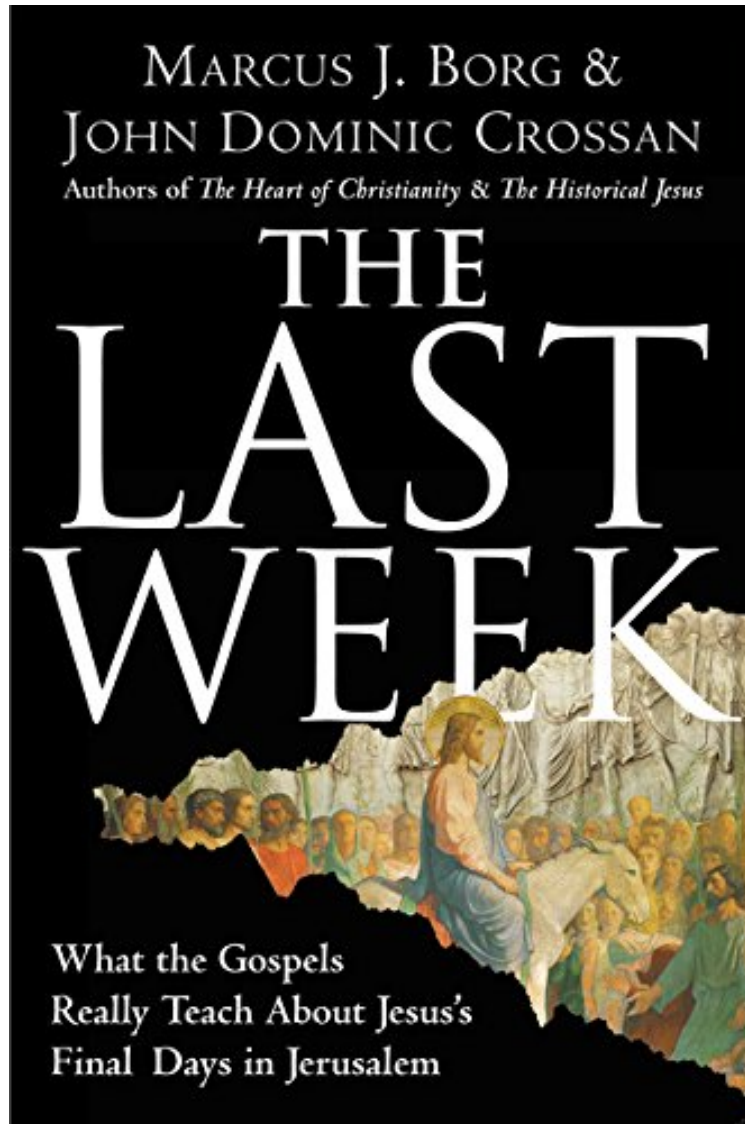


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the story mostly from Mark's gospel, as Mark actually described events that happened each day of holy week from Palm Sunday's procession to Easter Sunday. and Mark was the first gospel written. from time to time, other gospels are compared and contrasted. The authors bring in history of the time plus the author's point of view. very interesting points made. will make you think. Mark portrays Jesus as continually reminding the followers that they are missing the point. he wants them to follow his "way," live the way he shows them, include all, show mercy, have fellowship with all. Mark also points out that the established government system of the day was a dominance system by the Romans and also the Jewish rulers who did as the Romans wished and together they kept the Jewish people poor and powerless. Jesus was in direct opposition to that dominance system. Jesus wanted justice and equity, the complete opposite of what was happening. and the government didn't like his comments which eventually got him killed. God had the last word though and said yes to Jesus' way with Easter and no to the dominance way. As the authors say you only thought you knew everything there was to know about Holy week. we bring to the story our own understandings from what we've heard or been taught when we were young. this book explains how Mark and the other gospel writers sometimes covered different parts of the story and somehow we learned the combined story which wasn't ever combined by the authors who wrote the various versions of it. I want to read more by these authors. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Help for Wherever You Are in Your Faith Journey By Henry Dell Recommended by a friend, I read this before and during Holy Week. I am re-reading parts because even though on the first read-through, I learned a lot, I'm still not sure about some events of that week. It is a helpful back-up to our study groups on the New Testament. I now believe that everyone and everything is within the circle that is the Holy Spirit. Believing this, I've started praying for terrorists, that they hear the call to go home. I find myself treating others with more kindness. I'm still struggling with the crucifixion, what it means and if it is to be taken literally. My faith journey continues. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. First, I am really enjoying this book. Why ... By James Smith First, I am really enjoying this book. Why three stars? On the fly leaf of the book it is described as "What the Gospels teach..." And then in the opening chapters it is explained that we must lay aside the teachings of the other Gospels in order to let Mark speak and to interpret what he says with no presuppositions. My other reservation is (and I am not finished with the book), the authors seem to say that over time Christians have misinterpreted Jesus' true passion because of presuppositions accumulated over the ages of the Church and yet posit themselves as free from presuppositions that might color their own interpretations. Having said this I am enjoying the read and without saying I agree with their conclusions in entirety believe it to be a profitable book.

Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus. As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson's blockbuster *The Passion of the Christ*, they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus's crucifixion. Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings. *The Last Week* depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.

From Booklist *Starred* Taking Mark, the earliest Gospel, as their guide, Borg and Crossan "retell a story everyone thinks they know too well and most do not seem to know at all." So doing, they offer an alternative passion of the Christ, the primary feature of which is not suffering (Latin *passio*) but passion understood Anglophonically as "consuming interest, dedicated enthusiasm, or concentrated commitment." Jesus' passion was the kingdom of God declared in terms of God's justice, they say, and the fact that such declaration was seen, despite Jesus' nonviolence, as a threat to the system of domination by Rome and its wealthy Jewish collaborators led to his suffering. Borg and Crossan parse Mark's reportage (so to speak) on the days from Palm Sunday to Easter to demonstrate the challenges Jesus made to Roman and Herodian-temple rule. They point up Jesus' insistence on justice, especially equitable distribution of necessities, and such too-little-noticed matters as Jesus' great popularity, attested by the crowds who hang on his words and his adversaries' fears of angering those crowds; so fearful are they that they must find a traitor, seize Jesus at night, and whisk him through the courts. Written with Crossan's scholarly scintillation rather than Borg's sometimes plodding earnestness, this is politically concerned analysis of Christianity at its best. Ray Olson Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved If there is one book for the redemption of Holy Week, this is it. A must read. (Peter J. Gomes, Harvard University)[...] Borg and Crossan show one of the most careful and insightful readings of the Bible I've ever come across. (Brian McLaren, author of *A New Kind of Christian*) It is difficult to overestimate the importance of this volume[...] (Barbara Brown Taylor, author of *Leaving Church and Preaching*)

Life)These controversial Jesus Seminar scholars provide lots to ponder. (The Kansas City Star)Borg and Crossan brilliantly chronicle the tension that forced everyone to pledge allegiance -- either to Rome or to Jesus. (Los Angeles Times)A readable and attractive reinterpretation of Jesus death and resurrection. . . . (Houston Chronicle)About the Author John Dominic Crossan is the author of several bestselling books, including God and Empire, The Historical Jesus, Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography, The Birth of Christianity and Who Killed Jesus? He lives in Minneola, Florida. Marcus J. Borg is Hunderer Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University and author of the bestselling Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Heart of Christianity, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, The God We Never Knew, and Jesus.