

## About the authors of *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*

### Lois Tverberg



As the granddaughter of Lutheran missionaries, Lois Tverberg grew up with plenty of Sunday School knowledge on the Bible and Jesus. But it wasn't until her years as a college professor that she discovered startling new insights which would deepen – and ultimately strengthen – her Christian faith.

“The more I read about Jesus’ first-century context, the more fascinated I became with how much richer Bible study can be,” says Tverberg. “I realized that I had been digging into a rich source of material that would deepen the faith of many Christians, and wanted to share it. So I started the En-Gedi Resource Center, with the goal of deepening Christian understanding of the Bible by teaching about its Jewish context.”

Before founding the En-Gedi Resource Center, Tverberg enjoyed a teaching and academic career in the sciences. In 1989, she received her bachelor’s degree in physics from Luther College. She then headed to the University of Iowa College of Medicine to pursue a Ph.D. in physiology. After earning her doctorate, Tverberg taught at her alma mater, Luther College, before becoming an Assistant Professor of Biology at Hope College in 1995. In 2001, she founded the En-Gedi Resource

Center, serving as its director until 2006.

Today, Tverberg is furthering her career as a writer and biblical scholar. She is the author of *Listening to the Language of the Bible: Hearing It through Jesus’ Ears* (En-Gedi Resource Center, 2004) and also the editor of *New Light on the Difficult Words of Jesus*, by David Bivin (En-Gedi Resource Center, 2005). Tverberg is currently sharing her delight in digging deeper into the scriptures with thousands of readers each month through the En-Gedi Resource Center website ([www.egrc.net](http://www.egrc.net)). She lives in Holland, Mich., where she is a frequent speaker at community churches. To learn more, visit [ourrabbijesus.com](http://ourrabbijesus.com).

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### Ann Spangler

Ann Spangler has been writing books on faith and spirituality for more than 15 years. Her first book, *An Angel a Day* (Zondervan, 1994), became an instant bestseller, winning an Angel Award in 1995. After that, she followed up with numerous best-selling books, including *Women of the Bible* (coauthored with Jean Syswerda, Zondervan, 2007), *Praying the Names of God* (Zondervan, 2004), and *Praying the Names of Jesus* (Zondervan, 2006). Together, her books have sold 2.5 million copies.

Spangler earned a bachelor’s degree at Michigan State University and an AMLS from the University of Michigan. After completing her graduate work, she embarked on a career in Christian publishing, working first for William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, then for Servant Publications, and finally for Zondervan. Over the course of her long career, she has worked in marketing, editorial and management roles. Her experience in Christian publishing helped her to understand what many in the faith community are looking for: well-written books on compelling topics that explore the connection between spiritual experience and everyday life.



When not writing books, Spangler has been involved in various volunteer roles. In 1985 she helped found Family Life Services of Washtenaw County, an organization dedicated to helping women with crisis pregnancies. She lives with her two daughters, both of whom were adopted from China, in Grand Rapids, Mich. For more information, visit [annspangler.com](http://annspangler.com).