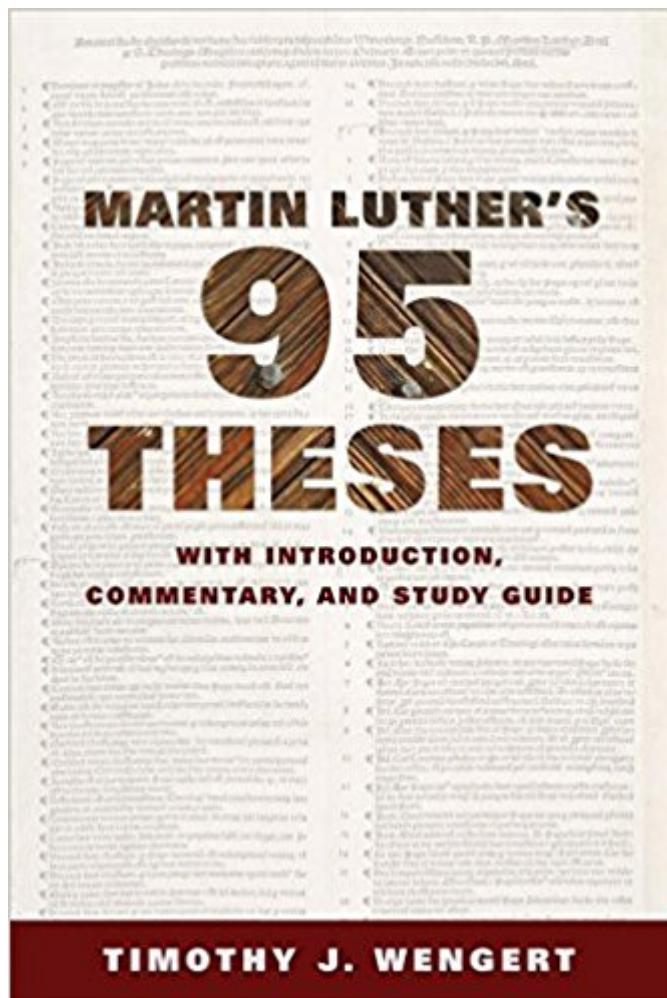


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# Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses: With Introduction, Commentary, And Study Guide



## Synopsis

By almost any reckoning, the Ninety-Five Theses ranks as the most important text of the Reformation, if not in substance at least in impact. As the anniversary of their posting on the church door in Wittenberg approaches, what better way to remember and recognize the occasion than to make this important text more easily understood by twenty-first-century readers? Timothy J. Wengert, one of the best-known interpreters of Luther and Lutheranism active today, sets his newly translated Ninety-Five Theses in its historical context with a detailed introduction and illuminating study notes. To help the reader understand the context and the import of the Ninety-Five Theses more deeply, Wengert provides two more related and essential documents: Luther's Letter to Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz (to which he appended a copy of the Theses) and Luther's 1518 Sermon on Indulgences and Grace (written to inform the German-speaking public of his view of indulgences). The book is simply constructed with introductions and notes for each of the writings, as well as a study guide with questions for individual or group reflection and conversation.

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Timothy J. Wengert is the emeritus Ministerium of Pennsylvania Professor of Church History at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He has authored and edited many books and articles on Reformation topics, including, with Robert Kolb, *The Book of Concord (Augsburg Fortress, 2000)* and has written over one hundred articles. In 2000, he received the Melanchthon Prize from Bretten, Germany. His most recent publication is *Reading the Bible with Martin*

Luther(2013).

In preparation for the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, this is an outstanding explanation of the key documents that Martin Luther presented and began the movement. Wengert's discussion in his introduction is enlightening to those who might think they understand the history of the posting and publication of Luther's 95 Theses. The booklet is crisply and concisely written and allows the reader to better understand the workings of the late-Medieval church. It is a great guide for study groups tackling the subject.

This book is a great overview of the history of the events surrounding Luther's decision to post the 95 Theses. I appreciate that Dr. Wengert has included the Letter to Albrecht and Luther's Sermon on Indulgences and Grace. Having access to all 3 documents in a readable format gives the reader a broader view of the impact Luther's 95 Theses and Luther's initial intent in posting them.

Nicely written, a bit hard to comprehend unless you focus on the book while reading. Good historical background on Martin Luther.

500 anniversary of posting 95 theses next year. Getting ready. This book is very readable - the author has explained the setting and issues of the time which is very helpful in understanding what Luther was about. I recommend this as a must read before listening to a multitude of sermons / lectures next year.

for a lifelong Lutheran, very helpful to place the theses in the context of the times it was written in

So far, it seems clear, concise and fairly easy to understand. We are using this book for our Sunday school class beginning next year sometime as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. I have found the history of how this all came about to be especially fascinating.

It was written well and easy to understand.

Should be a theology student and/or a historian to want to review this short but effective and reflective book on Luther's 95 Theses. Excellent presentation and with very helpful commentary before and after the inclusion of the 95 theses.

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