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This Is NOT Just Another Book On Marriage

The Last Wedding focuses on the Biblical meaning and importance of the ceremony.

Weddings are important. The Bible is dotted with stories of weddings—beginning to end. We all want a good marriage (our own or someone else's). But is the wedding as important as the marriage?

For many people, a wedding ceremony is something to be avoided. Let's skip the wedding and go straight to the reception. After all, who doesn't like a good party? Because of that, many people miss out on the most important part of the day. Weddings can be the most important events ever!

"If it was possible (and I was good enough) to condense these pages into a short wedding homily, these are the things I would say...especially if it was my last wedding." These are the author's words as he wraps up the preface of *The Last Wedding* (published by Liquid Statue Productions in 2015; ISBN: 978-0-9964326-0-3; \$24.99 for the hard cover version, at TheLastWedding.com).

In a slightly irreverent and humorous look at Genesis to Revelation, a slice of human history is told through the eyes of a pastor to the couples he's about to marry. What should a preacher tell the couple that's standing expectantly before him? The author takes us on a trip from the very first wedding we know about to the last that will ever take place. You'll discover why nakedness is so important in Scripture, what Eve might have been thinking when she took a bite, and why Jesus made so many people so angry.

The Last Wedding is a whimsically serious tour of the human condition beginning with our first parents and winding up in today's world. If you've never found the Bible to be particularly entertaining, this might be a good place to start (or to start over). The author never seems to forget that people are people—no matter what. He places himself in the shoes of the likes of Adam, Noah, Mary, and even Jesus. What he then discovers about himself is relatable to us all.

Dave Zuchelli is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has been a Christian pastor for over thirty-five years. He's married to a wonderful young woman named Denise, and between them they have four children and several grandchildren. *The Last Wedding* is his first book. He also publishes a blog, *Local Church Prisoners*, three times weekly at davezuchelli.com.

The author has several goals in mind for his readers:

- 1. Develop a deeper sense of Biblical understanding.**

The author notes that today's society has a tendency to be Biblically illiterate. This includes the part of society we call the church. "Adam and Eve...thought they knew what God said. They thought they knew, but they weren't quite sure." It started with our first parents and continues into our own time. The Last Wedding gives us a jump-start into Biblical literacy.

2. Learn to ask questions of the Biblical text.

The author shows us by example how to ask questions. We often read Scripture and miss most of what it's saying to us simply because we don't ask questions. For example: Why didn't Adam stop Eve from tasting the fruit? Why didn't they check with God to see if the snake was on the up and up? What were the circumstances that prevented them from eating from the Tree of Knowledge? "Inquiring minds want to know."

3. Come to an understanding of the Biblical importance of weddings.

Why bother to have weddings. Why not just go down to the courthouse, pay a fee, and enter your names in a book? They do this in some countries. The fact of the matter is, as Zuchelli states, "weddings have always been a big deal..." The Bible points out what that "big deal" is, and the author points us to it in a poignant way.

4. Grasp the meaning of the last wedding for their life.

The author points to our future. A couple becomes "inextricably 'joined at the hip' for better or worse. Sometimes the worse breaks us up. The reality is, sometimes the 'better' breaks us up too." So why even go through the motions. The author conveys the reality that there is a "last wedding" that will make it all worthwhile.

5. Use this book as a springboard to further discipleship in their lives.

Biblical stories only have a purpose if their meaning and direction are built into our lives. As we move deeper into becoming disciples of Christ, the Biblical text comes more and more alive for us. Zuchelli uses *The Last Wedding* to help lay a foundation upon which the rest of our lives can be built.

To purchase this book and/or discover more resources for spiritual growth in the twenty-first century, visit <http://www.LiquidStatue.com>. Learn about the availability of the author for leadership seminars, laity retreats, and other valuable aids to discipleship for today's church.

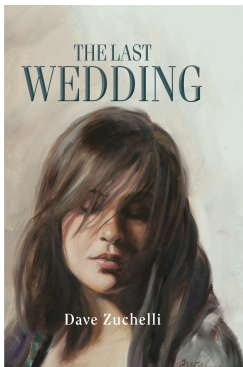
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About the Author:

Dave Zuchelli holds degrees from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is the pastor of a small congregation that worships at Smith Chapel and serves the Great Falls, VA area.

At PTS, the seminary faculty elected him to Who's Who in Colleges & Universities. For three years, he was co-editor of the seminary student newspaper, *The Logos*. More currently, he publishes a blog three times a week. In it, he explores the Biblical options for carrying today's church back into relevancy (a task he doesn't take lightly). The blog, entitled *Local Church Prisoners*, can be found at <http://www.DaveZuchelli.com>.

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About the Book:

The Last Wedding is a slightly irreverent look at weddings from Genesis to Revelation. It is told through the eyes of a pastor who has performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies. Why are weddings so important, and what should we know about them? Zuchelli answers these questions in a whimsical but significant romp through Scripture. *The Last Wedding* is a publication of Liquid Statue Productions. It was first produced in 2015 under the ISBN #978-0-9964326-0-3. The hard cover lists at \$24.99 and can be purchased at <http://www.TheLastWedding.com>.

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