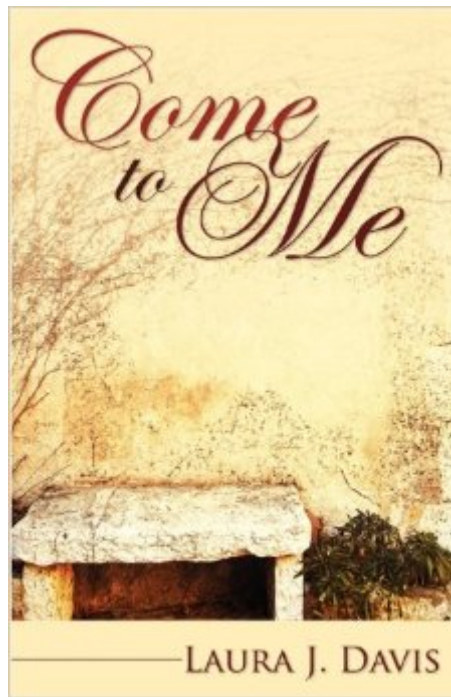


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Come To Me



Synopsis

Journey back in time and rediscover the Jesus you never knew. See Him through His mother's eyes as she tells the story of her son. Share in Mary's joy at the birth of the Saviour and mourn with her at the foot of the cross. *Come to Me* is a story about the faith and obedience of a young girl whose absolute trust in God set in motion a chain of unprecedented events. It is a moving tale of the life of Christ from the mother who raised him to become the Saviour of the World.

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Customer Reviews

Author Laura Davis has managed to capture a facet of the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, that I have never been exposed to thus far. Davis' book starts off with the story of Mary, Jesus' mother at the age of fifty-eight years old. Although "Come To Me" is a fictional book, there are many biblical references to give authenticity to the story Davis has to share with her readers. The apostles, Luke and Matthew, are spending time with Mary and quizzing her about her life as mother to Jesus. They are busy asking questions and taking notes in order to have a written account of exactly what took place before the birth of Jesus, the years that led up to His death and Mary's life afterwards which lasted well into her eighties. The warmth and teasing manner that is exchanged between Mary, Luke and Matthew is an example of what is yet to come as this beautiful novel unfolds. One of the concepts I found so refreshing and endearing is the human face that Davis gives to the holy family. She uses terms like Joseph with "his brown eyes twinkling with excitement" as he gives Mary a surprise gift (a prayer bench which Joseph preferred to use as a kissing bench). She also states that Mary "laughed" as she describes how protective Joseph and Jacob were as they stood guard

outside the stable after the birth of Jesus. Yet again when Jesus was much older, Davis mentions that "Jesus' eyes twinkled with merriment as he saw her confusion and wrapped his arms around her in a big bear hug. Laughing, he kissed her cheek..." as she describes Jesus' affection for Ima, His mother. Davis' down-to-earth, humanistic description of the holy family brings this wonderful story to life in a unique and wonderful way. According to my religious teachings, "holy pictures" as they were referred to in my school days, have always depicted Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a very serious, sad, or sorrowful family. Even at the celebratory occasion of the birth of Jesus, these "holy pictures" did not express the usual happiness that one would expect upon the birth of a beautiful newborn baby. I personally love the expressions used by Davis as she describes this happy, smiling, well-adjusted family who, even though they experienced much pain and suffering, also knew great joy and happiness many times throughout their lives. Davis manages to weave together a more present day version of family life with the usual spectrum of emotions intertwined that any family might experience. Jesus is described as the oldest of several brothers and two sisters and that He was eager to assist His mother by helping out with His younger siblings in order to ease her load. Therefore, this image of family life is one that we can more identify with and relate to in our roles as grandparents, parents, sons or daughters. This novel manages to capture many of the everyday occurrences that may happen in normal family life in our expressions of love, concern, fear, joy and sorrow. Davis' novel "Come to Me" gives a human face to the holy family which makes us love this story about Jesus, Mary and Joseph all the more. Davis has managed to retell an age-old story in a new and exciting way. I truly enjoyed reading this book and I hope you take the time to enjoy it as well.

Laura Davis's "Come To Me" is a skillfully written historical novel that brings to the table many of the events of the life of Jesus from Mary's perspective. From the time I started it I simply couldn't put it down. I love the entire book, but the part of the passion of Jesus was gut-wrenching yet inspiring. How much must we matter to the Creator of the universe to endure the brutality of the cross! The final days of Jesus after his resurrection made me wish I was there to live the glory of the risen Christ. As I read this book, I found myself immersed in the story just as the disciples were a part of Jesus' life. And in a sense I was there through the pages of this book. A must read if you are a Christian or a seeker.

This book starts with the birth of Christ and takes the reader along to his death and resurrection seen through the eyes of Mary, his mother. Come to Me reminded me of the movie The Nativity

Story; where they give an account of the harsh environment and the social realities Mary, Jesus mother grew up in. It wasn't a sugar coated Hollywood production but showed the nitty-gritty of life in Nazareth. Laura Davis shows a believable account of Mary's life before and after she finds out she's pregnant by the Holy Spirit and has to tell her betrothed Joseph. I haven't read any book that's showed the playful side of Mary who was a teenage girl and Joseph who wasn't that much older than Mary. I enjoyed the authenticity and innocence of the book. I enjoyed how this author revealed the intimate dialogue, playful side of Mary and Joseph the fun they had as they awaited their wedding day. Then she showed the heart-wrenching reality of Joseph finding out Mary is with child and it's not his. Joseph respects Mary and can't believe that she would lie to him, then the Angel speaks to Joseph in a dream and he believes Mary. I enjoyed reading about Josephs love for Mary and how he struggled to do the right thing. Laura used her imagination to fill in the dialogue between Mary and Joseph as it might have been, two young people traveling to Bethlehem for the census. Mary was pretty far along in her pregnancy to travel. This journey is a little different than what you're used to reading and I enjoyed that. Laura explains why she wrote the story the way she did, it was very interesting. This story line is unique as it's told through Mary, the mother of Jesus' eyes. I often wondered about how Mary saw Jesus as he was growing up, then when he started his ministry and when she saw him dying on the cross and all the things that happened in-between. It was fun and heart-wrenching near the end to read this story through Mary's mothering eyes. This is a good read to help a new Christian get another perspective on the life of Jesus and his ministry. It's also a great witnessing tool. Laura Davis does a great job of showing Jesus' humanity and him being the Son of God! I highly recommend this book to be read anytime not just during the Christmas season!

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