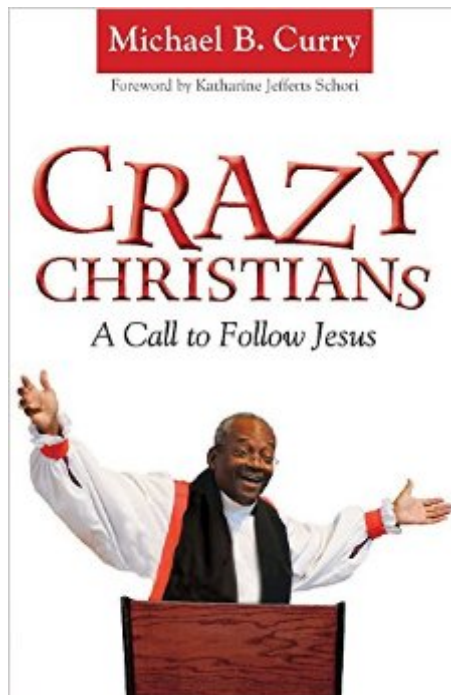


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# Crazy Christians: A Call To Follow Jesus



## Synopsis

Popular and widely known preacher, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Based on his 2012 General Convention homily and video that went viral on the web. Includes the acclaimed 2012 General Convention address: *We need some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, those who would live as and be the people of the Way? It might come as a shock, but they are called to craziness.* —from Bishop Curry's "Crazy Christians" address to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis.

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As a 76 year old Episcopalian, all my adult life, I have felt that our last two head bishops forgot about us and appealed to other groups and got away from what being a Christian is. Before someone jumps on me about being prejudiced, one of my direct ancestors was a documented slave from Africa, and we have a sprinkling of Cherokee blood in our ancestors. We have many gay friends and one calls us Mom and Dad. We are not his parents, but he got more support from us before and after he came out, than he did from his parents. The Episcopal Church needs healing and reconciliation and more focus on being a Christian. Bishop Michael Curry points to Jesus and his command to love. This book needs to be read by every Episcopalian. I got this book on Kindle, when Michael became our head bishop. I have read about half of it and have made suggestions to

make it the center piece for an adult bible study this fall/winter/spring at our parish. So far, our priest and key lay leaders have agreed with me. As noted, I read half of the book in a couple of days, and I'm saving the rest for later when we start the study group.

Bishop Curry presents a clear picture of Galilee and the circumstances of where and how Jesus lived and grew up. Jesus presented God's vision for our world in word and deed. Jesus stood against the corruption and greed of his day and those who wish to follow Jesus must do the same in our day. Jesus and his disciples were always among "the people" and serving others. Evangelism is reaching out to others and not necessarily inviting them into a building. A community of God may have buildings but the focus is always on extending God's compassion and care for all people, in every place and time. What Bishop Curry is speaking about may seem crazy but, after you read it, you may realize that it is the how Jesus was in his time and what we need to do as his followers in our day now.

This is one of the most challenging books I've read. He calls you to change your lives and live like Jesus did, doing what's right not necessarily popular. We are to get out of our safe grooves and follow Jesus not society.

A good and thorough compendium of the Bishop's sermons. As we anticipate his installation as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA, these sermons give us deep insight to the Bishop's leadership style and where he might take the church. Exciting times ahead!

Bishop Curry, soon to be Presiding Bishop, is a special person who will undoubtedly be in the public eye for years to come. His charismatic personality is a shot of adrenalin to the "frozen chosen" Episcopalians who so desperately need it. This book is really a collection of his sermons wherein he prods his flock to get busy and do something! While his message is invigorating, I recommend that readers first go to YouTube for a live performance or two before reading this book. Then enjoy "hearing" the bishop as you read each sermon and imagine his energetic delivery as he prods and motivates his sleepy followers. Expect to see a high profile for Bishop Curry these coming years as talk show hosts are going to love him.

Not all of the chapters in the book are equally eloquent, but the overall message of the necessity for Christians to look outside themselves and their institution to serve the poor, the marginalized and

the oppressed is clear. Bishop Curry is a powerful speaker and I find his words more compelling when I listen to him rather than when I read him. I would recommend this book to friends.

Bishop Michael is an incredible preacher. His book is an easy read and zeros in on Christian faith. Good messages. Each day I went away with reinforcement and points to ponder about my faith. I highly recommend it.

A must-read for Christians who want to proclaim the Gospel, especially written for those who are of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry builds from what seems a simple foundation to a clear call for all to embrace Jesus' Perfect Love for themselves and others.

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