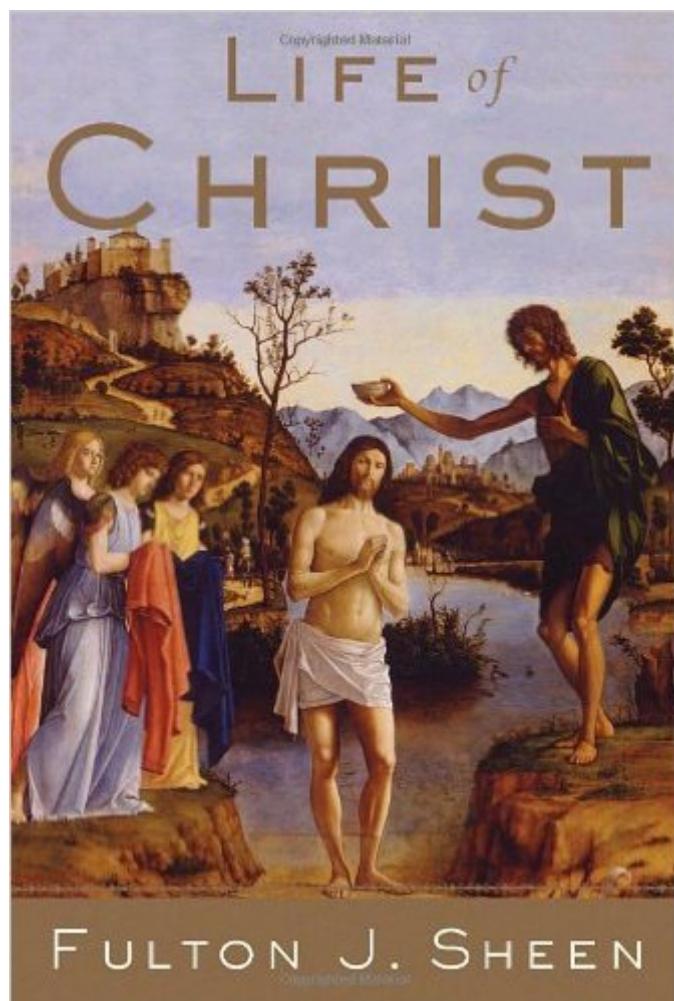


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Widely proclaimed a classic work of Christian faith, *Life of Christ* has been hailed as the most eloquent of Fulton J. Sheen's many books. The fruit of many years of reflection, prayer, and research, it is a dramatic and moving recounting of the birth, life, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ, and a passionate portrait of the God-Man, the teacher, the healer, and, most of all, the Savior, whose promise has sustained humanity for two millenia. With his customary insight and reverence, Sheen interprets the Scripture and describes Christ not only in historical perspective but also in exciting and contemporary terms -- seeing in Christ's life both modern parallels and timeless lessons. His thoughtful, probing analysis provides new insight into well-known Gospel events. An appealing blend of philosophy, history, and biblical exegesis, from the best-known and most-loved American Catholic leader of the twentieth century, *Life of Christ* has long been a source of inspiration and guidance. For those seeking to better understand the message of Jesus Christ, this vivid retelling of the greatest story ever lived is a must-read.

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Fulton J. Sheen's *Life of Christ* is, simply put, an incredible work and the best Christian non-fiction book that I have read to date. It is a book in which you sense the author's sweat, blood, tears, and joy on almost every page, and there's good reason for this. According to the introduction, Sheen experienced a "dark night of the soul" over a period of several years that threatened to overwhelm him. Instead of falling into despair or unbelief, however, he threw himself into Christ's embrace and used the time to study and draw strength from the life of his master, savior, and lord. The result is

astonishing: He left behind a rich, deep, and profoundly moving work that has the potential to draw any Christian, whether Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, or Protestant, into a much deeper relationship with Christ. Sheen takes the Gospel according to John as his launching point and main source; this gospel provides the broad outlines of Jesus' life as covered by Sheen. The synoptic gospels are used to flesh out the story with additional material not found in John's gospel, but even so, Sheen has not provided us with a complete recounting of Jesus' life that could be derived from the four gospels. Sheen evidently intentionally passes over much of Jesus' teaching; he neither discusses the parables, nor does he provide a full examination of the sermon on the mount. Instead, he places his emphasis on events in Jesus' life of great spiritual significance. And it is in such emphases that Sheen really shines. Even if you've been a Christian for many decades, you may well be stunned, as I was, at the connections that Sheen makes between different events in the life of Christ, or between events in the life of Christ and events from the Old Testament.

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