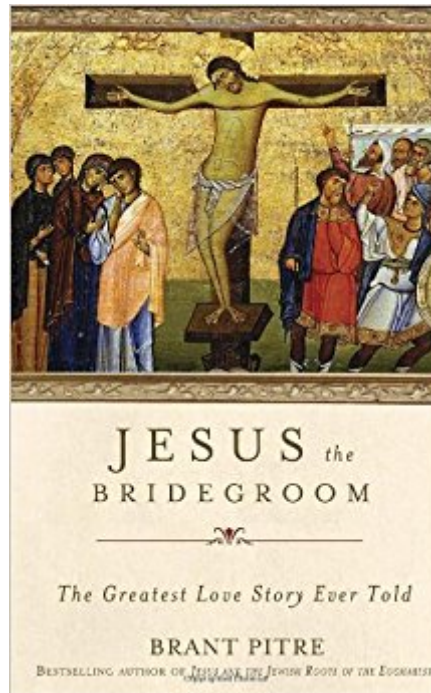




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Jesus The Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told



Synopsis

In *Jesus the Bridegroom*, Brant Pitre once again taps into the wells of Jewish Scripture and tradition, and unlocks the secrets of what is arguably the most well-known symbol of the Christian faith: the cross of Christ. In this thrilling exploration, Pitre shows how the suffering and death of Jesus was far more than a tragic Roman execution. Instead, the Passion of Christ was the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecies of a wedding, when the God of the universe would wed himself to humankind in an everlasting nuptial covenant. To be sure, most Christians are familiar with the apostle Paul's teaching that Christ is the Bridegroom and the Church is the Bride. But what does this really mean? And what would ever possess Paul to compare the death of Christ to the love of a husband for his wife? If you would have been at the Crucifixion, with Jesus hanging there dying, is that how you would have described it? How could a first-century Jew like Paul, who knew how brutal Roman crucifixions were, have ever compared the execution of Jesus to a wedding? And why does he refer to this as the "great mystery" (Ephesians 5:32)? As Pitre shows, the key to unlocking this mystery can be found by going back to Jewish Scripture and tradition and seeing the entire history of salvation, from Mount Sinai to Mount Calvary, as a divine love story between Creator and creature, between God and Israel, between Christ and his bride—a story that comes to its climax on the wood of a Roman cross. In the pages of *Jesus the Bridegroom*, dozens of familiar passages in the Bible—the Exodus, the Song of Songs, the Wedding at Cana, the Woman at the Well, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and even the Second Coming at the End of Time—are suddenly transformed before our eyes. Indeed, when seen in the light of Jewish Scripture and tradition, the life of Christ is nothing less than the greatest love story ever told.

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"This book will change you. It is an invitation to the Messiah's wedding feast--and a foretaste of heaven. It will change the way you experience the sacraments, personal prayer, Scripture study, and marriage. Most of all, it will deepen your love for Christ." -Scott Hahn, author of *The Lamb's Supper* and *Signs of Life*. "Brant Pitre has a wonderful gift for blending insight, scholarship, and an elegant, appealing style. The result is an extraordinary encounter with Jesus Christ, the meaning of his mission, and the spousal nature of God's love for humanity and Christ's love for the Church." -Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Capp., Archbishop of Philadelphia "Brant Pitre helps us to know Jesus not just as a Savior and lord, but as our divine bridegroom. This excellent book shows how the theme of Christ the bridegroom is at the very heart of salvation history and how it can transform the way we view baptism, the Eucharist, marriage, and our own relationship with Christ. The profound Biblical insights and clear, engaging writing style will take you deeper into the divine love story found in Sacred Scripture." -Edward Sri, author of *Walking with Mary* "With his customary combination of deep erudition and clarity of expression, Brant Pitre sheds light on a central theme of the New Testament: Jesus as the incarnation of the God who wants to marry his people. In the course of elaborating this motif, Pitre offers wonderfully fresh readings of the Wedding Feast of Cana, the Woman at the Well, the Last Supper, and the Crucifixion. His interpretation of the Passion as the consummation of the spousal relationship between Jesus and his people is simply stunning. This is a book that will appeal to both the scholar and the ordinary believer, indeed to anyone interested in understanding Jesus Christ more profoundly." -Father Robert Barron, founder of *Word on Fire* and author of *Catholicism*

BRANT PITRE is a professor of sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the author of the bestselling book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* (2011). Dr. Pitre is an extremely enthusiastic and highly sought-after speaker who lectures regularly across the United States. He has produced dozens of Bible studies on both CD and DVD, in which he explores the biblical roots of the Catholic faith. He has also appeared on a number of Catholic radio and television shows, such as *Catholic Answers Live* and *EWTN*. He currently lives in Louisiana with his wife, Elizabeth, and their five young children.

Every Christian should read this book. This book is an easy read and is hard to put down. You will find the light being shed on subjects concerning the meaning of Jesus words and how they relate and are an integral part of Jewish history. Knowing how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together is but one of the main objectives of this book. Dr. Pitre is thorough as well as organized in his presentation of the subject matter especially of course, the bridegroom. And talk about references! Brant Pitre leaves hardly a stone unturned and I felt at times he gave us a little too much information, but it is all there and to think he is only scratching the surface. Yes, buy yourself a copy of this book. I could go on and on about it but why not just get a copy and find out for yourself. You won't be disappointed!

I have enjoyed listening to Dr. Pitre on "The Son Rise Morning Show" and generally find his comments and insights to be very good and helpful. This book is right in line with that. Dr. Pitre writes in a very understandable, easy to follow style. The reader will never "get lost". He begins by showing the rich Old Testament background and quite convincingly shows that the God of Israel pictures Himself as a Bridegroom who wishes to unite with His people in such a close/ intimate way that it can be rightly described as a marriage. He makes good use of the Old Testament prophetic usage of marriage and wedding imagery that refer to God as Bridegroom and Messiah. Using New Testament accounts from our Lord's life, Dr. Pitre demonstrates that Jesus shows Himself to be the Divine Bridegroom--and thus the long awaited Messiah, the God come in the flesh to forgive His sinful people and unite Himself to her in an everlasting covenant of love. By his presentation, Dr. Pitre clearly shows the continuity of Old and New Testaments and that Jesus, the Savior, is the content of both. This book can, in general, be used profitably by both Roman Catholic and non-Roman Catholic readers. It is also very helpful in bringing out what marriage really is and is not--a very vital topic today.

KarenI loved how Brant Pitre systematically goes through the scriptures and details the Bridegroom and Bride. His Jewish examples and the intricate understanding ancient of marriage rituals makes what was just a bland understanding of scripture into one of the most beautiful mysteries revealed. From the Garden of Eden to New Jerusalem, from wedding bath rituals to bringing the bride home, Pitre helps us see the grand design of God manifested in Jesus our Bridegroom and the greatest love story ever told.

Brant Pitts has brought a new perspective on the bridegroom theme of both First and New

Testaments. Based on good research of ancient Judaism, you will find depths of meaning often missed by contemporary students of the Bible. The reader may not agree with every interpretation, but there is plenty here for further reflection and enrichment.

IA very informative book on a subject that I have struggled with for years. Well written and easy to read. I am not a theologian or a scripture scholar and I was able to read this book with ease. I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of another of Dr. Pitre's books.

This book presented things to me that I have never heard or considered and I've been in Church from birth through my adult life. Thank you Dr. Pitre for completing this work and showing us just how much Yeshua (Jesus) loves us!

This book is a fine example of how the Old Testament reveals the New Testament. The author weaves the threads of the two Testaments in to a fine seamless garment of the Revelation of Christ. It makes complete scriptural sense through the quotation of passages that lead to one conclusion-how Jesus (the Groom) is revealed to his Church (the Bride). I t can be no coincidence that the scriptures of both Testaments interlock so tightly. This is a must read for Protestant or Catholic, or Moslem or Jew.

I wish i had someone whom was reading this at the same time Alot of thought provoking to share with others as a book club

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