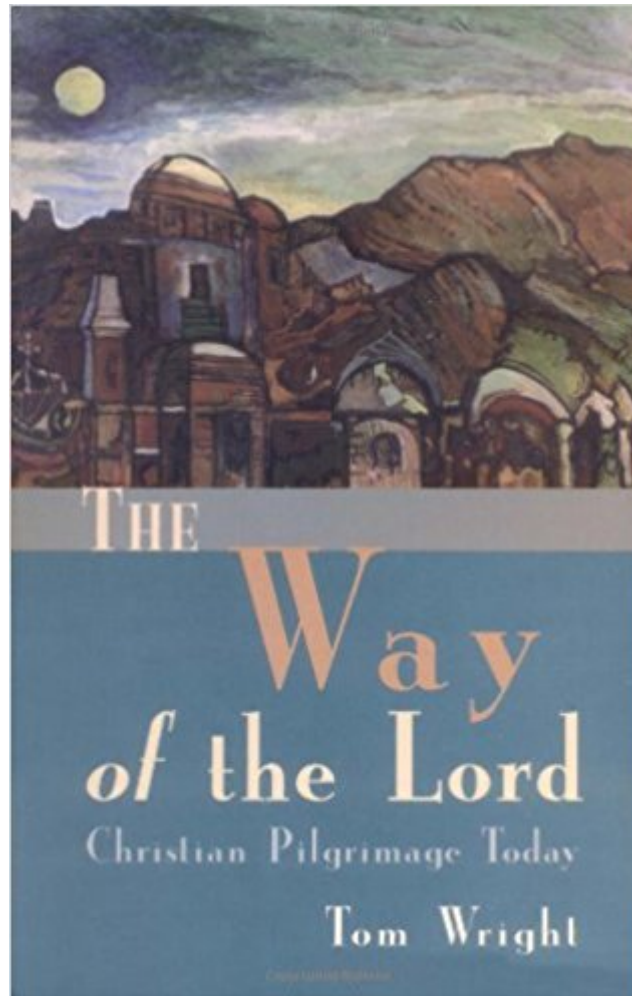




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# The Way Of The Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today



## Synopsis

The Way of the Lord is a book to be read with Christian pilgrimage in mind, whether one is traveling to the Holy Land physically or merely in heart and mind. Tom Wright, a world-renowned expert on the New Testament and the life of Jesus, offers a guide to pilgrimage that also serves as an inspirational introduction to the Christian faith. / Wright explores all the sites that travelers usually visit on a tour of the Holy Land, explaining not only what is to be seen but also the context of faith that makes these sites, and the events associated with them, famous around the world. By weaving together Old and New Testament stories, poetry, and original insights, Wright helps readers enter imaginatively into each scene. He also sprinkles his narratives with reflections on the nature of pilgrimage generally and with discussion of vital contemporary issues related to the Holy Land. / Vividly evoking the sights, sounds, and smells of the Holy Land, The Way of the Lord is ideal for both individual and small-group study, for anyone planning a pilgrimage or for those just setting out on the spiritual journey of the Christian life.

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-- Theological Book Review "Writing with honesty and humility, and a large dose of humanity, Wright constantly manages to look at issues from a different angle. Often his conclusions are shattering. . . . For theologically informed Christian writing that challenges the heart, it cannot get much better than this."-- Christian Ministry "Whether or not one is going on a pilgrimage, this book enriches one's journey of faith and faithfulness." --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Bishop of Durham, the fourth-ranking post in the Church of England. Formerly Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey and dean of Lichfield Cathedral, he also taught New Testament studies for twenty years at Cambridge, McGill and Oxford Universities. Wright's full-scale work *Jesus and the Victory of God* is widely regarded as one of the most significant studies in the contemporary "Third Quest" of the historical Jesus. Among his many other published works are *The Meaning of Jesus* (with Marcus Borg) and *The Challenge of Jesus*.

I am currently preparing to lead a group of high school and college students on a study tour/pilgrimage to Israel. As a Bible college professor, I have easy access to a multitude of resources that provide in-depth study tools for an academic investigation of the Holy Land. This time around, however, I was looking for a resource that would help our students to prepare for this trip spiritually as well as intellectually. While I anticipate that these young men and women will return from Israel with a much greater understanding of the historical, cultural, and geographical context of the biblical text, my prayer is that they will be challenged to move beyond a mere academic study of the word of God in order to encounter the God of the word. *The Way of the Lord* is just what the doctor ordered. Anglican bishop N.T. (Tom) Wright actually wrote this book several years ago while preparing to lead a group from his own congregation on a similar pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Drawing on his wealth of experience as both an accomplished theologian and a seasoned pastor, Wright is the consummate scholar-practitioner. In this particular book, he also demonstrates his keen insight into the human soul, serving as a faithful tour guide for his fellow traveling companions on their transformational journey with Jesus. *The Way of the Lord* provides a reliable trail map for anyone who is eager to explore the land of the Bible. Don't leave home without it!

Originally intended for those taking a trip to Israel, Tom Wright dramatically and skillfully points out that the true Holy Land is wherever believers are. He points out that a trip to the Holy Land may be of some value but not as a matter of 'earning points' with the Lord. An example of how he relates his "tour" to personal life is when he is talking of visiting Jerusalem. Located at 3000 feet above sea level, it doesn't take much of a journey on either side of Jerusalem to find oneself in a wilderness. Just as one may feel 'on top of the world' one moment and the next find oneself in a physical or emotional wilderness. We have all been there. I can't recommend this book highly enough. Once again Tom Wright proves he is one of the top theologians in the world, regardless of denomination or location.

Originally composed as a teaching series and orientation for pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land from Wright's parish in the late Nineties, this short, informal book contains some of the most touching and effective prose Wright has...wrought. The chapters move logically, geographically, and spiritually through a series of sites throughout Israel, and each could be the grist for a wonderful day of prayer and reflection, whether one is physically in the land of Israel, or is on a sojourn of the spirit. The Way of the Lord effectively brings together Wright's great erudition in Biblical history, his vocation as a pastor and curate, and his respectful insights concerning the issues on the ground. This is a fitting handbook for pilgrimage, offering the wisdom and challenge of a powerful mind and the companionate comfort of a warm heart. Highly recommended.

This book opened my eyes to new insights into the biblical narrative and how that relates to my own life. I'm not going to the Holy Land, but I am going on pilgrimage. But I think it is also helpful for those who see that our life is a journey. I loved this book!

4 stars if you're going to Jerusalem! ....it's a devotional. not really a book to read with a purpose other than discovering yourself with a couple of thought provoking historical/geographical nuggets. The Epilogue stands alone as an excellent intro to the current situation in Israel/Palestine. It can be found online as a PDF.

This book starts out good and then just gets better and better with each new Pilgrimage. Wright takes the reader on a journey with such descriptive writing that one wonders if his degree is in literature, instead of theology and history. Wright deals with the idea of Pilgrimage on the road to Damascus, at the Jordan, in the Wilderness, in Galilee where most of Jesus' ministry took place, in Jerusalem, on the mountain where God is experienced in transfigurative ways, Gethsemane, where the agony of purpose takes place, the Cross (the best chapter), the empty tomb and then reflections on current day Israel. This book will take you away and cause you to feel like you were on the mountain, at the Jordan and was a witness of the cross. Wright's reflections are insightful, powerful and moving. Get this book.

This will be brief. It is simply a statement about my "hero" in a sphere for which he is often not known, especially in the States. This book is the heart of Tom Wright, the pastor. Written as a pastor to part of his flock going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, it breathes the spirit of pastoral concern. At

the same time it reveals a real knowledge of the Land - its history, geography, culture, and current struggles. For those who think that they know NT Wright, whether as friend or foe, it reveals what I like about him most - an academic who left the daily world of academia for pastoral ministry. And what a pastor he must be to his flock - now in the diocese of Durham. I have been to the "Holy Land" forty times and have read dozens of books on Israel, past and present. I will treasure this one more than any of them. I am in the process of buying up all of the copies I can, since it appears to be out of print. Read it as preparation for your physical and spiritual pilgrimages. It is a wonderful guide to both.

opened my eyes more to my pilgrimage to Israel, where to walk and embrace Jesus life and ministry, and to state of Israel today

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