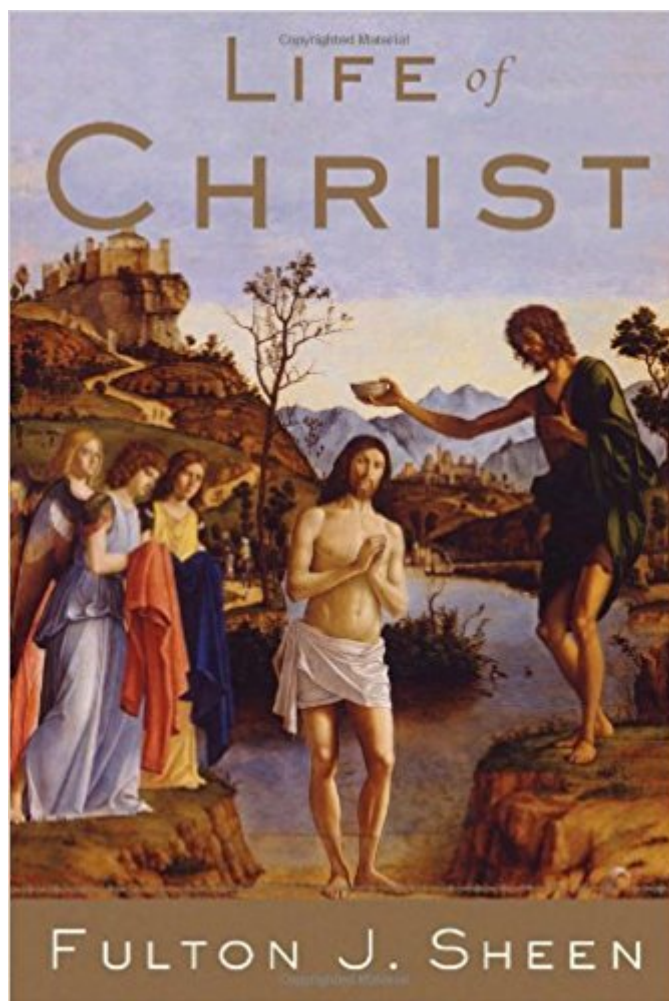


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This book has the potential to change your life. Once you read the book and follow the Journey with Christ, you will be like the Three Wise Kings that made the Journey in following the Star of Bethlehem to meet the New Born King and once you experience a face to face encounter with the New Born King in your heart, you will return home on a different path as the Three Wise Kings returned home on a different path. Once you read the Life of Christ, your heart will begin a New Journey on a different path of Joy. You never return the same way!!!! Well written and one of the best books Fulton Sheen has ever written among others he has written in the past.

Bishop Sheen was a gifted writer, although on rare occasions his prose is purple. His *The World's First Love* (2nd edition): *Mary, Mother of God* is magnificent; if you could recommend only one book to learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary, that would be my recommendation. Similarly here, this extended homily on the life of Christ is - as far as I know - without compare. Sheen's particular gift was pulling in disparate threads of Scripture, literature, and life generally to weave a tapestry - yes, I'm using that tired cliché because it really is apropos here - that is inspiring and educational. Even devout, well-read Christians will find much to reflect on here, as in *Characters of the Passion: Lessons on Faith and Trust*. For example, from this book, regarding the Passion: "They now brought three charges against Our Lord in order to force Pilate to hear the case: "We have discovered that this Man is subverting the loyalty of our people, forbids the payment of tribute to Caesar, and calls Himself Christ the King" [Luke 23:2]. "Still no mention of blasphemy; the charge now was sedition; Christ was unpatriotic. He was too worldly, He was too political, He was anti-Caesar, anti-Rome.... Every word was a lie. If Christ had been a ringleader of sedition, or if there had been any signs of insurrection connected with His name, Pilate would have heard of it. So would have suspicious Herod; but never had the slightest complaint been brought against Him previously. As for the charge that He had failed to give tribute to Caesar, only a short time before when an attempt had been made to entrap Him in the temple, He had told the people 'to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's'. The third charge - that He was king - was not that He had made himself King of the Jews, but rather that He was a king that challenged Caesar. This too was a lie, because when the people sought to make Him that kind of king, He fled into the mountains alone" [pp. 407-408].

I have read *THE DAY CHRIST DIED* as a freshman in high school, and again more recently. I also read *KILLING JESUS*, by Bill O'Reilly as well as David Limbaugh's fine book on Jesus. All of these

books were outstanding, but Bishop Sheen's LIFE OF CHRIST is by far my favorite on the subject of Jesus. AT age 67, I still remember as a 10 year old my mother watching him on television - his show was "Life is Worth Living", which is also the title of one of the 73 books he wrote in his inspiring lifetime. Fulton J. Sheen is up for sainthood and I will pray for it to happen. In a phone conversation with my oldest son this morning, I told him Bishop Sheen's story, and that his body is in a crypt at St Patrick's Cathedral in NY City. We agreed that the next time my wife and I visit my son in Long Island, we'll go with him to St Patrick's Cathedral. I plan beforehand to go to confession, so that I will be able to receive Holy Communion at St Patrick's. Yes, I found the Life of Christ to be miraculously inspiring, strongly reinforcing the notion that in Bishop Sheen's own words, LIFE IS WOTH LIVING!

I love this book. The correlations it makes really hits home. I'm going to read again and again...it is a small book but packed with insight and wisdom...eye opening...

Bishop Sheen has recounted the Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord in beautiful prose. He eloquently shows us how the Old Testament prophesies were completely fulfilled by Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and Ascension. His retelling of the Passion of Christ was so moving and gave me a deeper understanding of not just the physical suffering He endured, but the mental anguish His taking on the sins of the world caused Him. This book is a must read for anyone desiring to have a deeper spiritual insight into the Life of Christ. This book has changed my life!

Beautifully written from Sheen's heart and soul. I bought my first copy when my dad was in the hospital in '92. Read the entire book while I kept my dad company until his death a couple of months later. My life was never the same after and my image of Jesus Christ was more than enlighten so to speak. My faith so much strengthened and so inspired within that paved the way for me to become a catechist in our parish RCIA. Subsequently, I bought more copies and shared them with friends as gifts. Every single one who read it was touched to the core. Highly recommended.

I have read the book and I bought the ebook so I could carry it with me anywhere. Archbishop Sheen did an excellent job of dissecting who Jesus is and His mission on earth. His typologies and analogies of the events in Jesus' life will give the reader an understanding of the sufferings of Christ because of His great love for us. It will also allow the reader to see himself/herself in or emulate the different characters of the Scriptures that played a role in the life of Christ.

I have seen several of Bishop Sheen's programs of both You Tube and video. He is an outstanding speaker and writer. If you are not an avid reader, this may not be the book for you. I use my kindle and PC dictionaries quite often. He is a master of language and just rushing through this book, to say you read it, is a true injustice. I usually read a chapter and reflect on what was written. Taking notes is a plus. He writes with knowledge and authority in a factual and loving way. I am really enjoying my book.

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