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It all happened in a moment -- a most remarkable moment.

God came near.

He came not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that held him were not manicured, but callused and dirty.

No silk. No ivory. No hype. No party. No hoopla. God had come near ... for you.

Travel back in time and relive Christ the Son of God becoming man. Come with Max as he brings to life the most important event in history ... when God came near. And as you catch a vision of this incredible moment, let it mark the beginning of a new life for yourself.

God came near. If he is who he says he is, there is no truth more worthy of your time.

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Sam Pauley says

Not one of my favorite Mac Lucado books. I'm not 100% sure where he was going with a few of the chapters. The one chapter that confused me the most was about singing candle flames? He never explained the point and how it associated with the book. I was expecting to follow more of Christ through his life, not jump to different topics. In the end, it wasn't a bad book, and had some good points. I do love that his books are easy to read, follow and understand if you are a new or veteran believer.

Mary Quire says

Truly the best Christian study book I've ever read. I highly recommend it.

Lina says

It's been a long time since I read it. Max is good in making such a circumstances that we're like hearing good-night story preaching from our Sunday school teacher (kind of old one ^_^)

Ann says

I am a Max Lucado fan. This was my favorite of all his books.

Michael Boling says

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel!” (which means, God with us).” (Matthew 1:25)

The incarnation of Christ is an event remembered each Christmas season; however, it is likely most Christians do not fully understand what the Son of God coming to earth in the flesh was and is really all about. The reality that Jesus, for around 33 years, bled, sweat, got tired, was hungry, and encountered the same things we face on a daily basis is arguably lost in the discussion. We certainly affirm He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and was crucified on a cross for our sins, but the fact He came and lived in the flesh here on earth is something we need to think about a bit more. Author Max Lucado, in his book God Came Near, takes the reader on a journey as to what Jesus as man, God in the flesh, likely looked like.

I have to admit, despite Max Lucado being a best-selling author, this is the first of his books I have ever read. After reading this particular work of his, I certainly will be inclined to seek out other books by him as I found this one to be very readable, theological yet accessible, and written in a manner that while easy to read, makes some very profound points that force the reader to think about concepts that many unfortunately

overlook.

As noted in the introduction to this review, this book takes the reader on a journey. Lucado divides this walk through the life of Jesus is divided into two parts, the first being “His Incarnation” and the second “Our Imitation”. Each chapter, while brief, fully captured my attention. Lucado has a gift of putting into simple words some very profound theological truths. For example, he notes:

“For thirty-three years he would feel everything you and I have ever felt. He felt weak. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And his head ached. To think of Jesus in such a light is – well, it seems almost irreverent, doesn’t it? It’s not something we like to do; it’s uncomfortable. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation...The first moment of transformation went unnoticed by the world. But you can bet your sweet September that the second won’t.”

Lucado does not just walk us through an interesting journey through the life of Jesus and stop there. Since Jesus lived a perfect life despite the blood, sweat and tears of taking on flesh, he is thus our example of what righteous living in this life looks like. So in the second part of God Came Near, Lucado spends a great deal of time exploring areas of life that we can look to Christ’s example and in turn, make some changes in our approach if our current actions are not aligned with that of Christ’s perfect example. This section feeds back into the overall premise of this book, namely the fact God came near so that He might be known. God is not some distant deity that we cannot know nor have a relationship with. He took on flesh not just to die for sinful man as the perfect sacrifice, but also to demonstrate what Immanuel truly means, God with us. Lucado aptly comments “Christianity, in its purest form, is nothing more than seeing Jesus. Christian service, in its purest form, is nothing more than imitating Him who we see. To see His majesty and to imitate him...that is the sum of Christianity.” We can know Jesus because God came near. That is the beauty of the incarnation and one which believers must begin to grasp. Knowing God involves an intimate level of relationship, one made possible by Jesus humbling himself and taking on flesh to do for us what we could not do ourselves.

God Came Near is an excellent presentation of just what exactly the incarnation was all about. Max Lucado writes with great clarity, telling the story of Jesus in an engaging yet purposeful manner, one focused on bringing the reader into a closer relationship and understanding of the risen Savior, God with us.

Mandy says

This book is more a collection of essays than it is one flowing thought. Great for introspection on God's great sacrifice, the life of Christ and how He is still living with and for us today.

Bianca Flores says

As if taken from his intermittent journal, the chapters are observations or narrated questioning. I read from November to February. Fav chapter was four, Mary's Prayer.

Elke says

It was my intention to read a story from this book every day from the advent. I wanted to be more mindful of the fact that Christmas was coming, and not only because I had to buy gifts.

Alas, life does not always go the way I intend it to. But even so, I really enjoyed this, as always. I love how a familiar book can bring so much new things to my attention every time (or old ideas i needed a reminder for). I hope to try (and succeed?) again next year.

KaylaW says

This is not a book of theology. This is a book of truth. Each chapter is a new story, a new thought, each refreshingly told. This book helped change the way I think about God, and in my opinion, everyone should read this book to reshape their knowledge of God.

Ty Lukasiewicz says

Beautiful, absolutely beautiful!

I really enjoyed this book. Lucado draws you in with short stories that paint an elegant picture. These short stories fill the book with great life lessons that anyone can relate too. This book is a two part book the first part focuses on stories in the Bible especially those when God came near. The second part lucado writes about life lessons God has taught him and the instances he learned them in. Here are some things that I liked and learned.

Lucado gives eye opening details about stories told of Jesus in the Bible. It helped me know more about who Jesus was. It opened my eyes to see more of God's glory in a beautiful way.

I liked the story about death. Wait hold on, before I lead you the wrong way; It was his hospital story about how death is all around us and yet no one talks about it. "It's kept hush hush" he says. And it is true no one ever talks about death unless a relative dies and even then it's just "sorry for your loss". Max says let's talk about death more. It's a natural part of our life on earth. Even more Importantly, let's talk about how death was defeated on the cross by Jesus Christ. In Christ death is just a passage way to eternity with God.

The stories in the book are quick to read and short. It was easy to put down for a moment and then right back up again with a new story to start every time.

Lucado does a great job painting a picture in his writing. He gives details that allow you too understand the surroundings, time frame, and events that shape each moment that God came near.

Great book recommended!

Dale says

An enjoyable, short read

I had just ended a book and was casting about for something to read in my big pile of books in the closet. I came up with *God Came Near* more as a "Why not?" choice than anything else. I've seen different versions

of this book around for years, but I'd never picked it up.

I soon found myself drawn in. Lucado revels in the "God in the small things moments." He also focuses his readers on Jesus the man - not the movie version of Jesus, the untouchable, above it all Holy Man. Instead, as the title of this book reminds the readers, *God Came Near* - Jesus was God becoming one of us - a walking, talking human being with sore feet, who got thirsty, who took naps and who was known almost exclusively by his first name by everyone, and a fairly common first name, at that. He came as nobody special and became the most written about and talked about figure in history.

I was especially struck by a passage in Chapter 9 that noted that...

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Glenn says

inspirational

Kelly says

Max Lucado is at his finest when he is telling stories, and this book is full of beautiful and captivating stories. Even in very short chapters, Lucado is able to create memorable scenes with vivid images, often making Biblical figures come alive with his imaginative takes on their thoughts or conversations. He doesn't preach or teach directly; he merely shows. A thought-provoking and enjoyable read.

Daniel Pyro Cho says

An excellent collection of chapters about bits of stories, ideas, concepts, and poems that really puts you into perspective and think about God and Jesus a little differently, in a better light.

Erin says

Great short stories that are Lucado's take on stories about Christ throughout the new testament. Makes a good bedside book if you want a short 3-5 page story to read when winding down for bed. Keeps you focused on the important stuff.
