Nazareth* without the benefit of extensive theological or biblical training. The goal is not to replace Benedict's book but to make it more accessible, more fruitful for the average reader--whether lay, religious, priest or deacon. Designed for individual study or for group/parish discussion, this guide has the following features for each section and chapter of *Jesus of Nazareth*: a reader-friendly summary an outline a list of key terms questions for understanding, reflection, application and discussion a section for readers to include their personal reflections on the reading The guide also includes an ample introduction explaining the background for understanding Pope Benedict's approach and how to use this guide as an easy-to-use glossary that defines important terms and identifies key people discussed in *Jesus of Nazareth*.

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I'll admit up front that I am not Roman Catholic. Indeed, I am an evangelical Southern Baptist. But before you roll your eyes, let me say that "Jesus of Nazareth" is one of the most inspirational books I've ever read regarding Jesus Christ. It covers the first part of His adult life, from His baptism to His transformation. I usually devour a book like this quickly... get the main points and move on. But I found myself constantly pausing, pondering what I just read. While he kept most things on a theological level that an average layman like me could understand, Pope Benedict also managed to pack almost every sentence with amazing insightfulness. This is the first part of what the author

plans as a two-volume set. I can hardly wait for volume two! The study guide to "Jesus of Nazareth" is primarily for those without extensive biblical training. The chapters follow the primary book, with a short summary and some questions for reflection and application. It would be a handy resource for small groups who are studying the primary text. I would urge believers and non-believers, Catholics and Protestants, to get the book and enjoy an amazing look at the life of Jesus. If you are interested in doing a small-group study based on the book, I recommend this companion study guide. While it definitely cannot replace the book, it can help you guide discussions and provides thoughtful questions.

I loved this book and am looking forward to the 2nd part. Pope Benedict has gathered information from multiple sources and has saved us the trouble by doing so, in describing Jesus, the true historical man and God. You don't have to have a degree in Theology, since the Pope has written in simple language that anyone can understand.

This is an excellent book. Every Christian should read it. I am using it in a Masters Program and it is a great help.

I love this study guide. It helps me understand My spiritual Head and his teaching the words used and Christ's words.

A very helpful companion guide to the first of the Jesus of Nazareth books by Pope Benedict. Pope Benedict's descriptions are very dense in content, so this guide is very helpful in understanding the rich content of the original book.

This is one of the most balanced books I have read on Jesus, and the study guide is well-done. I highly recommend both. The book, while not being "scholarly" in the sense of being predominantly for scholars, mentions theories of Biblical criticism and such without being pedantic. For those who are followers of Jesus as presented in the Bible and want perspective, the book and study guide are a good addition to your studies whether protestant, Catholic, Pentacostal or possibly even Mormon.

I certainly will be helpful with our Bible Study group. I know it will enhance our review of the book itself.

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