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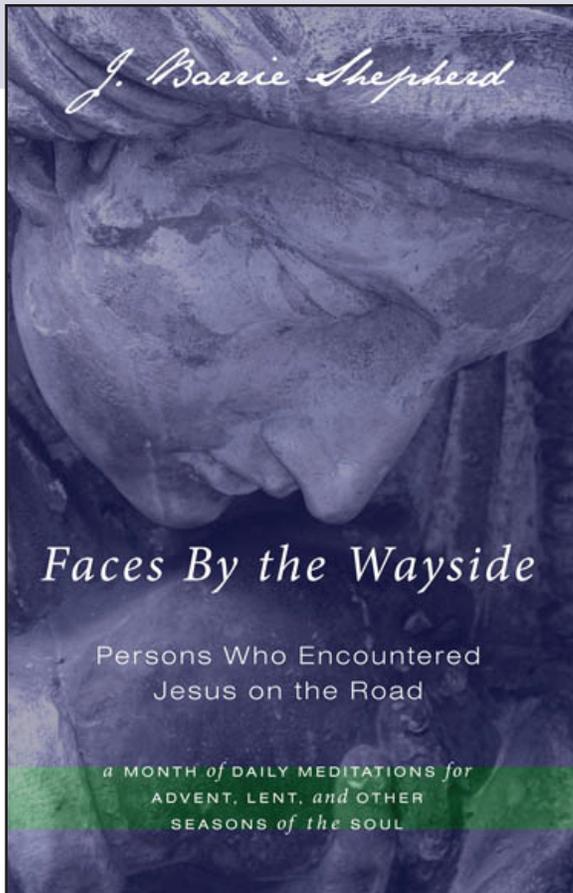
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# Faces By the Wayside

Persons Who Encountered Jesus on the Road

a MONTH of DAILY MEDITATIONS for ADVENT, LENT, and OTHER SEASONS of the SOUL



*J. Barrie Shepherd*

"If I could only have been there . . ." Did you ever wish you could have been among those who actually encountered Jesus in person; mingled, perhaps, with those throngs beside the lake; feasted among the five thousand in a Galilean meadow; crowded along the village street as the carpenter from Nazareth passed by? This month of daily meditations seeks to accomplish just that; to place readers in the ways that Jesus walked; to assist those who pray or meditate their way across this thirty-day selection to experience the many moments of Jesus's ministry as narrated in the gospels, through the eyes and minds, the hearts and emotions of folk-ordinary folk for the most part—whose lives were touched and transformed as Jesus walked their way. For Lent, or Advent, or for any season of spiritual renewal, *Faces by the Wayside* can set you once again in the presence of the Master.

*J. Barrie Shepherd* has written extensively in the area of religious studies, and is the author of fourteen books and over six hundred published poems.

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