

## New “Gospel” Published

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October 20, 2006 (FPRC) -- Jesus and Judas. Friendship, betrayal. Truth, illusion. What is the true story of their relationship, and how can we use it to make a difference in our lives and in the world? This question is at the heart of a practical and compelling spiritual adventure, “The Gospel According to Judas Iscariot,” written by new author Peter Leighton and published by Infinity Publishing.com.

Leighton’s “Gospel” tells a story of Judas and Jesus growing up together as best friends, studying with the same spiritual teachers, and traveling the Orient together during the “lost years” of the Bible. Their story parallels the story of Roy Hammer, a 21st century “everyman” who finds himself suddenly plunged into a journey of self-discovery, corporate intrigue, and spiritual attunement. In the novel, Jesus’ natural, joyful, and practical teachings and Roy’s gradual expansion in awareness come to life on the page and inspire the reader.

Leighton, a doctoral candidate with the Spiritual Science program offered by Peace Theological Seminary and College of Philosophy, has extensively studied the historical and spiritual literature related to Jesus and biblical times. “I have always been drawn to the history and spiritual teachings of Jesus, and I wanted to tell the story from the point of view of Judas, a misunderstood apostle.” Leighton began this project in 1990, and has been delighted to find much of his research confirmed by recent events like the discovery of a Judas Gospel in Egypt.

“The Gospel According to Judas Iscariot” is a novel filled with simple wisdom, humor, and great love, sharing universal spiritual teachings in a down-to-earth way that makes them accessible and useable in a 21st century world. Leighton’s “Gospel” is an adventure transporting the reader through time, archaeological digs, ancient monasteries, courtrooms, and most importantly into the heart of every human being. Joining other spiritual novels including “The Way of the Peaceful Warrior,” “The DaVinci Code,” and “The Celestine Prophecy,” the novel reminds us of our true nature and serves to entertain and inform our hearts and minds. This is a novel to enjoy, use, and share.

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