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John For Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-10 (The New Testament For Everyone)



Synopsis

Making use of his scholar's understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright manages to unravel the great complexity of the extraordinary Gospel of John. He describes it as "one of the great books in the literature of the world; and part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to a high-flown leaning but to those who come to it with humility and hope."

Wright's stimulating comments are combined with his own fresh and inviting translation of the Bible text. Tom Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.

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Customer Reviews

"John for Everyone: Part One" is part of the New Testament series of books by N.T. Wright, which includes "Matthew for Everyone" all the way through "Revelation for Everyone." The series is nothing less than sensational and, in spite of his highly esteemed theological works, is one of Wright's most important contributions to the good of the Church. I don't know if it's the nature of

John's Gospel or something else, but N.T. Wright seems to have outdone himself with his commentaries on John. There seem to be a greater percentage of his comments on the passages from John that are especially profound or well said. As in his other Gospel commentaries in this series, Wright so often helps us to see what the Gospel writers really intended. One good example of this is Wright's discussion of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus in John 3. In his discussion, Wright likens the emphasis some put on the moment of their new birth to someone who frames his birth certificate, hangs it on his wall, and insists on showing it to everyone who visits. What matters most is not the exact moment that you were born but that you are alive now. Likewise, Wright does a nice job of discussing John 6 and Jesus' teaching about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, teaching that "sacramental" thinking is absolutely central to John's Gospel but at the same time guarding against pantheism. Wright correctly places this passage in its eucharistic context, even if this brief commentary can't do justice to this theme in John 6. In this passage, and others, Wright is very good at getting us to see the Gospels in their historical context so that we might find a deeper meaning for our lives today.

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