

Making Sense Of The Bible Adam Hamilton

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denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues the underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it the world's bestselling most read and most loved book is also one of the most confusing in making sense of the bible adam hamilton one of the country's leading pastors and christian authors addresses the hot button issues that plague the church and cultural debate and answers many of the questions frequently asked by christians and non christians alike did god really command moses to put gay people to death did jesus really teach that everyone who is not a christian will be assigned to hell why would paul command women to keep silent in the church were adam and eve real people is the book of revelation really about the end times who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why is the bible ever wrong in approachable and inviting language hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the bible so that we might hear god speak through it and find its words to be life changing and life giving

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because honestly if we don't start getting it right we may lose an entire generation

no single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth in this Lenten journey Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life the program that supports this product includes 1 a DVD that contains session video filmed in the Holy Land and a leader's guide and 2 a paperback devotional book Lent Lenten Lenten resource Lenten resources Lent study Lent studies Easter Easter study Easter studies

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they are simple phrases they sound Christian like something you might find in the Bible we've all heard these words maybe we've said them they capture some element of truth yet they miss the point in important ways join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture the clichés include everything happens for a reason God helps those who help themselves God won't give you more than you can handle God said it I believe it that settles it love the sinner hate the sin

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in life and in death jesus words were powerful and meaningful despite the serious effort and increased pain required for jesus to speak as he hung on the cross jesus spoke seven final words statements that have much to teach us about jesus his father and ourselves father forgive them behold your son behold your mother my god why have you forsaken me today you will be with me in paradise i thirst it is finished into your hands i commit my spirit in 24 hours that changed the world adam hamilton took us on a lenten journey through the last day of jesus life now in this inspiring follow up book hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross then the chapter explores the meaning of jesus dying words for our lives today following the last statement a postscript recounts the words jesus spoke following his resurrection including what truly were the final words jesus spoke while walking this earth join the crowd now and experience the final words from the cross final words from the cross offers six chapters sessions plus a postscript chapter session so that classes have the option of a seventh session on easter sunday

with adam hamilton we have traced the life of jesus from his birth the journey through his ministry the way to his death and resurrection 24 hours that changed the world what happened next follow the journeys of paul beginning with his dramatic conversion as he spread the gospel through modern day greece and turkey travel to the early church sites and explore paul s conversations with the romans corinthians galatians ephesians philippians colossians and thessalonians in this six week study you are invited to experience faith through christ s greatest teacher and missionary endorsements adam hamilton has proven to be a faithful guide to applying the bible to modern life in a sane and balanced way and i trust him as an interpreter of the apostle paul for today philip yancey author of vanishing grace and the jesus i never knew pastor and teacher adam hamilton succeeds brilliantly in introducing the life and ministry of paul adam s interweaving of personal testimony and ministry insights provide important lessons for christian disciples today something paul himself would have readily welcomed dr mark wilson asia minor research center antalya turkey adam hamilton demonstrates theologically and spiritually how indispensable the apostle paul is to both the early christian and 21st century church this book is a wonderful gift for the church and i recommend it with utmost christian enthusiasm dr israel kamudzandu associate professor of new testament and biblical interpretation saint paul school of theology i regularly lead groups of seminary students alums clergy and laity on immersion trips to greece and turkey this book will certainly be on my reading list jaime clark soles associate professor of new testament altshuler distinguished teaching professor perkins school of theology

turn your reluctance into boldness by walking in the footsteps of moses

everyone agrees that america is polarized with ever hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another no one agrees on what to do about it one solution that hasn t yet been tried says adam hamilton is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer more thoughtful conversation on the political moral and religious issues that divide us hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward he writes i don t expect you to agree with everything i ve written i expect that in the future even i won t agree with everything i ve written here the point is not to get

you to agree with me but to encourage you to think about what you believe in the end i will be inviting those of you who find this book resonates with what you feel is true to join the movement to pursue a middle way between the left and the right to make your voices heard and to model for our nation and for the church how we can listen learn see truth as multi sided and love those with whom we disagree read more about this title adam hamilton s seeing gray blog now available seeing gray in a world of black and white dvd upc 843504001902 a five session video resource featuring adam hamilton teaching these concepts on dvd for group or individual study includes leader s guide as well as bonus video click below to view a preview of each video session where faith and politics meet christ christians and the culture wars how should we live the ethics of jesus spiritual maturity and seeing gray what would jesus say to america

christians are faced every day with daunting choices between difficult alternatives what does my christian faith have to say about the moral issues that divide our society there are plenty of people on opposite sides of the spectrum claiming to know the will of god in these matters it is nonetheless very difficult to find help in looking at both sides of these ethical questions and applying the biblical witness to arrive at an authentically christian belief about them this is precisely what adam hamilton proposes to do presented as a collection of sermons confronting the controversies includes euthanasia assisted suicide creationism abortion and homosexuality scrupulously fair to both the positions of each side and their motivations for holding them hamilton offers clear concise information on what is at stake in these explosive issues hamilton applies a careful broad reading of scripture to offer direct yet compassionate guidance on what a faithful christian response will be this book is set up for group study with discussion questions at the end of each chapter

the third volume in adam hamilton s bible study trilogy on the life of jesus

this small group study provides the components to create a powerful small group experience including video presentations and a leader s guide with activities for class sessions and home use

in this companion volume that functions beautifully on its own or as part of the churchwide experience adam hamilton offers forty days of daily devotions on the life and ministry of jesus christ enabling us to pause meditate and emerge changed forever the reflections ideal for use during lent include scripture reflection stories from hamilton s own ministry and prayers lent lenten lenten resource lenten resources lent study lent studies easter easter study easter studies

what if the ten commandments were not just a set of ancient rules but a guide to experiencing the good life today adam hamilton is a teacher of the highest order able to bridge the gap between very old divine teaching and very current human reality barbara brown taylor author of always a guest speaking of faith far from home nearly everyone has heard of the ten commandments the list of thou shalt nots found in the bible jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life these ten ancient words were given to us by a loving god who longed to set safe boundaries create order out of chaos help communities live peacefully and protect us often from ourselves in this book of scripture and inspiration bestselling author adam hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history he considers the commandments in their historical context considering the meaning of each commandment in hebrew unpacking how jesus reinterpreted them and showing how every thou shalt not was intended to point to a life giving thou shalt he also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments rightly understood as a

way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day in a culture marked by workaholic materialism and social media driven envy god has given us a time tested path that leads to gratitude confidence and peace a landmark work from one of our most trusted biblical thinkers words of life is an inspiring thought provoking read for anyone seeking to live a meaningful and joyful life

where is god when tragedy and suffering strike when the ground shakes and a poor nation's economy is destroyed when the waters rise washing away a community's hopes and dreams when a child suffers neglect and abuse when violence tears apart nations where is god if god is all powerful and if each one of us is a beloved child of god then how can god allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation in why best selling author adam hamilton brings fresh insight to the age old question of how to understand the will of god rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions he lays out core ideas for comprehending god's plan for the world including god will not take away our free will even when we use it to grieve him god will never abandon us especially in the midst of our suffering while god is not the author of suffering god will bring blessing out of tragedy

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needed to conduct a 5 session study including discussion questions activities and suggestions for organizing and facilitating a group can be used with the adult level dvd

confronting the controversies is a 7 session group study of tough issues based on adam hamilton s sermons on these topics the seven sessions are 1 the separation of church and state 2 creation and evolution in the public schools 3 the death penalty 4 euthanasia 5 prayer in public schools 6 abortion 7 homosexuality the study is designed as a fishing expedition with tools and helps that will enable congregations to make the study a church and community wide outreach event including sermon starters and promotion aids

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