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Reverend Samuel (Preach) Preston is a full-time Christian evangelist traveling the country preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. But Preach is on a mission - a mission to re-create the martyrdom of the original apostles of Jesus Christ. To his family he is father and grandfather. To the Christian world, he is a dedicated man of God. But to FBI agents Duncan Morris, Lynn Keller, and George Benjamin, he is a serial killer they must stop before he can kill again.

The Apostle Murders Details

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From Reader Review The Apostle Murders for online ebook

Raja Subramanian says

I was looking for a decent thriller to read towards the end of 2013. I chanced upon the Kindle edition of The Apostle Murders by Jim Laughter. This turned out to be a good choice since it was a neat page turner.

The story is about a series of murders perpetrated by Reverend Samuel "Preach" Preston, an evangelist. Preach sincerely believes that God is instructing him directly to carry out His bidding through a series of killings patterned on the martyrdom of the Original Apostles. He carries out a series of grisly murders across several states of the USA.

A FBI team headed by Morris and Lynn Keller are clueless until a rookie FBI agent George Benjamin (an African American) with a seminary education makes the connection of the killings with the death of the original apostles. Morris, the senior FBI agent comes across as hard redneck who reluctantly accepts that the role of Benjamin in tracking down the killer. The conversations between Morris and Benjamin are racially charged, but with the undercurrent of Morris quietly admiring the work of Benjamin.

The story takes us through a ride across the Bible Belt as Preach carries out his unholy mission. Preach commits these murders closely following the manner in which the original apostles were martyred, and yet shows some twisted empathy for the victims. The story does not any suspense since the killer is known. The book maintains the gripping pace as Preach moves on from one kill to another, with the FBI team closing down on him.

I loved this book and the story telling style of Jim Laughter. There are a few words that appear to be incorrectly used, but I guess they are the result of the notorious auto-correct feature of the word processor the author used. In spite of some shortcomings, I think that this is a wonderful book. I finished reading this book in the forenoon of 31 December 2013. Time for me to pick up a book that will tickle my funny bone and usher in 2014!

LeeAnn Dennis says

This was a very good book....hard to put down.

Sally Andrews says

Read this on my Kindle, and I always notice the typos when things are on the Kindle. Ugh.

Other than my insane quest for grammatical perfection, I loved this book. I could not put it down. It's a pretty far-out tale of a preacher committing murders....well, that's all I'll say. Go read it. I bet you'll like it.

Jen says

This was not a good book. It was .99 cents and I was interested in the premise of a traveling preacher serial killer, but came up sorely disappointed.

The writing (especially the dialogue) was awful and cliche. The characters were under developed and basically just were bad caricatures of FBI agents on TV.

Alsoooo, the racist, drunk FBI agent who never listens to anything, whom everyone has to repeat and explain slowly because he always interrupts, made the book super painful to read....along with the author's repeated use of the word "luscious" to describe the rookie's wife, and numerous editing errors.

Really terrible book, don't bother.

Ryann Barker says

Really liked this one, but it ended kind of abruptly.

Trudi Miles says

Great book! Well written, interesting, loved the detectives, worth the read!

Pam Boehmer says

A real page turner!!!! A traveling evangelist on a cross country murder spree re-creating the martyrdom of the original apostles of Christ. A rookie FBI agent working the case with two seasoned agents. Lots of twists and turns.... With some bible history thrown in for good measure. Enjoyed it!!!!

Michelle says

Good book

You people should just read this book yourselves and write your own review on this novel yourself and I really enjoyed reading this book very much so. Shelley MA

Bill Wetterman says

A fun read on a serious subject. Jim keeps you entertained with good visualizations of his characters.

Sally Malkowski says

"My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

EXCEPTIONAL story telling for those interested in spiritual thrillers sprinkled with Bible history and told in modern day/no punches pulled speak. Perfect example of a cleric's misguided belief system gone awry. A "good" preacher man becomes spiritually lost to the religious sign of the times vs "the way it used to be". When God "tells him" to rectify things, he listens, and martyrs one "apostle" at a time, in God's name. Sick, twisted, warped thinking? Or just a religious fanatic? No matter! Interesting and fast moving read!

Moral evils, in contrast, come about through the misuse of freedom in the world.

From Catechism in a Year – Day 41: Why Does Evil Exist

Nancy says

When a book has several editing errors....allude instead of elude, parameter instead of perimeter, course instead of coarse...I will overlook them if the story is well done. It wasn't in this case.

The plot could have been a decent one in better hands. Instead, it became trite...not even a good episode for a tv crime show.

The author shamelessly plugged his book about Steven Stayner, in a totally irrelevant aside.

Much unnecessary garbage about one character's apparent prejudice which didn't advance the plot or develop the characters.

The top FBI agents continued to be clueless as late as chapter 34, with the smart young whippersnapper agent having to patiently explain once again how the killer was after people named for apostles.

Don't waste your time.

Maria says

I could not put this down! The characters are multifaceted and the storyline is gripping. A great read and definitely recommended!

Laura says

Very fast paced murder story. Reverend Preach is on a mission for God. Or so he believes. Story line is believable. Locations used in book are accurate. Church history and workings are accurate. Great story. Will

look for other stories by this author.

M.A. Chiappetta says

It's not every day you find the story of a Christian serial killer. The Apostle Murders tells the story of a new FBI agent, George Benjamin, as he helps track down a serial killer who is repeating, to the best of his ability, the martyrdom of the original apostles. The concept is a great one. Author Jim Laughter knows the Bible belt. He also knows the Bible and early Christian tradition, and he weaves it all into an interesting story. Though there were a few areas where I think the novel could have been stronger, the plot kept my attention, and I wanted to see how it resolved. It's worth checking out, especially if you're looking for a Christian crime thriller.

My full review, if you're interested, is on my blog: <http://thechippermuse.blogspot.com/20...>

Melanie says

Interesting idea. Great characterization. There are awkward shifts in point of view. Some of the writing needs work.
