

# **Review: “The Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine**

I enjoyed Dr. Levine's ability to draw out the characteristics of people described by the Gospel writers. For example, I liked the way she helps the reader imagine the attitude and behaviors of the rich young man in the Gospel of Mark and demonstrates her sense of humor when she truthfully writes, "I'm not sure I'd want my children to date him" (Levine, 14).