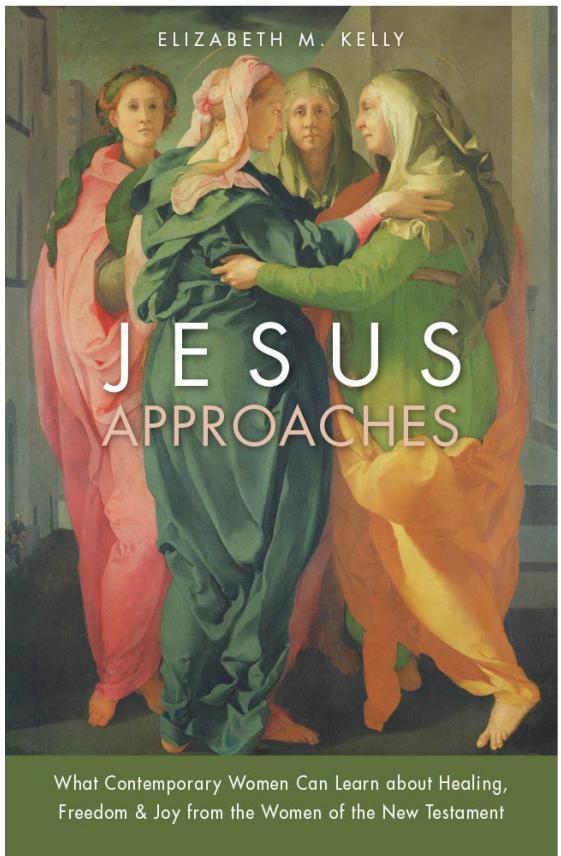


Circle of Sisters Book Club

Jesus Approaches

by Elizabeth M. Kelly



Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament is by Catholic author and speaker, Elizabeth (Liz) Kelly. In it, she writes lovingly and directly to the woman's heart. In each chapter, Liz shares familiar stories of New Testament women who encounter Jesus in a very personal way. And through their encounters, Jesus heals, transforms, and sets them free to flourish. She also incorporates moving accounts from her own life and stories of women she has met along the way. Throughout the narrative, Liz writes with an openness, honesty, and vulnerability that few books contain.

Jesus Approaches begins with the story of St. Mary Magdalene. Liz expands on her possible life before encountering Christ and on how her life blossoms fully and completely after Jesus heals her - so much so that He appears to her after the Resurrection!

In the proceeding chapters, we meet other Biblical women who encounter a very approachable Jesus, such as Jairus' daughter, the woman with the hemorrhage, St. Martha, and the Blessed

Mother. Some topics within *Jesus Approaches* include motherhood, single life, chronic illness, forgiveness, and perfectionism. Liz's thoughtful planning of this book and her heartfelt writing style reflect her genuine understanding of women's gifts, struggles, joys, and sorrows. She writes with compassion and reverence for women and our personal (and shared) experiences.

More than any other theme in *Jesus Approaches*, Liz writes with conviction about how deeply and passionately Jesus loves us. And He shows us His love through the stories of the New Testament women. To Jesus, women were (and are) essential to Salvation History. Women intimately witnessed two of the most important events in history—the Incarnation and the Resurrection. He befriended women at a time when we were considered second-class citizens (or worse). And today, Jesus still invites women into relationship with Him. And as an added bonus - Liz Kelly is our speaker at the Women's Retreat this October here at St. Pius X so you have an opportunity to "hear her voice" before she speaks to us!!!

Please join us for the discussion on this book!

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:30 p.m. in St. Pius X Conference Room

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