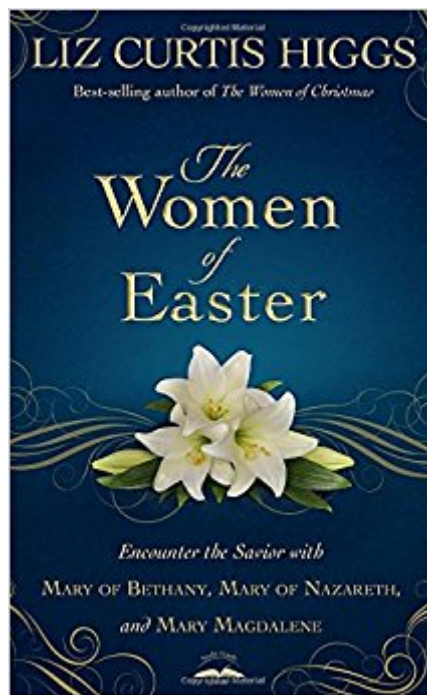




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The Women Of Easter: Encounter The Savior With Mary Of Bethany, Mary Of Nazareth, And Mary Magdalene



Synopsis

This Season of Grace, Deepen Your Faith in God Who So Loved the World that He Gave Us His Son. You're about to meet three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Mary of Bethany prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume. His mother, Mary of Nazareth, remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering. Mary Magdalene, delivered of seven demons, bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection. What a trio. What a Savior! Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. Liz Curtis Higgs, a seasoned Bible teacher and award-winning novelist, combines her storytelling skills with a thorough verse-by-verse study of Scripture as together you explore the remarkable lives of The Women of Easter. "The perfect companion for Easter and beyond!" • Jennie Allen, visionary of IF: Gathering "Liz Curtis Higgs is one of the most amazing teachers of God's Word that I have ever experienced. Her in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures, gifting as a communicator, and personal relationship with the Lord make her unmatched in the ability to take biblical truth and make it applicable to anybody." • Priscilla Shirer, New York Times best-selling author of Fervent "The Lord's resurrection is the most glorious, victorious moment in history. You and I will watch these ancient scenes unfold through the eyes of the three women who were witnesses, who were there. Just the thought gives me goose bumps. All three Marys will show us what happens when we encounter a loving Savior and are transformed. That's what Lent is all about. A time of renewal. A season of grace." • Liz Curtis Higgs

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•Priscilla Shirer, New York Times bestselling author of *Fervent*

"Liz Curtis Higgs has an incredible way of giving us a fresher, deeper understanding of God's Word. In *The Women of Easter*, she takes us right into the days surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, where we find our contemporary concerns reflected in the faces of the women who witnessed His ministry firsthand. And we see for ourselves the love of a Savior who laid down His life so we might live free. This book is the perfect companion for Easter and beyond!"

•Jennie Allen, founder of IF:Gathering and author of *Nothing to Prove*

"In this beautifully tender yet scripturally deep book, Liz Curtis Higgs gives us a chance to view Easter through brand-new eyes. A fresh point of view from women who knew Jesus best and loved Him most."

•Joanna Weaver, author of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*

"Liz Curtis Higgs is a sister of mine, perhaps the wisest and most joyful sister of them all. She knows the women of the Bible, and she loves the women of our day. Most important, she knows what it means to have a dramatic encounter with Jesus. In *The Women of Easter*, Liz reveals and allows us to relive the extraordinary effect Jesus had on the lives of Mary, Mary, and Mary. Through these pages you will be inspired by the insightful prose of Liz and the life-changing power of the Savior."

•Kyle Idleman, author of *Not a Fan* and *Grace Is Greater*

"The highly gifted Liz Curtis Higgs wows us again with her insightful and delightful look at the women of Easter. This book will stir a resurrection in your own heart and open your eyes to the wonder and beauty of the cross."

•Margaret Feinberg, author of *Fight Back with Joy*

"Liz Curtis Higgs has crafted a book that is unique and profound in its intimate look into the lives of the women who served Jesus throughout His ministry. *The Women of Easter* reminds us that Jesus has always used women to propel His kingdom in mighty ways. This book will challenge women everywhere to step faithfully into their calling with full abandon and worship."

•Christine Caine, founder of A21 and Propel Women

Readers of Liz Curtis Higgs's books will not be disappointed in this latest volume....As the story unfolds, readers

meet Mary of Nazareth and learn what she might have been thinking about. At the crucifixion readers see not only Mary, Jesus's mother, but also Mary Magdalene and other women. It is interesting that only the women stayed at the feet of Jesus while he was on the cross and women who went to where he lay to find the tomb empty. When he rose on the third day, it was a woman, Mary Magdalene, which Jesus showed himself to. After Jesus showed himself to the disciples and rose to his father, the disciples went to the upper room. With them were Mary of Nazareth and other women. Were Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalene with them? We don't know, but there is a likelihood the women would be there. Readers will definitely enjoy this book, and the study guide at the end of the book makes it appropriate for group use. Recommended." •Congregational Libraries Today

Liz Curtis Higgs has one goal: to help women embrace the grace of God with joy and abandon. She is the author of more than thirty books with 4.6 million copies in print, including her nonfiction bestsellers *It's Good to Be Queen*, *Bad Girls of the Bible*, *The Girl Who's Still Got It*, and *The Women of Christmas*; her award-winning *Parable Treasury* for children; and several Scottish historical novels, including her New York Times bestseller, *Mine Is the Night*. A seasoned professional speaker and Bible study teacher, Liz has toured with *Women of Faith*, *Extraordinary Women*, and *Women of Joy*, and has spoken at more than 1,700 conferences in all fifty states of the United States and fifteen foreign countries. Liz is happily married to author Bill Higgs. They share their life together in a nineteenth-century farmhouse in Louisville, Kentucky.

In her book "The Women of Easter - Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene" author Liz explores three women and how their lives changed because of Jesus. They all happen to be named Mary. Each have a great story. This small hard cover book is eight chapters long. It begins with a thought provoking introduction "A Season of Grace" and ends with study questions, notes, and information about the author. This is a Lenten book but could be read at any time. It is a book to absorb and revisit. It stayed with me long after I finished it. I was hooked immediately. It took me zero time to get invested in this inspirational book. That happened on page one. I love the author's personal style of writing. It's like a conversation with me. She made the three Marys relatable and I felt what they were feeling. I was sad and then thrilled when I read about Lazarus. I understood the human side of Jesus better through them and His deity. He was God. I laughed at times and teared up just as many. I got angry and could hardly read the words at

times. I knew the story about Jesus's suffering but it always hurt. It always will. In this book I found a different view of Easter. I read about the women that followed Jesus. This book told how He changed their lives. How they loved and served Him. I wanted to be part of that elite group. I wanted to walk with the Lord, see His miracles, and listen to His stories. As the words took me closer to the cross, I found myself growing stronger in my faith. Yes, Jesus did not deserve this, and yes, He did this for everyone. Even me. Tears fell from my eyes as I kept reading. I nodded my head when the Roman soldier said "this was certainly God's Son". After the tomb was opened and Jesus appeared, I rejoiced! It made me smile, really down deep in my heart, when I read Mary Magdalene was given the great honor of telling the disciples that Jesus was now alive. A woman was given such a great job. In 193 pages I had become friends with three women that strengthened my faith. Their stories are remarkable and unforgettable. Jesus is the one that is the heart of this book. He is the true meaning of Easter. He is life and hope. I wanted to read more, more, more. Liz is so good at what she does. She is a gifted author, encourager, and glorifies our Lord. Don't miss this uplifting book on three spectacular women of Easter and their Lord Jesus Christ. You will be blessed beyond measure. I rated this a 5 out of 5 stars.

I love all things Liz. I've read it all! She is fully responsible for creating in my heart a full blown obsession with the book of Ruth. I could not wait for this book as I loved *The Women of Christmas* and I knew this book would be wonderful. I planned to wait until Lent and use it as a guide for bible time. It stared at me from my nightstand taunting me for a few days. I read another book and ignored it. I re-read Sally Clarkson blogs. But then I could take it no more!!! I stayed up two nights until the wee hours to finish it. I could not put it down. I wanted to stay with the Mary's. I did not want to leave their dedication and fearless love for Jesus. I want them to keep showing me how to live the Lord as they did. I did not want to see our Lord suffer but I felt like I had to stay with them. I could not pull myself away. It happens when one is blessed to read an amazing book it is so bitter sweet when you finish the last page. That is how I felt with *The Women of Easter*. It's not long enough my heart cried!!! I want more!!! Thank you Liz for this book. You are a treasure!!!

Liz Curtis Higgs is a wonderful teacher of Scripture. And in this book her teaching excels with the way she combines all 4 gospels to walk us through the last week and a bit of Jesus' time on Earth. In so doing we're given a first hand account of those days as we see through the 3 Mary's eyes. Only 8 chapters long and with a study guide included at the back this is a tremendous resource for walking through Holy Week and experiencing the emotion of the occasion. The

intensity and cruelty of the crucifixion and the confusion then elation of the resurrection are all described brilliantly by stepping through the 4 consolidated gospels line-by-line using multiple versions to add further embellishment. Higgs ends with the tremendous encouragement for us all that just like Mary Magdalene whom Jesus tasked with sharing the news of His resurrection with the disciples, we too are tasked with the same great news of Easter: He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed! Highly recommended.

As a devotional meditation leading up to Easter, this book is great. Liz "speaks" in a very folksy way to her readers, sharing the multitude of Bible translations she has used to get the feel of each passage. And she has some wonderful insights sparking out of that intensive study of the text. I can see it being used in a small group if everyone has her own copy. I got it, though, to use as background study for a pre-Easter S.S. series. Trying to use it as a basis for a S.S. series where the class members did not each have the book was not very successful. I didn't want to just read it to them, but the chapters were hard to summarize, sharing nuggets came out choppy, and coming up with ways to discuss it was hard. Could easily just be my own limitations that are the problem. The discussion questions printed at the end of the book presupposed having read the chapter, so were not very useful for my class prep. Again, I would highly recommend as personal Lenten reading and meditation.

I greatly enjoyed the fresh insight gained from reading this book regarding Mary, sister of Lazarus, Mary, mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene by Liz Curtis Higgs. I highly recommend it to any woman who also wants to get fresh insight into the high regard Jesus had for women! It follows each of them in the last days leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Awesome!

This book really is fantastic and now I'm reading women Christmas. Her writing skills are fantastic and has a little bit of humor in it as well as disgusting I would not hesitate to buy the book or on your Kindle. I finally let this so interesting that I am going to start reading all of her books. Have a great day Arlene

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