

## Lois Tverberg Bio – 2019

Lois Tverberg has been teaching and writing about the Jewish background of Christianity for the past twenty years. Her passion is to translate the Bible's ancient setting into fresh insights that deepen and strengthen Christian faith.

Lois grew up with plenty of Sunday school knowledge, but it wasn't until after she had earned a PhD in biology and was teaching as a college professor that her fascination for the Bible's original Jewish setting was ignited. She has since studied several times in Israel, taking courses in biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, and in the physical and cultural context of the Bible.

In 2009 Lois partnered with Ann Spangler to write the bestselling *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* (Zondervan). Together they discovered how restoring Jesus to his first-century Jewish reality sheds light on his life and ministry. Later Lois followed with *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* (Zondervan, 2012), which challenged readers to follow their Rabbi more closely by hearing his words in light of Jewish thought.

In her latest book, *Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus*, (Baker, 2018), Lois equips readers to encounter the Scriptures more like first-century disciples. The book looks at big-picture ideas that are lost on modern Westerners, helping us bridge the cultural divide that separates us from Jesus' original Middle Eastern context.

Lois brings to her writing a surprising set of tools from her training as a scientist. She received her BA in physics and her PhD in Molecular Physiology. She has published several scientific papers and holds a patent from her PhD research. For several years she taught biology at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

In 2001 she cofounded the En-Gedi Resource Center ([EnGediResourceCenter.com](http://EnGediResourceCenter.com)), an educational ministry with a goal of deepening Christian understanding of the Bible in its context. There she published her first book, *Listening to the Language of the Bible*, a devotional guide to Hebrew words and ideas.

Lois currently writes from her home in Holland, Michigan. Along with writing, she speaks at churches, conferences, and retreats. Her current news and articles are available on her website, [OurRabbiJesus.com](http://OurRabbiJesus.com).

