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“James Martin’s riveting new meditation on Jesus is **one of the best books I’ve read in years—on any subject.** Part memoir, part historical document, part spiritual retreat and part travelogue, Jesus is a love letter to the first-century Jewish radical Martin has devoted his life to following. Bravo, Father Martin, for writing a must-read.”

—Mary Karr, author of *Lit*

“Martin communicates a joyful faith in God's healing and the ultimate hope offered by the Resurrection. Throughout, vivid details of his search in blistering heat for holy sites both authentic and dubious anchor this complex, compelling spiritual testimony. ‘You've met my Jesus,’ he concludes. ‘Now meet your own.’”

—Publishers Weekly **STARRED** Review

JESUS: A Pilgrimage

James Martin, bestselling author and beloved Jesuit priest, invites readers on a unique journey to re-experience the Gospels and encounter the real life of Jesus.

James Martin is one of the most recognizable Catholics in America today. A gifted storyteller, editor at large of *America Magazine*, popular media commentator, and a *New York Times* bestselling author, he is widely sought after for the spiritual guidance he offers as a writer, a priest and a retreat director.

In his new book, **JESUS: A Pilgrimage** (HarperOne; Hardcover; March 2014)—25 years in the making, and, as Father Martin notes, “the result of a lifetime of passionate prayer, study, and work”—Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher readers into the life of Jesus. Painting a vivid picture of a man many still struggle to understand today, he addresses both Jesus’s human emotions and his divine activities, allowing readers a unique and insightful look into the life of a man who experienced joy and sorrow, triumph and grief, as well as friendship and fear.

The rare book that offers fascinating insights about the “historical Jesus” as well as profound spiritual reflections about the “Christ of Faith,” Martin’s **JESUS: A Pilgrimage** offers a bold retelling of the Gospels while remaining faithful to the Christian tradition—helping readers gain a deeper understanding of Jesus. It also brings together the most up-to-date Bible scholarship, spiritual insights, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting the most significant sites in the life of Jesus.

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The Jesus at the heart of the Gospels can often seem impossibly distant to modern-day believers. Stories about his astonishing life and ministry—clever parables that upended everyone's expectations, incredible healings that convinced even skeptics, nature miracles that dazzled the dumbstruck disciples—can seem far removed from our daily lives, hard to understand, and even at times irrelevant. But in **JESUS: A Pilgrimage**, readers will come to know him as Father Martin knows him: Messiah and Savior, as well as friend and brother.

JESUS: A Pilgrimage is a personal invitation from Father Martin himself to “meet the Jesus I have studied, the Jesus I follow, and the Jesus I met in the Holy Land.”

About the Author

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of America magazine, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, *Between Heaven and Mirth*, and *Together on Retreat*. Father Martin has written for many publications, including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and he is a regular commentator in the national and international media. He has appeared on all the major radio and television networks, as well as venues including NPR's “Fresh Air,” Fox-TV's “The O'Reilly Factor,” PBS's “NewsHour,” and Comedy Central's “The Colbert Report.” Before entering the Jesuits in 1988, Father Martin graduated from the Wharton School of Business and worked for General Electric for six years. *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* is his latest book.

JESUS: A Pilgrimage

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