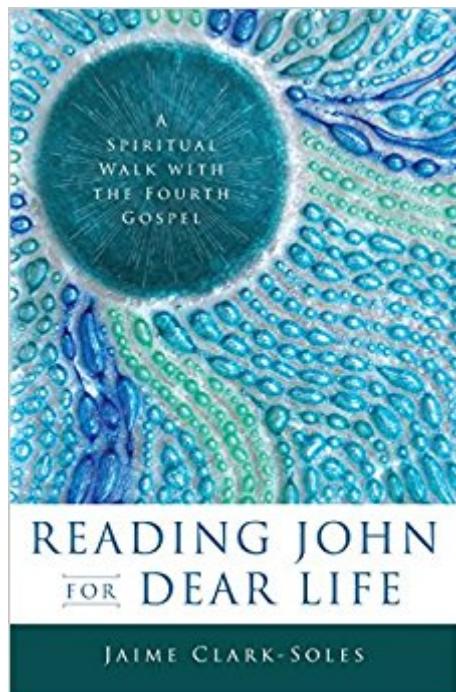


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# Reading John For Dear Life



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Jaime Clark-Soles takes readers on a dynamic journey deep into the heart of John in this lively reading of the Fourth Gospel. This book is not simply a commentary but a spiritual companion to be read alongside the Bible. Clark-Soles provides important historical and literary insights while illuminating the dramatic characters in John and emphasizing the Gospels unique themes and symbols. Her engaging writing style will generate enthusiasm and investment in Johns message. Readers will also appreciate the addition of prayers as well as questions for individual study and/or group discussion. This excellent guide will enrich our spiritual journeys while opening ourselves up to Jesus through the words, stories, questions, symbols, and characters we encounter in Johns Gospel.

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I finished this book last night and cannot wait to start it over again! It is so meaningful that I would read it slowly and then re-read passages... savoring every morsel...before continuing on. The author is in a "league of her own!" I have never read a book like this before and am so grateful that I accidentally stumbled upon it. I was looking for something to deepen my Bible Study Group's study on the Gospel of John. The author is a Johannine scholar. I looked up her bio on her web page and she has an impressive education and resume. But her gift is taking the original Greek scripture and explaining the true meaning to "lay folks" like myself. Clark-Soles practically paints you a picture of the customs, traditions, historical background, etc. from the scripture. She makes the scripture come alive and brought me...the reader...into the story...it is almost Ignatian. She helped me make connections and applications within my own life. She is a professor at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Texas. If I lived closer to Texas...I would go audit her courses! If you enjoy delving deeper to understand the Bible, you will not want to miss this book. It is such a gift to myself...a classic! I cannot wait to give copies to my adult children! And I look forward to reading some of her other books as well.

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