

Jesus I Never Knew, The, by Philip Yancey

Length: 14 weeks (one hour or less)

Includes: DVD, and leader and participant guides; book can be purchased if class wants to read as part of study

Per Lewis Smedes, "This is the best book about Jesus I have ever read, probably the best book about Jesus in the whole century" (20th). Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work---his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection---and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, this book gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history. With a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform our lives and stretch our faith. According to Yancey, "No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same."