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Casting Crowns lead singer Mark Hall asks, Do you have your own Jesus? Why do you feel close to God one minute and so far away the next? Why does your faith seem empty? Why is it so easy to compromise with the world? Perhaps it's because we have merely inherited someone else's Jesus, relying on what we've seen and heard from family, friends, or pastors. A true storyteller and a teacher with a heart for ministry, Mark Hall traces the downward spiral caused by spiritual compromise with the world, and then charts the upward road to wholeness and health that comes when we claim our very own Jesus. You need to discover your own Jesus. The real Jesus. The one who wants you to be honest, committed, and uncompromising. The one who is waiting to have a relationship with you. Move past imitating a religion to experiencing a relationship that is vibrant, personal, and fulfilling."

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# **From Reader Review Your Own Jesus: A God Insistent on Making It Personal for online ebook**

## **Lisa says**

This book had a couple of very powerful and moving stories. I liked it but it seemed more of a casual chat with a friend than a deep discussion. The overall point of the book was awesome and thought provoking but you would have to look elsewhere for richer content.

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## **Traci says**

Even though I already have my own Jesus before I read this, I was still able to acquire valuable lessons from this book. This is the book you would want to share to your loved ones and friends.

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## **Keiki Hendrix says**

Are you a believer? Do you have a passion for a closer walk? Have you noticed in other believers something you just don't enjoy, yet?

You might need "Your Own Jesus".

In Youth Pastor, Contemporary Christian Singer and Songwriter Mark Hall's new book, "Your Own Jesus: A God Insistent on Making It Personal", you will find yourself laughing, sometimes wincing, but delighting in this read.

Revelation 12:11 states "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

This is an invitation book, an overcoming book, that speaks to the fact that so many of us know Jesus but only from afar but not up close and personal.

The introduction and chapter titles bring the reader to remembrance many of the Casting Crown songs and lyrics providing more detail into the thoughts that produced these songs.

Mark Hall speaks to this point with passion and with urgency. The stories and episodes in this book are poignant and sincere.

\* Walking us through Psalm 1 (his personal life verse(s)) is astonishingly accurate and describes the 'slow fade' is a process.

\* His story of preparing youth leaders prior to a youth camp should cause all leaders to think about their own sin before presenting themselves to minister in any capacity to another.

\* The oak tree illustration identifies the depth and richness of a close walk with our Savior is necessary to combat gusty lies of the enemy.

It is not a work of theology as some would characterize theology. It is work of testimony and in so takes the reader into biblical doctrine in a much more personal way.

I enjoyed many of the thought provoking quotes such as...

- \* "I have a saved spirit but I still think with a lost brain."
- \* "He was listening to the still wrong voice."
- \* "If you are the only christian you know without sin, you are already in the sitting in the seat of the scoffer."

A delightful, deep, very illustrative book that causes the reader to consider we cannot live off the FAITH of another no more than we can live the LIFE of another.

An added bonus is the discussion guide at the end of the book. Youth workers, Sunday School Teachers, and any other church leader could benefit greatly from this book.

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## **Sarah says**

I enjoyed this book, but it wasn't life changing on the whole, some chapters I felt like skipping thorough. However, there were one or two chapters that really spoke to me.

I love the fact though that that the book is about a personal Jesus, one who wants a deep relationship with us.

Hall writes near the beginning of a conversation with a youth group member who had been in college for a few months:

" "Man, I need help," he said, his voice almost a quiver. "These professors are pounding me. The entire culture here is mocking everything I heard you say."

He spent the next several minutes asking questions, though one unsettled me more than any of the others. He told the story of an assertion someone made in class that left him too befuddled to reply, which is why he had called me for help.

"Now, what do I believe about that again?" he asked.

Less than a year after leaving the cosy spiritual nest of our church group, where everyone shared the same beliefs and lingo, he was facing the white-hot furnace of a hostile universe and its ungodly worldviews. And he folded like paper in fire.

He didn't have his own Jesus. "

This part resonated with me because it is a fear that my children will be able to parrot their handed-down beliefs, but when they step out into the big wide world they may find that you cannot live off someone else's beliefs. But, it is good to have that fear - my children need Jesus, not me (as Mark Hall puts in one of his songs, "We can't strap ourselves to the gospel because we are slowing it down"). This also fitted in with the parts of the other book I've just read 'Why Christian Kids Rebel'.

I need this for me too. I need my own relationship with Jesus. Not a predigested relationship given to me

from the pulpit. I need to know him for myself, I need to walk with him and to know him. He isn't a theory, a philosophy, he is real.

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### **Keith says**

I think Mark Hall is a very gifted and talented man. Not only can he sing exceptionally but he also put together a great book. I have seen Casting Crowns in concert and they are amazing! This book will inspire you to seek Jesus in a personal way, just as Jesus himself desires us to do. Nice job Mark!

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### **Kimberley says**

Mark Hall is a gifted songwriter who writes simply and clearly for all to understand and identify with. There are also discussion questions focused on restoration and growth.

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### **Olivia says**

This book was formatted just a bit differently than the other books I've read written by Mark Hall. That wasn't really a bad thing, I actually liked this format quite a bit. Some of the chapters I didn't connect with as much as others but man... when I did connect, it hit hard. I highly recommend Hall's books to anyone who is seeking a closer relationship with God.

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### **Kasie says**

My friend Ashlee lent this to me.

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### **Kevin Travis says**

What a great book! It was thought-provoking, meaningful and insightful. It will bring me closer to my Jesus.

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### **Matthew says**

This is a great book for anyone who wants to get a better understanding of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus.

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**Amanda Jaynes says**

I'm learning on how no one is perfect even pastors....

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**Karen says**

Inspiring stories. Seems geared toward young people or new believers.

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**Kimberly says**

A good book to read if you want to learn how to have a personal relationship with God and as Mark Hall puts it discover your own Jesus. Hall also shares some touching and raw stories throughout the book.

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**Gary says**

Enjoyed this book very much. Very encouraging book helping to understand my relationship with Jesus.

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**Donald Kirby says**

Your Own Jesus is learning how to look deep into your own walk with Him. It makes you think whether you even have your own Jesus or not. Going through the motions is not good enough.

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