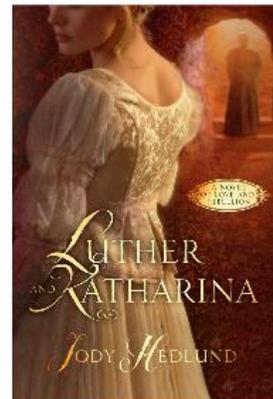


# JODY HEDLUND'S BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

There never yet have been, nor are  
there now, too many good books.  
~ Martin Luther



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## Background Trivia Questions on Martin Luther

How well do you know Luther's early history? Take this five minute quiz to find out!

**1. In 1505 at the age of twenty-two Martin Luther was studying to become:**

- A. A doctor
- B. A lawyer
- C. An artist

**2. On the way home from school, Luther was caught in a thunderstorm and knocked from his horse by lightning. At that frightening moment, he vowed that if God would save him, he would:**

- A. Give all his money to the poor
- B. Travel on a crusade to Jerusalem
- C. Become a monk

**3. Katharina von Bora was sent to a convent when she was:**

- A. Five years old
- B. Sixteen years old
- C. Twenty-three years old

**4. About the same year Katharina entered the convent, Martin Luther took his monastic vows. At first Luther's father:**

- A. Refused to give his permission
- B. Fully supported Luther's monasticism
- C. Didn't care what Luther did

**5. During his early years as a monk, Luther:**

- A. Was happy with his new life
- B. Was deeply troubled by his sin
- C. Broke almost all of the rules

**6. Luther eventually immersed himself in reading the Bible, particularly the gospels and letters of Paul. One of his teachers advised him:**

- A. To read the Bible as much as possible for answers to his questions
- B. To leave the Bible alone because it was the cause of sedition
- C. To read the Bible first and doctrines of the church father's second

**7. When Luther took a pilgrimage in 1510 to Rome and the Vatican, he was:**

- A. Delighted by the purity of all that he saw there
- B. Greatly moved by all of the relics
- C. Shocked by the corruption and called Rome a "harlot"

**8. Luther experienced his "birthday" of the faith in 1513. He finally realized that:**

- A. He was inherently good
- B. The just shall live by faith and not works
- C. The relics would save him after all

**9. In 1517 while Luther was a professor at the University of Wittenberg, he nailed his 95 Theses to the church door because:**

- A. He wanted to point out the abuses of the church and call for reforms
- B. He wanted to increase the attendance of his university
- C. He hated his job and hoped to be transferred

**10. Luther continued to preach and teach for reforms. In 1521, the Pope called him to a special meeting which was attended by a lot of important people. The meeting was intended to:**

- A. Make all of the reforms that Luther requested
- B. Discuss some of the changes that needed to be made
- C. Force Luther to recant his teachings or face death as a heretic

**11. Luther's most famous speech from that special meeting (in the city of Worms, Germany): "I am bound by the texts of the Bible; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I neither can nor will recant anything, since it is neither right nor safe to act against conscience. God help me. Amen." After giving this speech, Luther thought:**

- A. He would go free
- B. Be captured and put to death
- C. Be put on trial again

**12. After the meeting at Worms, Luther's friends and supporters "kidnapped" him and put him into hiding at the castle of Wartburg where he remained for a year. While there:**

- A. He partied and enjoyed a lifestyle of wealth
- B. Dressed as a knight and was known as "Sir George"
- C. Shaved his head and refused to eat or drink except for twice a week

**13. While Luther was in hiding at the castle of Wartburg, his followers:**

- A. Continued to spread his reforms
- B. Abandoned the cause out of fear
- C. Waited to do anything until Luther returned to Wittenberg

**14. One of the teachings that Luther and his followers began to promote was that nuns and monks should forsake their vows based on abuses like the archbishop selling licenses to priests to permit them to keep concubines. Luther also wrote that Scripture:**

- A. Promotes the goodness of marriage
- B. Speaks more about celibacy than marriage
- C. Encourages becoming a monk

**15. In 1523 after Luther was back in Wittenberg, God brought a wagon to his door. The wagon contained:**

- A. Much needed herring
- B. Bibles printed in German
- C. Runaway nuns

ANSWER KEY:

1. Answer: B. A lawyer
2. Answer: C. He would become a monk
3. Answer: A. Five years old
4. Answer: A. Refused to give his permission
5. Answer: B. Was deeply troubled by his sin
6. Answer: B. To leave the Bible alone because it was the cause of sedition
7. Answer: C. Shocked by the corruption and called Rome a "harlot"
8. Answer: B. The just shall live by faith and not works
9. Answer: A. He wanted to point out the abuses of the church and call for reforms
10. Answer: C. Force Luther to recant or face death as a heretic
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15. Answer: C. Runaway nuns