

Keep the Flame – book 4 in the Apostle John Series

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Keep the Flame: Early Christianity Comes to Life by Susan Preston is book four in The Apostle John Series, a great novel that showcases the challenges of early Christianity, the collision of religious traditions, and the spiritual path — seen from an alternative world, beyond the scriptures — of great characters of faith. In this thrilling story, the author introduces readers to characters like Rachel, who has a hard time accepting Christianity, the grandson of Old Simon, and a host of other brilliant characters. In this thrilling entry, the author takes readers on a journey of what following Christ entailed in the early 1st Century AD, the conflicts that existed, the hurts, and the question of John's destiny.

Susan Preston's work is really inspirational, a story that is filled with realism and humanity. Her characters are well-sculpted, and it will be interesting to see how she masterfully blends elements from scripture into the compelling story. The characters leap from the pages of the book with life, and the prose itself makes it an enjoyable read. The narrative voice is very compelling and the author has the gift of making readers care about these characters that will surely be remembered long after the read. The conflict evolves steadily, developed at the different levels of the story. The author uses subplots to create a permeating sense of suspense. Susan Preston has taken biblical characters and transformed them into characters who seem to walk the same path with readers. Keep the Flame: Early Christianity Comes to Life is spellbinding, a hard-to-put-down kind of book.

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