JESUS THROUGH MIDDLE EASTERN EYES

Kenneth E. Bailey, author of *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*, spent forty years living and teaching New Testament in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem, and Cyprus. He has written many books in English and Arabic, including *The Cross and the Prodigal* and *Paul Through Middle Eastern Eyes*.

In this book note I want to focus on what I consider to be his best book: *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*.

Bailey's background has allowed him to understand more adequately the stories of the Gospels in the light of Middle Eastern culture. For sixty years, from 1935-1995, Bailey's home was in the Middle East.

Since most of us have grown up in Western culture we naturally interpret Scripture through "Western" eyes. But let's suppose you had been brought up and educated in the Middle East. You would naturally see and understand things in Scripture that those of us in the West do not see and understand.

This book has had a profound effect on my understanding and interpretation of the gospels. Most of the time I can read rather rapidly through a book, but that was not true of this one. I found myself pausing often and taking note of new insights on such things as the birth of Jesus, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the parables of Jesus.

Those who know me understand that I often recommend to them books I am reading. I have to honestly say that this book is such a treasure I want to say it is a "must read" for both clergy and laity.

Don't just take my word for it. Discover this for yourself. Take the new insights you gain and incorporate them into your life.

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