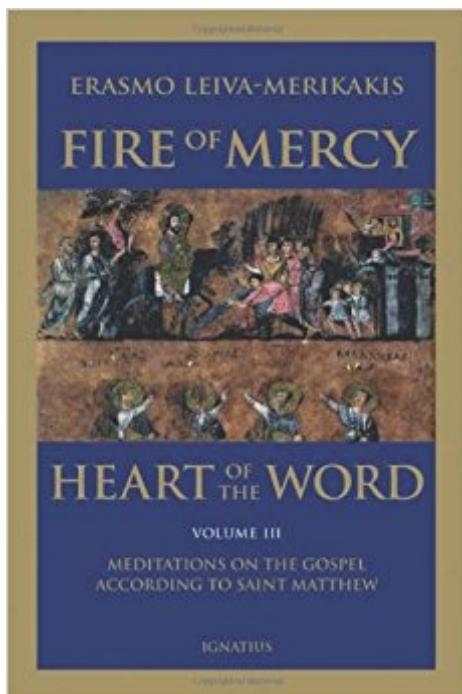


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# Fire Of Mercy, Heart Of The Word - Vol. 3



## **Synopsis**

To the unstudied eye, St. Matthew's gospel can seem a terse narrative, almost a historical document and not the tremendously spiritual (and doctrinal) storehouse that it is. In his third volume of meditations on Matthew (chapters 19-25), Erasmo Leiva continues to show Matthew's prose to be not terse so much as economical -- astoundingly so given its depth. The lay reader can derive great profit from reading this. Each short meditation comments on a verse or two, pointing to some facet of the text not immediately apparent, but rich with meaning. Leiva's work is scholarly but eminently approachable by the lay reader. The tone is very much of "taste and see how good the Lord is" and an invitation of "friend, come up higher!". The goal of the book is to help the reader experience the heat of the divine heart and the light of the divine Word. Leiva comments on the Greek text, demonstrating nuances in the text that defy translation. He uses numerous quotes from the Fathers and the Liturgy of the Church to demonstrate the way the Tradition has lived and read the Word of God. His theological reflection vivifies doctrine by seeking its roots in the words and actions of Jesus.

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If you are looking for insights into Jesus Christ, you have to buy this book. I personally met the author about 2 years ago in Spencer, MA; he signed my Vol. 1. He noticed the cover was worn off and he said, "This is the best compliment" and then handed the book back to me with his signature. We chatted for over an hour. He has put his heart and soul into this book. I'm looking forward to his next which will cover the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. God bless, Fr Scott Reilly LC

I'll be brief. I have had by my side for years Volume 1. When Volume 2 came out, it was also placed by my side. Volume 3 will be right there as well. Why? Because Erasmo is a genius when it comes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and what God is telling us and showing us about ourselves in His Word Incarnate, Jesus the Lord. These volumes will take the reader into the true depths of Scripture as God would have us!!!! I cannot say it more clearly. Erasmo delivers us into the very Heart of Christ like no other author I have encountered. And I have read theology, Christology, etc. etc. books by the barrel for years and years. Give yourself a blessing. Read, meditate and pray with Erasmo!!

The author does a fantastic job of bringing to light how the greek text manifest itself and how different from simple English it really is. Through his use of the Greek, his obvious expertise in Scriptural Study, he draws out of the text a new and necessary profound meaning within the spiritual understanding. This is quite simple a masterful work. Needed for all serious scriptural students.

This is a wonderful resource. Heard it recommended by Fr. John Ricardo. It is a resource I turn to often.

Absolutely amazing. I've never encountered such a richly spiritual commentary, which was at the same time as line-by-line thorough. Excellent for preparing homilies and sermons, as well as encountering the Lord more deeply in the Scriptures. A must have for priests and deacons.

very well written. Good read

Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word probes beneath the surface of the Gospel narratives (Matthew focus). He provides an astonishing depth and breadth of thought. The linguistic analysis invites one to reflect/meditate on the Word of God with a new "lens." This is a book to "treasure."

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