Who Does He Say You Are?: Women Transformed By Christ In The Gospels

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Shortly after the death of their brother, Lazarus, Martha offers this confident response to Jesus's gentle challenge, echoing the confession of Peter: "Yes, Lord, I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of God come into the world" (John 11:26-27). Her response to this question would change the course of her life "of all their lives. And to the extent that we echo her confession, it transforms us as well. In Who Does He Say You Are?, Catholic missionary and speaker Colleen Mitchell captures the confessions of twelve more women from the Gospels, and shows how their stories answer this crucial question of identity: "Who does he say you are?" Holding up Mary as the ultimate example of intimate, transforming union, Mitchell weaves together moving anecdotes of her own search for identity as a Catholic woman along with twelve accounts of women in Scripture that are at once fresh yet familiar. In so doing, Mitchell connects in a compelling and very personal way with the Scriptures, inspiring readers to "take up and read" in order to discover the answer to this all-important question for themselves. Questions at the end of each chapter can easily be adapted for group study, or used for private journaling or quiet reflection.

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Colleen C. Mitchell knows firsthand what life is like when death and loss become indelible imprints on the heart of a mother. Within months, she and her husband lost their son, Bryce and miscarried another baby. In the midst of that darkness, they discovered a call from God - a call that, at first, Mitchell was reticent to accept and embrace. But, as her heart softened to the mission work her
husband discussed with her, she found herself longing to retreat into the jungles of Costa Rica - reconnecting with nature, God, and herself. Her book, Who Does He Say You Are? Women Transformed by Christ in the Gospels, was birthed from the time she spent by the riverbank in Costa Rica, pondering and praying, desperately clinging to her faith when her personal pain could not be assuaged. Mitchell writes from the deepest recesses of her heart, and you feel as if you are listening to a beloved friend, one who truly knows you, as you read her book. Her style is heartwarming, encouraging, honest, and full of mercy. As she explores twelve different women in the Bible, she asks the reader important questions pertaining to each Scripture passage. They are questions that matter, ones that reach the core of who we are as women, wives, and mothers. They reach the lost and lonely, hurting and helpless. This is a must-read book for this beautiful Year of Mercy. All of the brokenness, uncertainty, guilt, and shame that we, as women, carry in onerous weights upon our hearts are the places Mitchell speaks to. She invites us - gently, lovingly - to be challenged by the woman at the well, Martha and her sister Mary, the hemorrhaging woman, Mary the Mother of God, and the woman who anointed Jesus’ feet with perfumed oil.

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