

FLEURIEU EDGE

A Journey Of Belief

Since its first publication in 1880, Lew Wallace's novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* has never been out of print. It has been called the most influential Christian book of the nineteenth century, and it continues to draw readers today as it weaves the true story of Jesus with that of a fictional young Jewish nobleman named Judah Ben-Hur.

Amy Lifson, writing in *Humanities* magazine, said that the writing of the book transformed the life of the author. "As *Ben-Hur* guided readers through the scenes of the Passion, so did he lead the way for Lew Wallace to believe in Jesus Christ." Wallace said, "I have seen the Nazarene....I saw Him perform works which no man could perform."

The Gospels' record of the life of Jesus allows us to walk alongside Him, witness His miracles, hear His words, and see His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. At the conclusion of John's gospel, he wrote, "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have His name" (John20:30-31).

Just as Lew Wallace's research, reading of the Bible, and writing led him to believe in Jesus, so God's Word draws us to a transformation of mind and heart by which we have eternal life in and through Him. Many books can inform, but only the Bible can transform.

David McCasland

John 20:28-31 ²⁸And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (NKJV).

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