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Rev. Richard D. Phillips digs into the early chapters of the Gospel of John to discover principles for Christian outreach that were modeled by witnesses for Jesus and by Jesus Himself. Phillips unfolds biblical principles for evangelism by examining the ministry of John the Baptist and the calling of the first of Jesus' disciples. Then, through a brief study of the Lord's encounter with the Pharisee Nicodemus, he presents us with a theology of the gospel. Finally, he focuses on Jesus' stirring encounter with the Samaritan woman to show exactly how Christ shared the good news. Phillips' clear and concise handling of these key stories will both motivate and instruct believers in their witness on behalf of Christ.

## **Jesus the Evangelist: Learning to Share the Gospel from the Book of John Details**

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## **From Reader Review Jesus the Evangelist: Learning to Share the Gospel from the Book of John for online ebook**

### **John says**

This is a good exposition of several passages from the Gospel of John where Phillips looks at Jesus' practice of evangelism. He focuses primarily on Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It is not necessarily a practical guidebook on evangelism, as it is foundational.

Phillips is concerned with the significance of the gospel, its centrality to human relationships, and the need for all to hear and submit to the it. It is full of practical wisdom and anecdotes about how simple things, like telling someone of a good church in your town can reap great rewards for the kingdom.

It is not groundbreaking, but it is a good book that most would do well to read.

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### **Phil Sessa says**

Decent book...did a group study using the book. Author had some good points, I've always liked John 4 and I use that chapter to teach already on evangelism so this added some good things to what I already use I training.

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### **John Palandri says**

This is an excellent book for any follower of Jesus who wishes to follow in His footsteps and share His message with the world. It is simply written and brings out the essentiality of Jesus in a very profound way!!

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### **Stanley says**

Good informative discussion of the different perspectives of John the Baptist, Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman at the Well regarding their encounters with Jesus and the Gospel.

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### **Jeffrey Thompson says**

He does a good job on explaining the Reformed Theology's view on the heart of evangelism. I thought he overreached on some of his conclusions from Jesus' encounters with people, but his historical examples and heart for evangelism made up for many flaws.

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## **Michael Cunningham says**

This was a solid book about evangelism grounded in scripture. Phillips camps out in the book of John, focusing on the interaction between Jesus and Nicodemus and Jesus and the woman at the well. More principles regarding the gospel and evangelism were explained from these passages than I thought possible. The last chapter was excellent, "The Sovereignty of God in Evangelism". It was both practical and encouraging.

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## **Tim Fountain says**

A great find. An exposition of the Bible's teaching on the "e" word of the title - a word that scares and confuses Christians just as much as those they try to approach.

The book is written for lay comprehension, yet brims with theological, spiritual and pastoral insight.

His close reading of John is especially helpful, as it provides insight into how Jesus conveyed his divine message in flesh and blood terms.

The Appendix on God's active role in the work He shares with His people is a moving conclusion to this fine book.

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## **Lillie says**

The minister/author talks about evangelism from the perspective of the Gospel of John. He starts with John the Baptist, covers Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, and concludes with Jesus' evangelism of the woman at the well. He shows that evangelism begins by showing love but doesn't shy away from telling hard truths.

He even gets into a discussion of predestination and determines that even if God has predestined someone to be saved, someone still needs to share the Gospel with them.

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## **Amanda says**

This book is exactly what the subtitle says it is – a book that teaches about evangelism by looking at some of Jesus' encounters in the book of John. Specifically, Phillips looks at Jesus and John the Baptist, Jesus and Nicodemus, and Jesus and the woman at the well. There aren't many strategies for evangelism in this book, it's more of a theology of evangelism – what the basics of Christianity are, why we need to share all of them with unbelievers, what our attitude in evangelism should be, etc. The final chapter is about the sovereignty of God and evangelism.

It took me a while to get into this book. I'm not sure why, maybe because the information in the first section of the book felt really basic. I just didn't really find myself pulled into this one until the chapters on the woman at the well. Then the book really came alive for me. The chapter on evangelism and the sovereignty of God really helped me, too. This is a great book for new Christians, but a bit less helpful for older

Christians.

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### **Todd Miles says**

Phillips preached through the Gospel of John and then wrote a book analyzing the evangelistic strategy of John the Baptist and Jesus in his encounters with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman. His material is solid, though not spectacular.

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### **Darla says**

This book gave me a new perspective on the book of John and has many practical applications for sharing the good news of the gospel. The people we meet have the same questions as people Jesus encounters in the book of John. As we read in Ecclesiastes, "there is nothing new under the sun". As Jesus tells his disciples, "the fields are white unto the harvest" Let us follow His command and go forth! The appendix dealing with God's sovereignty and it's relationship to evangelism was especially helpful to me as well.

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### **Scott K says**

A recommenced read from my mentor Kipp Soncek

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### **Patrick Neal says**

**Well written and spot on.**

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written plain enough that anyone can understand, and uses verse by verse teaching. really opened my eyes to what part of my calling is to be.

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### **Eric says**

My review is at <http://ericrowell.net/book-reviews/je...>

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### **Matthew Young says**

Great commentary. Phillips goes into a lot of much needed depth on how to effectively and Biblically talk about the Gospel with others. As great as the book is, I found the appendix to be the most valuable portion of this. He goes into detail on God's sovereignty and why what we do still matters. Maybe it's just because this

is something I often grapple with myself, but I really found the last part to be the most helpful.

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