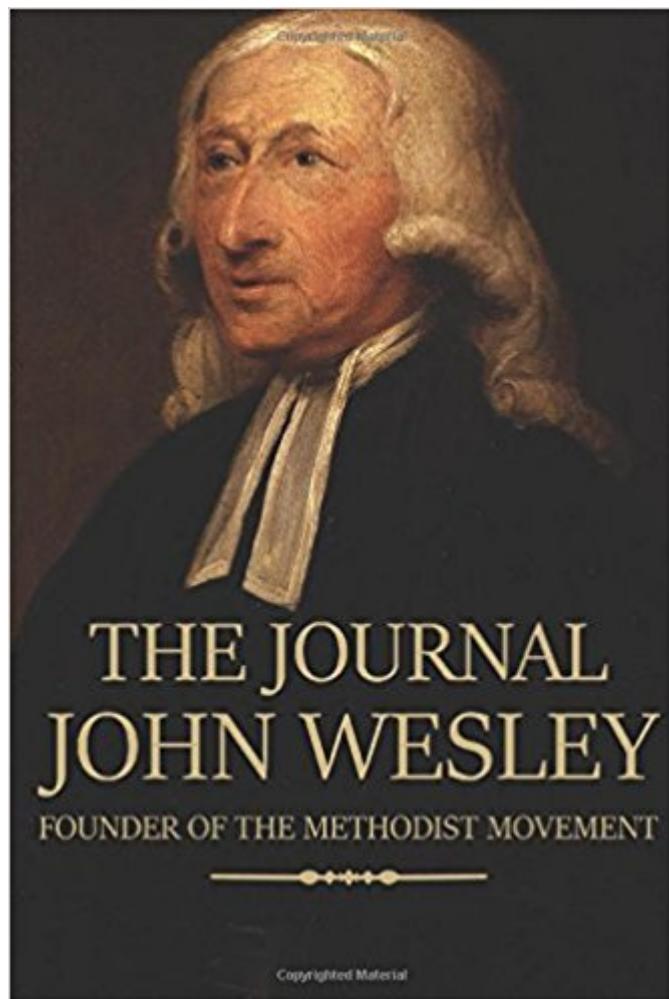


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The Journal Of John Wesley



Synopsis

John Wesley is one of the most important figures of Protestantism due to his being a central figure in founding the Methodist Church. This is the story of his life, written by himself. The historian Thomas Babington Macaulay said that Wesley was "a man whose eloquence and logical acuteness might have made him eminent in literature, whose genius for government was not inferior to that of Richelieu, and who, whatever his errors may have been, devoted all his powers in defiance of obloquy and derision, to what he sincerely considered as the highest good of his species." But despite how Wesley has been viewed posthumously, he did not always find spreading his views a simple matter. Indeed, he was slandered, cursed, attacked by mobs and pelted by stones, had to travel through atrocious weather and rough seas, imprisoned and even saw an effigy of himself burnt before his eyes. Through all this Wesley persisted. He travelled the length and breadth of the country, from Leeds to Leicester, the Isle of Man to the Channel Islands, Wales to Scotland. He records that at one point he journeyed over 2,400 miles in 7 months, sometimes covering over 90 miles in a single day. He ventured outside of the country on a number of occasions, visiting Ireland and even preaching to Native Americans when he was young. But age did not stop him and in his 80th year he visited Holland to continue preaching. John Wesley's Journal is not only a fascinating insight into the life of this religious leader, but it is also an eyewitness account of the eighteenth century world. Wesley's travels over much of Britain provide a brilliant social history of what life was like during this period. He notes down his meetings with a huge range of people from lords and ladies to Dr. Samuel Johnson right through to smugglers, sailors, soldiers and even French prisoners. At the beginning he preached to only small sceptical groups but by the end of his life he was drawing crowds of over 30,000. His Journal documents his life right through to his last year in 1791 at the age of 87. He had been preaching Methodism for over fifty years, crossing and re-crossing the kingdom, recording what he saw and what he believed. This Journal should be of value to anyone interested in the origins of Methodism or eighteenth century history.

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John Wesley (1703-1791) was a Anglican cleric and theologian who helped found the Methodist movement with his brother, Charles Wesley, when he began open-air preaching in the manner of George Whitefield. He remains the primary theological interpreter for Methodists the world over.

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Really enjoy reading the works of the old theologians and Pastors. John Wesley was one that sought for God, we get to see this struggle as we read his journal. Another thing about Wesley is that he did not try to act self-righteous, we see that he poured his heart out in honest seeking and searching for God and the Salvation that Christ brings. He shared his life and he shared his struggle and shared what mattered most to him. I highly Recommend this Book to anyone who wants to read and learn more about the life of John Wesley.

Although out of print, this is a must for anyone wanting a solid overview of Wesley's massive "Journal." Wesleyan study groups wanting to get the feel and tone his journals will consider this a must. Very good but not cumbersome. Highly recommended.

I use this while writing a book so it's accuracy that I wished.

Very interesting. However, at times hard to keep up. These were his thoughts as he traveled his journey. Being a Methodist, I did learn about many things about the man and never knew about all his struggles

I first read the journal of John Wesley a few years ago and have re-read it since then. I was really impressed by the extent of the traveling that he undertook throughout England, Ireland, Scotland

Wales Holland and America. His preaching in all sorts of weather often being abused and attacked by angry mobs. His observation of the society of his day. He had a keen interest in health and angry at the injustice of the society and medical men of his time. He was so impressed when he observed an electric machine being demonstrated that he purchased a few machines and trained people to operate these machines to be used in the poor area of London. He also used the machine himself during his many travels and claimed that it be a wonderful device for health, he had never heard of it hurting either man nor beast. If you enjoy history and a glimpse into the life and observation that John Wesley was so good at entering in his Journal you will enjoy this book and be astounded at the difficulty of the travelling that he undertook in his lifetime. great man of God.

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