

The Man of Galilee

This new study series subtitled Questions about the life and impact of Jesus Christ is a documentary presentation by Rev Keith Garner AM, the Superintendent and CEO of Wesley Mission (Sydney).

The Galilean area was the prime setting for much of the life and ministry of the Man of Galilee Jesus Christ, and this series explores that life and ministry and the implications for today.

It is certainly not a travelogue, though it is beautifully filmed and the settings illustrate areas well including: Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Tiberias, Tabgha, Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes and the Jordan River. There are six episodes of 26 minutes each.

1. Who is the Man of Galilee?
2. How does Jesus call people?
3. How does Jesus teach people?
4. How Jesus spoke to others
5. Detractors and Adversaries
6. Life and Religion

This series would suit small group study and the questions are well-designed to not only help people reflect on this Man of Galilee, but become a follower.

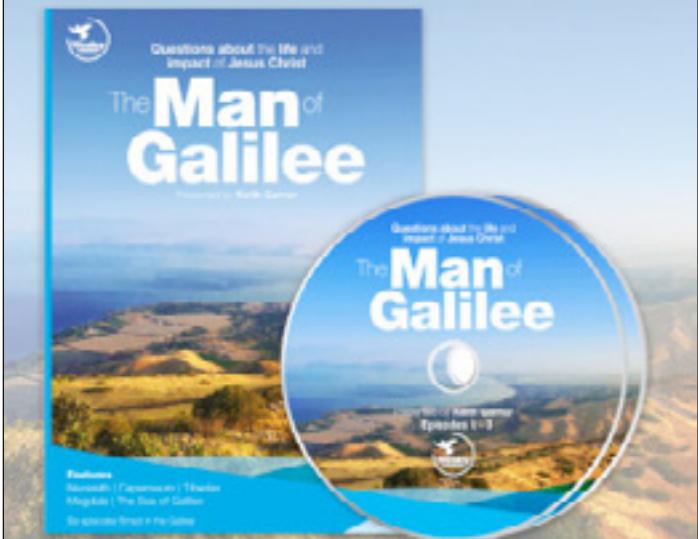
DVD: \$24.95 (plus postage).

Digital download version: \$19.95.

The Study Guide is included in the DVD or can be downloaded from the Wesley Website.

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The Heart of Man (2017) M

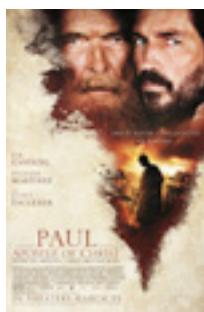
Starring:
Robert Fleet, Serena Karnahy,
Justin Torrence

Written & Directed by:
Eric Esau

I have long had an interest in the idea of modern versions of the parables, and this movie links into this with a stylised re-telling of the parable of the prodigal son. It is a dramatic account, aimed at adults as it is coupled with comments and personal stories all in the context of 'contemporary' addictions, sin and shame, and finding the way again to a new life in Christ. The film had a wider promotion in the USA last year and there will be a limited public screening season in Australia in June, along with discussion opportunities with some involved in the project. It certainly highlights the need to be more open in our churches and help people not to hide their shame.

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NOTE: This is an adult film dealing with significant personal issues and some people may find parts confronting.



Paul, Apostle of Christ (2018) M

Starring:
Jim Caviezel, James Faulkner,
Olivier Martinez

Directed by:
Andrew Hyatt

My twitter summary of this would be 'Biblical epic without the spectacle'. This time Jim Caviezel plays Luke, and the context is the writing of the story of the acts of the apostles, so the film is literally peppered with biblical lines and references. The film is not the long-expected sequel to The Passion of the Christ, but part of a new series and is directed by Andrew Hyatt. There was a limited cinema release in Australia.

English actor James Faulkner does an excellent job as the Apostle Paul. Paul is mainly seen in prison during this period, though the wider context is the increasing persecution of the people following Christ. There are several other well-known English actors in supporting roles, playing early (biblically referenced) Christians within this wider context. Yes, there are some Hollywood scenes, including the interaction with the gaoler, but the film is faithful to the Christian context. Overall, the film is certainly worth seeing and will be available later in the year on DVD or to download/stream.

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