

## DISCOVER THE GOOD NEWS IN THE BIBLE'S EARLIEST GOSPEL

*AJ Levine has once again, through her brilliant, accessible scholarship, opened up the Bible in fresh and exciting ways. I was amazed at how many times I was taken by surprise by a detail or observation that I just hadn't seen before. You'll want a highlighter on hand when you read this book!*

—**Josh Scott**, Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and author of *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes*

*Amy-Jill Levine's characteristically rich and witty scholarship provides fresh insights into Mark's Gospel that will benefit even the most experienced student of Scripture. She deftly weaves ancient understandings with modern interpretation as she moves us through the Gospel at a quick pace. This book will be a gift for preachers, teachers, and churches seeking to dig into Mark's good news.*

—**Dee Dee Porter Carson**, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia

*Amy-Jill Levine has gifted us with a clear, no-nonsense guided tour through the Gospel of Mark, conveying the feel of the words, places, people and encounters with marvelous clarity and freshness. She bushwhacks through hackneyed spins on familiar stories that now don't seem so familiar. Veteran and rookie readers alike will be drawn deeply into her clever, wise takes on Mark.*

—**James Howell**, Senior Pastor, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

*AJ Levine has done it again! She has written a careful analysis of the provocative Gospel of Mark with seriousness and humor that compels one to continue examining the great mystery and humanity of Jesus and his mission. This is a must-read for anyone interested in spirituality, theology, and desiring to see a fresh interpretation of this beloved Gospel. What feeds my spirit is the emphasis on how we live, and its message of hope.*

—**Jerra Jenrette**, Chair, Intentional Faith Formation Team, Edinboro United Methodist Church, Edinboro, Pennsylvania

*Professor Levine gives permission to the reader to move away from dogma and see characters and stories in the Bible from a different perspective.*

—**Hyiwot Teshome**, Pastor and Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania