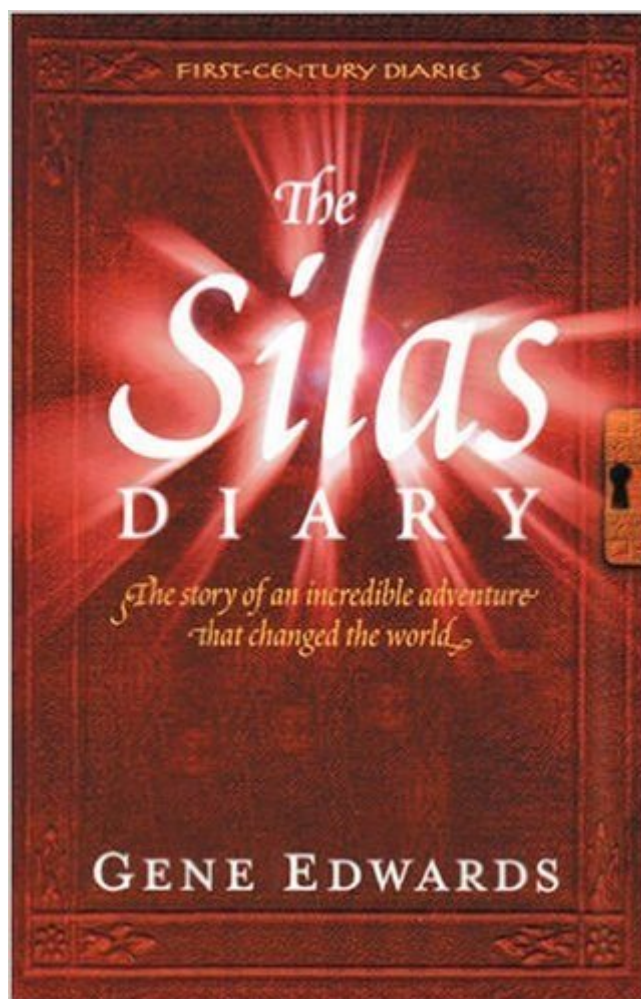


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# The Silas Diary (First-Century Diaries)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This book is part of the series on the first century Christians. Although there is a lot of conjecture of what "might" have happened it doesn't overstep it's scriptural boundaries. It appears to be historically correct with the settings, conversations and events. I have the whole series and have given them away as gifts on several occasions. Very enjoyable and informative reading.

I came across the First-Century Diaries in the Fall of 2014. After reading this first installment, I am sad that I did not run into these series of books earlier. Gene Edwards is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and has a deep passion for the church, church-planting, and house churches. He has an incredible story that you can read here. It is necessary to know that Mr. Edwards is highly educated and has spend years studying the first century and the early church. A book like this has the potential to do a lot of damage if the author is not careful and educated. This book is not an effort to add to Scripture, but is an effort to help readers of Acts and the epistles of Paul understand those writings in context. I was drawn into the book of Acts and the the letter to the

Galatians in a new way. This book heightened my love and appreciation for Scripture. Here is an example of how the book functions. The first 12 verses of Acts 13 give us basic facts. Paul and Barnabas are in Antioch of Syria, they are readying themselves for their first missionary journey... See the remainder of this review at <http://joevalenti.me/portfolio-item/the-silas-diary/>

Great follow up from "Revolution" covering Acts 1 - 8. This one is of Barnabas and Paul into the Galatian region to plant the first Gentile churches. The twist (if it can be called that) is that Edwards thinks Peter circumcised the household of Cornelius in Acts 10 upon their conversion. Not so at Antioch or the later Galatian churches, which is why the great controversy arose.

Interesting story, I always like a historical novel where you get to know the characters as real people. When you read the bible, it is hard to think of these people and what their actions and conversations were. All through the ages, people are still the same no matter what century and it makes them seem more real.

If you are always confused why the various books of the NT particularly the Pauline epistles are written and put together, this is an excellent book to start. Reading the book is like meeting Paul, Barnabas, Silas and Timothy face to face. The biblical characters come alive as Gene re-traced the missionary journeys of Paul. There is never a dull moment with the book. You may have read the NT many times but the book will present to you the story from the different perspective. It is so well written that surprises are in store at every (well, almost!) turn of the page. The First Century Diaries are the latest series that Gene has embarked on. Let me warn you; if you start reading this book, there are four more waiting for you. Want to know the heartbeat of a first century missionary and the blossoming of the NT churches? Read this book; you will never regret it.

Excellent way to add to our understanding of the times, Gene Edwards is an excellent story teller and I have read many of his books, he doesn't state this is how it was but how it could have been. As he says this is not for studying the Bible but has helped me putting a greater understanding to the times and culture, I do highly recommend this book as I would for all of his books I have read so far

This is a pretty good book that describes the way the church should be. Where Sunday morning services involve everybody, not just the professionals. This book is written in an easy-going style, that makes it enjoyable, and sometimes just plain funny to read. The only draw back about the book

is that sometimes the author rants about a lot of historical things that don't really add to the book. Also, it would be nice to hear examples of "open church" services where you had people that were out-of-line. Sometimes this book is just a way bit too positive. Too bad this book is out-of-print at the time of this review, but I recommend it just the same.

Wonderful. Gene was able to bring the story alive for me. I feel as though I have met Paul, Barnabas, Mark and know the church in Galacia. I would recommend the Revolution, Silas and Titus diary to anyone wanting to know about the origin of the Christian Church and its purpose in this world.

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