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Synopsis

The life of Jesus Christ is indelibly engraved upon history; neither the erosion of time nor the devastating and compounding effects of evil have been able to erase his influence. Some people thought he was crazy; others considered him a misfit, a troublemaker, a rebel. He was condemned as a criminal, yet his life and teachings reverberate throughout history. He saw things differently, and he had no respect for the status quo. You can praise him, disagree with him, quote him, disbelieve him, glorify him, or vilify him. About the only thing you cannot do is ignore him, and that is a lesson that every age learns in its own way. You can't ignore Jesus, because he changed things. He is the single greatest agent of change in human history. He made the lame walk, taught the simple, set captives free, gave sight to the blind, fed the hungry, healed the sick, comforted the afflicted, afflicted the comfortable, and in all of these, captured the imagination of every generation. But who is Jesus today? Who is Jesus to you? Get ready to discover Jesus like you have never known him.

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Customer Reviews

Peter J. Kreeft (Ph.D., Fordham University) is professor of philosophy at Boston College where he has taught since 1965. A popular lecturer, he has also taught at many other colleges, seminaries and educational institutions in the eastern United States. Kreeft has written more than sixty-seven books, including *The Best Things in Life*, *Christianity for Modern Pagans*, *Fundamentals of the Faith* and *The Handbook of Christian Apologetics*.

This was one of the few books I've read in a long time that I couldn't put down after I started reading it. Kreeft's enthusiasm and love of God is infectious. Comparing this book to a spiritual defibrillator is spot on. This is a book I would not be afraid of giving to anyone outside of the Catholic faith. This book will make you think irrespective of your beliefs. Peter Kreeft is an incredible writer who has 1 foot in heaven and 1 foot on earth. Read this book and buy some for your friends, you will not regret it.

I ordered this book because someone's review said it was like taking a defibrillator to your heart for Christ. Just finished the book this afternoon and I completely agree. Everyone on Earth really should read this book, and at the verrrry least anyone who seeks to be a better, more faithful Catholic? Read this book. First, Peter Kreeft is funny. Not silly, howl laughing every page--but he offers intelligent humor. And well placed humor, which makes this life centering topic a joy to read. Loved the way the book opened up with the short "quiz" which the results were such shock for me that I almost couldn't put the book down after that.. Kreeft has a "read your mind" kind of style, and answers the questions that you've always had about adoring our Lord (but have been too afraid to ask). And he addresses 'accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior' with solid doctrine and practical, inspiring insight. I will reread this book again, starting tonight most likely.

I just finished reading this book (160 short pages) and ordered a dozen copies to give out to family and friends. Peter Kreeft cuts to the chase and reminds us once again how blessed we are to be able celebrate the Eucharist, a forgotten fact by most of us Catholics. I found myself stopping and saying "thank you, thank you, thank you". Thank you to the Holy Spirit for filling the heart, mind and soul of Mr Kreeft and thank you to our Heavenly Father for His magnificent gifts.

It is so easy, in our time and culture, to fall into the lukewarmness that Jesus warns us in Revelation will cause Him to "spit (us) out of (His) mouth." This small book is quite enough to shock the lukewarm out of their cozy tepidity, and Kreeft's convincing reasoning is enough to push us to being very hot, on fire if you will, for Our Lord. He even provides the next step -- what to do with that fire, and it's very simple, lifegiving, and not attention-grabbing (well, Our Lord would notice, but our fellow humans would not, which is as it should be). This is a book that causes you to make mental lists of who you are going to suggest it to while you are still reading it. Even a few priests made my list. While it's true there is nothing brand new here (and how could there be, after 2000 years), I would liken reading it to having a defibrillator applied to the soul.

Well, Peter Kreeft does it again. Using his brilliance in logic, Kreeft addresses the core teachings of Christ that inevitably "shock" the world. I was particularly impressed with the bluntness of his style; this is not a book for "lovey dovey" Christianity. Rather, it is a text full of truths and a wake up call. For Catholics, this book is a convincing account of why it's great to be home in Rome. For Christians, it is a narrative that will get you thinking about what it means when Jesus says "Take, eat, this is my Body." For non-Christians and those who question or deny the existence of God, the book will help you understand why Jesus is the ultimate contradiction of the times - and, God willing, why He desires to be part of your life as well.

Every once in awhile, we may each come across a person who in some way is inspirational, and maybe sparks a bit of "...I wish I could be like....". Well for me, Peter Kreeft is one of those people. Peter Kreeft takes an outstanding, empirical look at the impact of Jesus, upon anyone, and everyone. And of course, since society is a reflection of the collection of individuals, then the impact of Jesus on each of us, impacts society. Simply, Peter Kreeft relates stories from the bible (in a rapid manner), as well as teachings of the Church to the message that is etched upon our souls. He raises one BIG question, that should be on the mind of all Catholics: Given what gift we receive in Jesus, why do we not respond? Kreeft attempts to answer this question, and other ones as well. The book is written in a light, quick hitting fashion, that allows you to absorb the message, and develop the understanding of the subject matter, by using clear language. He raises questions regarding for those outside of the Church, but for those who are within. Indeed, it may contain greater value for those within, if you are willing to honestly and objectively look at your faith as reflected upon by Jesus Christ. You could read this book quickly....I recommend you take your time. Read a section, then think...and pray.

We Catholics soooo take for granted WHO we receive in the Eucharist, and over the years, have become so complacent about what is really happening at Mass, that we sooooo need to be SHOCKED into the reality that Jesus comes, that Jesus is here, and the hope that Jesus will come again. Peter Kreeft's book, *Jesus We as Catholics*, soooo take for granted the gift we have been given in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, that we soooo need to be SHOCKED into the reality of His Presence on the altar and in the tabernacle!! Peter Kreeft's book does just that!! I have even given it to Protestant family members in hopes that they will read and hear the TRUTH!! shock

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