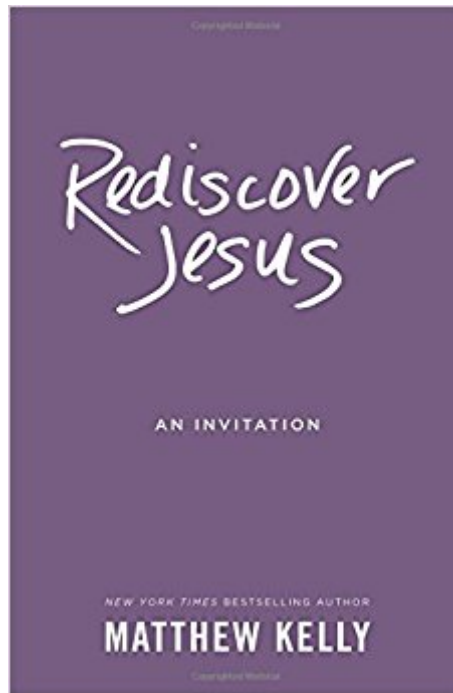




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# Rediscover Jesus





## Synopsis

At a time when so many people are spiritually disillusioned and searching for ways to live, love, work, and play that nurture the soul rather than destroy it, Matthew Kelly once again delivers a powerful book that encourages us in our weariness, challenges us in our comfort, and invites us to rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily. Rediscover Jesus is a profound invitation to seek deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions. Each page seems to effortlessly reach into every aspect of our lives, providing spiritual wisdom and practical insights that help us to know both Jesus and ourselves in a new way. Some books find us at just the right time, and those books change our lives forever. Rediscover Jesus is one of those books. How Well Do You Know Jesus? I think about this often, and I always come to the same realization. I don't know Jesus anywhere near as well as I would like to know him. The desire is there, but life gets in the way. There are times when I seem to be making great progress, and other times when I wonder if I know him at all. But I always arrive back at the same inspiring and haunting idea: If there is one person that we should each get to know in a deeply personal way, it is Jesus the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the Son of God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lamb of God, the new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, the God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, the healer of our souls.

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## Customer Reviews

Matthew Kelly is the New York Times bestselling author of The Rhythm of Life and twenty other



books that have been published in more than twenty-five languages and have sold more than 15 million copies.

Rediscover Jesus is an approximately 200 page hardcover with a purple dust jacket and deckle-edged pages. I'm not sure what it is about deckle-edged pages, but they seem to be heavily favored by publishers lately. The book itself is 40 chapters long, with no chapter spanning more than five pages. The choice of 40 chapters seems deliberate by the author as 40 is a very important Biblical number, i.e., the Flood, the Israelites wandering in the desert, and Jesus' time in the desert. With the purple dust jacket and 40 chapters, I wonder if Matthew Kelly intended this book to be a daily Lenten read. If he didn't, I would highly recommend doing so! At the end of every chapter are four things to help the chapter crystallize in your brain - 1. Point to Ponder, 2. Verse to Live, 3. Question to Consider, 4. Prayer. I would recommend writing each verse down on a notecard and trying to memorize them, but that may just be the former Protestant in me. The book is short, but powerful. Each chapter, which can be read in ten minutes or less, provides a jolt to start your day and also make you uncomfortable...in a good way. Kelly points out how little we actually know about Jesus, going so far as to say, "The thing that unsettles me is that sometimes I think I know people on the periphery of my life better than I know Jesus." This was a slap in the face, and it was one that I desperately needed to read. Chapter 40 "The Hour of Power" addressed two things I struggle with - silence and adoration. There's something about sitting there alone with God in silence that is intimidating to me. I have a hard time keeping my mind from wandering; keeping my mouth shut and letting God talk; and just sitting still in the awesome presence of God. This is definitely something for me to work on, but I believe I will have to incrementally build up to an hour, because I am weak. This level of conciseness that Matthew Kelly achieves in this book makes this book very approachable. He didn't use flowery language or overly complicated language. He just laid it out for you plain and simple. I have a habit of saying that some books are a challenging read, but this book was instead a read that challenged you. As Catholics, we don't really think about a personal relationship with Jesus like our Protestant brethren do, but we need to! This book shows us not only that we need that personal relationship, but helps us to achieve it as well. I read through this book quickly, because the book lent itself to that style of reading. However, I have placed this book on my shelf to read again during Lent. Then, I will take my time and read through each chapter a day to let the message fully sink in and take hold. I strongly recommend this book to all Catholics.

An extremely inspirational read leaving me wanting more out of life and yet I truly pray that it be



God's will not mine as I strive to learn more. Matthew Kelly provided insights and direction to having a more intimate relationship with Christ, than I imagined possible. After each chapter the exercises suggested along with the prayers were steps taken to lead a more fulfilling life. The best question he asked was to ask ourselves, "What if it's really true?" I pray now, that with each new day, it will begin with gratitude. In addition, remembering to offer up the challenges, struggles that come my way to Jesus. Just as he offered Himself on the cross. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a deeper relationship with Christ. To those who feel their current way of living is leaving them less than fulfilled.

Broken up into 40 short chapters -- most of them are 2 pages -- this is the perfect book to use as a guide through Lent. It gives you something to think about and/or work on every day. Very practical. Not preachy. Can be read and reread. I have used it 2 years in a row for Lent and have convinced many family members to do the same.

This book, in bite size portions, walked me through each day of Lent with messages I've never before heard or considered. Matthew Kelly's compassionate style and deep understanding of scripture brought new perspective and inspiration for this holiest of seasons for Christians. As a Catholic, it deepened my understanding of how my everyday life, through this deeper understanding, can be so much more fulfilled - and has been! I looked forward to reading these brief yet rich dishes of wisdom each day during Lent.

This is a remarkable book, loved it!!!! Everyone who wants to get closer to Jesus should read this book

This may be my favorite Matthew Kelly books. I have read Rediscover Catholicism, Rediscover Advent, Rediscover Lent, but I enjoyed this book best. He really does a great job with short easy to read chapters that refocus everyone. The best part about Matthew Kelly for me is his books are all great re-reads. Each Liturgical Season you can take out one of his books and become refocused which brings us closer to God. And boy does he love that. Can't wait for the next book.

I have not actually finished this book as yet, but I am pleased with what I have read so far. I am a big fan of Matthew Kelly's writings and have had the privilege of hearing him speak several times. His writings are an easy read. In "Rediscover Jesus" he even suggests reading a chapter a day and then



looking at the points to ponder and questions at the end of each chapter. That is how I am choosing to read this particular book. You will not be disappointed with this book.

We all need reminders. This book should be read once a month.

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