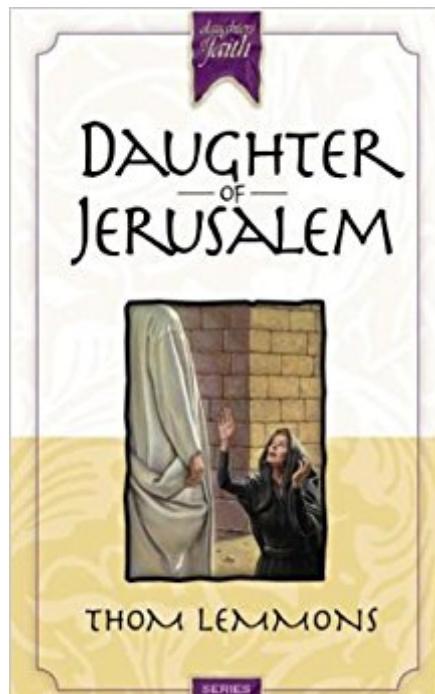


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In Daughter Of Jerusalem we will watch as Mary Magdalene, one who was lost, then found, reaches in compassion toward other wandering sheep of the house of Israel. We will observe how the women of the company of disciples function, if not as heads of the body of believers, then certainly as its heart. Through Mary's eyes, we will see the birth of the infant church and experience the heady excitement of the early days following Pentecost, when Peter and the other apostle speak boldly before men they would previously have feared to cross. We also will see the changes taking place within Mary's heart-changes which may permit her to triumph over the wounds of her past and learn to trust once again.

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This is a stunning retelling of the story of Mary Magdalene, the follower of Christ who played a critically important role in the Easter story. As the book begins, the disciples are at the stage where the sting of Jesus' death has begun to be healed by the events of Pentecost. It is a time when Mary reflects on her life thus far. As a young woman, Mary naively gets herself into a position conducive to what we would now call date rape with a young man who is already engaged. Of no use to her family after her deflowering, she is thrown into the streets, where to survive she is forced to become a kept woman. As time goes on, she tries to compensate for her helplessness by using her sexuality to gain a measure of power - until she meets Jesus and her life is changed forever. In the early days

of the church Mary must now face a life without her Teacher, the knowledge that the chances of ever meeting a man who would be willing to marry her is now slim to none, the possibility that some or all of her male friends might be executed ... and her past, which now comes back to her. Although the characters from Mary's past and Peter and Andrew's families are added to flesh out the story, the novel sticks to biblical accuracy. The fact that Mary has to deal with her past life even after her salvation is also true to life and very realistic. The secondary characters are also well drawn, especially an overwhelmed but unflappable Simon Peter and a fascinating Joanna - who along with Mary herself proves that the female disciples played a different but no less essential role in early Christianity than the Twelve. The section where she describes her conversion is one of the most interesting parts of the book to me, and makes me wonder why Mr.

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