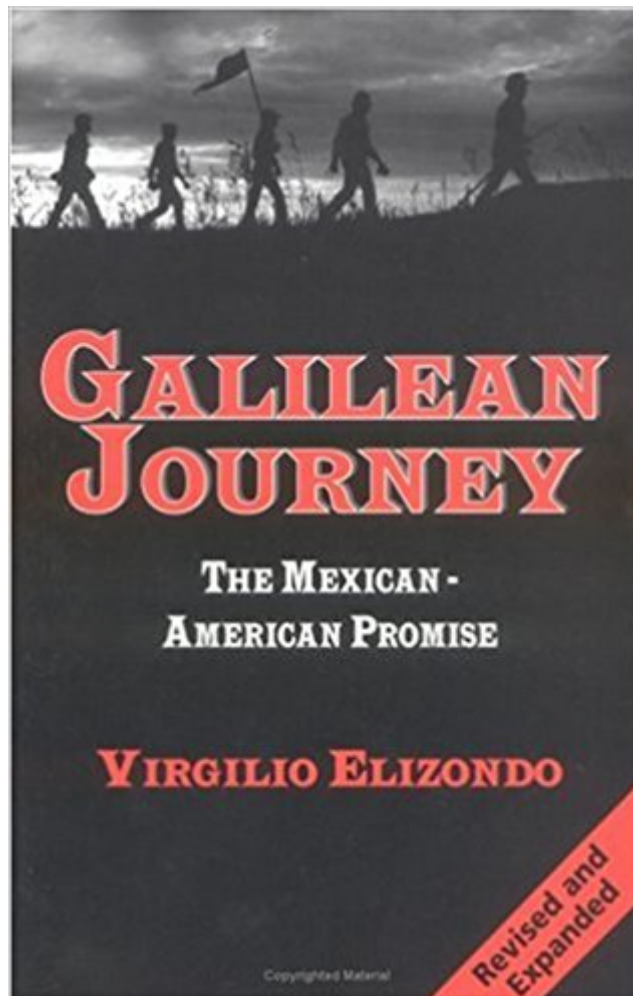




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Great book.

This book is a short, effective treatment of much forgotten aspect of the gospels--the liberative aspect. Fluid and knowledgable, Elizondo backs each point amply with gospel text and other research. While Elizondo focuses primarily on two marginalized groups, the Biblical Galileans and the Mexican-Americans of today, in no way are the ideas exclusive to the two. The liberative aspect of the gospel is easily applicable to all, since all humans are oppressed by sin. Elizondo's prose is light and comprehensible, which is uncharacteristic of many books of theology. The book shouldn't

take one long to read, and it is worth the small amount of time spent reading it.

This book changed my view on how the experiences of Chicanos were represented by showing a parallel between Galilean Jews and Chicanos. It is refreshing and liberating. A well read book, and not too heavy on writing style. Easy to read and comprehend on what the author's trying to describe.

Whether you are Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, etc....if you consider yourself of Mexican origin you must read this book! This book will impact the way you appreciate your culture and also expand your understanding of Jesus the Galilee in a deeper more significant way.

Galilean Journey is one of the best books I have read in a very long time. I would have enjoyed it more had the language been in simpler terms, but it defined a culture very different from mine, in such a way, that I will view the world, never the same.

Despite the other reviews that give this book a good rating I have to give it one star and if I could it would get a negative star rating. This book is nothing but a wolf in sheep's clothing. This book is littered with liberation theology which as any faithful Catholic would know is for the most part not inline with Catholic teaching and has been sternly addressed by the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith. As a philosopher and theologian it is easy for me to recognize what is in accord with Church teaching and what is not and for the most part this book is not. I warn anyone who is considering reading this book to look for another book that is more in line with the Churches teaching on faith and culture.

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