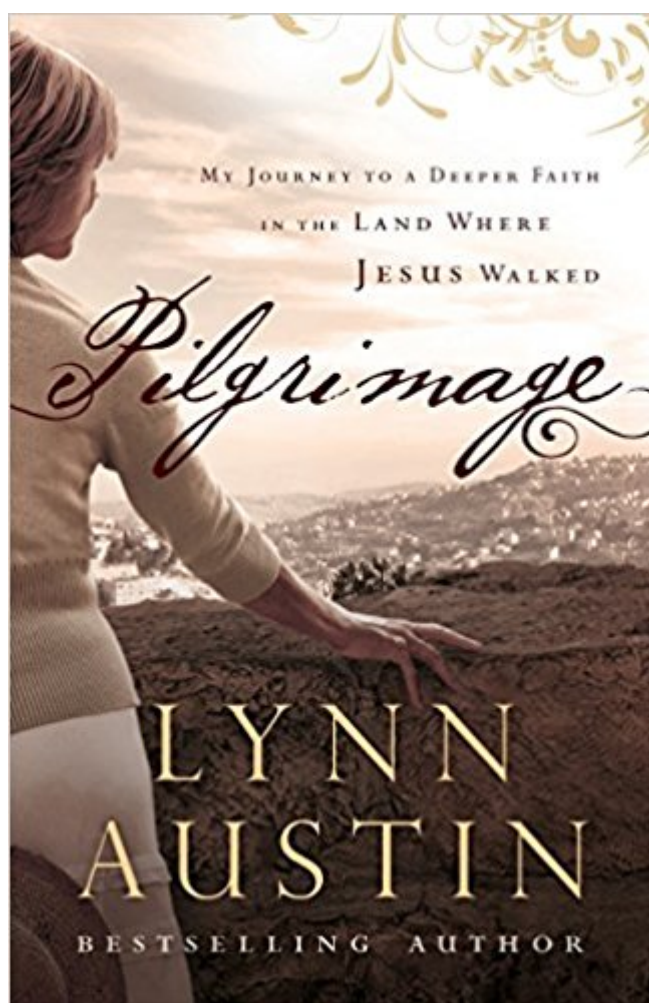


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# Pilgrimage: My Journey To A Deeper Faith In The Land Where Jesus Walked



## Synopsis

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HeartsandMindsBooks.com"Austin, known for her wealth of fiction, has authored an outstanding piece of nonfiction. Relaying her pilgrimage to Israel offers four benefits for readers: First, the amount of biblical history she includes is extensive. Second, her vast Bible knowledge adds depth to her accounting of this trip. Third, her interpretation and comparison of the Old Testament and today's world and what that can mean for today's Christians makes this almost a devotional book. Finally, her transparency reveals her own spiritual needs and how this trip met many of them and changed her heart. Pilgrimage is appropriate for any church library collection and is valuable as a resource for a book discussion group, of interest to both men and women." --Church Libraries

Bestselling author Lynn Austin has sold more than one million copies of her books worldwide. She is an eight-time Christy Award winner for her historical novels, as well as a popular speaker at retreats and conventions. Lynn and her husband have raised three children and live near Chicago.

I was expecting something a bit different. I was put off somewhat by the "personal angst" that ran through the book. My husband and I went to Israel in 2014 and had an absolutely marvelous time,

learning about Israel and walking in the footsteps of Jesus, and it deepened our faith in a wonderful way. I was looking for something that would echo the excitement and thrill that we felt as we visited the same places she did, but all I felt I found in her book were "sad vibes" and a "woe is me" attitude. I usually love Lynn Austin's writing, because in the books I have read, she is so descriptive that I feel like I am walking beside the characters, so was excited to get this book, only to find it a major disappointment.

I have liked most of Lynn Austin's book but this is one of my very favorites. I was asking myself why this was so and I think it is because Lynn Austin shared so much of herself in this journey and made the reader experience Israel in a very real way. Her descriptions of the different areas are phenomenal, you almost feel as if you are there. For those of us who are not able to make a trip over there, this book will give you a glimpse of what it was like during biblical times, where Jesus walked and more than anything, increase your faith in a loving, omniscient, omnipresent God who is still in control and has been all along. Thank you, Lynn Austin, for being so willing to share your faith, to share your struggles but also to share God's great love and faithfulness, even when we go through dry periods. This book was lovely and very encouraging, I would highly recommend this wonderful account of a pilgrimage by Lynn Austin.

This book brought the entire resurrection event to life in a vital portrayal of the physical place where Jesus lived and was crucified. The pictures painted by Lynn are incredible, and will give the reader a physical 'look' into one of the greatest moments in History and the foundation of the church..Thank you once again, Lynn.Blessings, Ona O Miller

Great book. Very challenging in my own journey. I actually gave to a friend who is in a challenging was just now. Worth the read!!!

the author let me tour Israel with her as she walked and wrote..i felt like I was right there experiencing the same thing she was..ABSOLUTELY AWESOME...HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS TO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO experience how this author made you feel like you were right there with her...not many authors can do that..SHE CAN...LOVED IT!!

Having completed my first pilgrimage in November, and preparing to take a group back in February - I was interested to read someone else's reflections on the journey.I was not disappointed. Lynn

beautifully, and honestly writes of her reactions, struggles and reflections in this place where God's Story was birthed to life. She weaves scripture with history so seamlessly - and in ways that I had not heard while on the guided pilgrimage of my own. Her prayers were those of my own heart (just such better language than I can compose). Even the sites I was the most ambivalent about have a much deeper significance for me. Truly this was an inspired work. If you have been, are going, or dream of going to Israel to walk in the land where the Scriptures were breathed into being - I cannot recommend this enough.

First of Lynn Austin books I've read. It is her story to renew her talent. Worth reading and going on the trip with her.

Lynn Austin's book about the Holy Land is like a travelogue, a Biblical historical account and a devotional book all in one. Lynn gives us many examples of her struggles that help us deal with our own struggles. I highly recommend this book. The book is loaded with scripture verses. It will strengthen your walk with the Lord. You will also want to go and see the Holy Land, but if you are not able to, this book will help you understand the Bible and the events in it more clearly. You will also see how important the men and women of faith in the Bible and their examples are to help us be faithful every day of our lives.

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