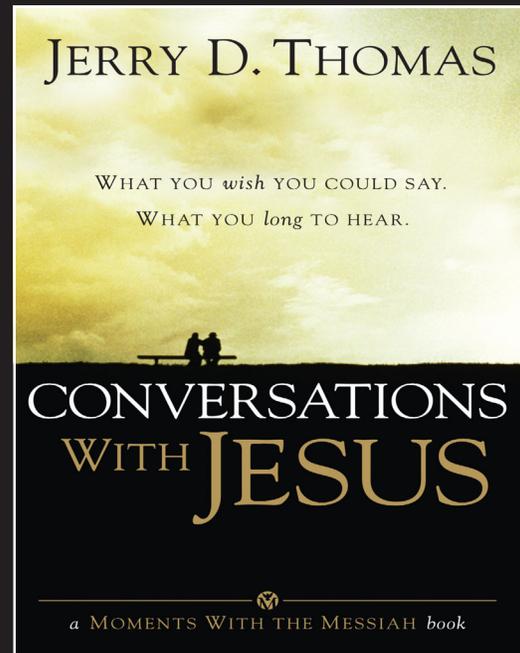


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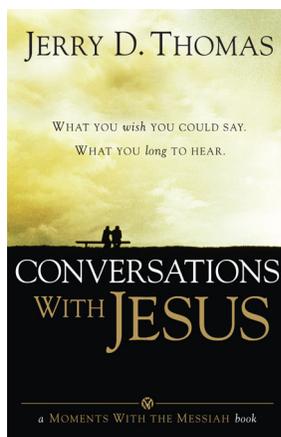


JERRY D. THOMAS



Jerry Thomas, a former book editor, is the communication director for the Southwestern Union and the editor of the *Record*. He has authored over 25 books. He is best-known for his children's series *Detective Zack* and more recently for his landmark work on *Messiah*, the modern adaptation of *The Desire of Ages*. Jerry has a degree in theology and a master's degree in education. He lives with his wife, Kitty, in Texas. They have three grown children.

In this book, Jerry Thomas explores real face-to-face conversations Jesus had with ordinary people who struggled with the same issues we struggle with today.



Invite Jerry Thomas on your show and he will:

Help your listeners connect with Christ and see that God is listening. That He cares. That they matter. And that just as surely as Jesus spoke to Peter or Martha, He will speak to them.

What would it be like to have a face-to-face conversation with Jesus? What would you say to Him. More importantly, what would He say to *you*?

Freshly inspired from the life-altering insights he gleaned from his best-selling *Messiah* project, Jerry D. Thomas returns to the story of Jesus and allows us to listen in on real conversations the Son of God had with ordinary people.

If you are looking to help your listeners connect with God, then invite Jerry Thomas to share the insights he has learned. He'll share with your listeners:

Four conversations Jesus had with real people.

How the New Testament people Jesus spoke to struggled with the same issues we do today.

Why everyone needs a 'sycamore tree' experience?

And a whole lot more...

Speaking Abilities: Jerry Thomas is a great story-teller with a soft heart. He has spoken all across North America.

Free Giveaway: Three copies of *Conversations With Jesus* by Jerry Thomas to give-away when you book him as a guest on your show.

Availability: Nationwide by arrangement and via telephone.

Contact: Nicole Batten, office (208) 465-2518, fax (208) 465-2531, cell (208) 230-0901, email nicbat@pacificpress.com.

Interview Questions

Jerry D. Thomas

- 1) Jerry you are a prolific writer, over 25 books to your credit, most well-known for your children's books and most recently for your work on the book *Messiah*. Tell us what took you from teaching and pastoring to writing books.
- 2) You say *Conversations With Jesus* came out of writing *Messiah*? Specifically, how did the writing of *Messiah* impact you?
- 3) Please share one of your favorite 'conversations' with Jesus from the Bible.
- 4) Jerry, you talk about a 'sycamore tree experience.' What do mean by that? Is it something everyone needs to have?
- 5) Do you think that the people who Jesus talked to in the Bible struggled with the same things we struggle with today?
- 6) In your book you ask "What would you say to Jesus? More importantly, what would He say to *you*?" How would you answer that question if Jesus was having an intimate conversation with you, Jerry Thomas, right now? What would say to Him? What would He have to say to you?
- 7) With the 'conversation starters' at the end of each chapter, it seems like *Conversations With Jesus* would be ideal for small group study? Was that your intention? Do you have a small group leader study guide available?
- 8) How can people purchase your new book, *Conversations With Jesus*?

Author Biography

Jerry D. Thomas



“To me, the most powerful thing about writing is the chance to take something that is complex or confusing and help people understand it.” This philosophy, perhaps fueled by his background in education, is what drives the writing of **Jerry D. Thomas**, author of more than twenty-five books.

Jerry started writing for children when his own children (Jonathan, Jennifer, and Jeremy) began to discover the joy of reading. “Living with three kids gave me a daily window into their world, and that’s what writing for kids demands - the ability to see the world like a kid does. Or maybe it’s a matter of never really growing up!”

After graduating with a degree in theology from Southwestern Adventist University, and a Master’s degree in education from Andrews University, Jerry spent several years as a pastor and a teacher.

Today Jerry is the communication director for the Southwestern Union and the editor of the *Record*. Before this, he was a book editor at Pacific Press for ten years. Jerry is the author of the best-seller *Messiah*, the modern adaptation of *The Desire of Ages*, and of over 20 beloved children’s books including the *Detective Zack* series, the *Shoobox Kids Bible Stories*, and the *Great Stories for Kids* set.

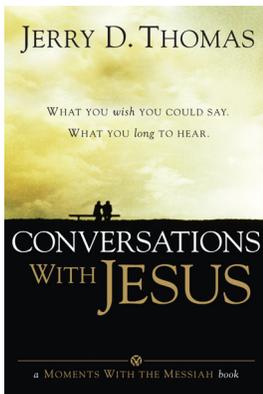
Jerry’s newest book, *Conversations with Jesus*, is a direct result of his experience writing *Messiah*. He says, “The Jesus I found in those pages is so appealing, so fascinating, that I can’t seem to write or preach about anything else.”

He and his wife Kitty live in Burleson, Texas. They have three grown children.

Book Synopsis

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Available in stores beginning April 2005.



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Books by Jerry D. Thomas

For Adults

Title	Year Published	Format
Conversations With Jesus	2005	PA
Messiah	2003 & 2002	PA & HC

*available with Caucasian or African-American cover

For Kids

Title	Year Published	Format
Detective Zack		
#10 The Secret of Blackloch Castle	1997	PA
#9 Trapped in Darkmoor Manor	1996	PA
#8 Mystery On The Midway	1995	PA
#7 The Secret in Storm	1995	PA
#6 Danger at Dinosaur Camp	1994	PA
#5 The Missing Manger	1994	PA
#4 Mystery on Thunder Mountain	1993	PA
#3 The Red Hat Mystery	1993	PA
#2 Secrets in the Sand	1993	PA
#1 The Secret Of Noah's Flood	1991	PA
Don't Let Your Heart Feel Funny	2002	PA
Great Stories for Kids	1995	PA & HC
#5 A Horse, A Hat, and a Big Wet Splat		
#4 Disaster at Dark River		
#3 The Midnight Raccoon Alarm		
#2 Danger on Seventh Street		
#1 A Skunk by the Tail & Other Stories		
*available as a five-book set or individually in English, Spanish and French		
Shoebox Kids Bible Stories		
Book 1: Creation to Abraham	2001	PA
Book 2: From Issac to Red Sea	2002	PA
Book 3: From Sinai to Walls of Jericho	2002	PA
Book 4: From Joshua to David	2002	PA
Book 5: From Witch of Endor to Elisha	2003	PA
Book 6: From Young King Joash to Job	2004	PA
Messiah	2003	PA & HC
*available with Caucasian or African-American cover		
More Than Two Hands Full	2002	PA
Shoebox Kids Mysteries		
#11 Rattlesnake River Adventure	1999	PA
#7 Clue in Secret Passage	1998	PA
#6 Wedding Dress Disaster	1996	PA

PA = *Paperback*

HC=*Hardback*