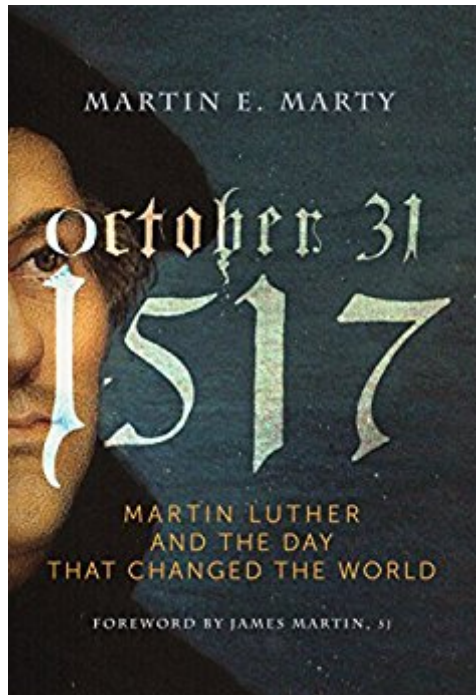


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# October 31, 1517: Martin Luther And The Day That Changed The World



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Released in time for the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, and the Protestant Reformation. "This is an invitation to a party, one which commemorates events that began five hundred years ago in Europe and have consequences throughout the world today. My title suggests that this book is about two things, a "heart" and a "soul." Yet the chapters that follow deal with relations between the two, the first belonging to Martin Luther and those in his legacy, and the second to the Roman Catholic Church and those who belong to its community or communion." "Martin Marty Includes the 95 Theses of Martin Luther" Martin Marty is the most widely respected historian of Christianity in the United States today. In this little book he with clarity, compassion, and a good dose of common sense shows how Luther's story is meaningful today." "Rev. John O'Malley, S.J., University Professor, Georgetown University" Martin Marty's attention to October 31, 1517, the day that Martin Luther promulgated his 95 Theses, provides valuable insights for the past, the present, and the future--why Luther's articulation of "repentance" meant so much then, why his commitment to "justification" has now built a bridge for Catholics and Lutherans to work with each other, and why this great event of 500 years ago might herald a hopeful future for Christian believers and all others. There is an awful lot packed readably into this one small book." "Mark Noll, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame" "I would not dream of preparing my mind and heart for the celebration of Luther's role in the Reformation without finding out what Martin Marty has to say on the subject. And he says it here in this wonderful little book. The gifted historian that he is, Marty gives us much solid information. But he also writes eloquently about how best to prepare our souls for the kind of commemoration that also includes some prayers of repentance." "Richard Mouw" This pithy book offers valuable insight on how Luther's 95 theses have had a profound influence on the ecumenical movement, and can help Christians today understand what it means to be a member of a truly 'catholic' church." "Kathleen Norris

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