

## Interview with Cindy Coates

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**W**ELL, ONCE AGAIN WE meet at the back of the bus! That's fine. I like sitting back here! In this issue, I wanted to find out more about Cindy Coates. It's important to me to promote the work of those who are helping fulfill God's call. This is why I also created "TJ's Fulfilled Covenant Little Book Club." It's a fun Facebook group designed to talk about books we have read, promoted or written to present to larger audiences. Please access it if you have a book you would like to promote. Now, let's meet Cindy.

**TJ:** Cindy, welcome to my upscale posh high-rise production studios (yeah, right). Tell us your background: where you were born and raised, and about your parents and siblings.

**Cindy:** I am the 7th generation born in Atlanta, GA. My maternal grandfather, Jett, was a French Jew who renounced freemasonry when he came to Christ and was never a fan of Zionism. He taught me at an early age that the Zionists had deceived the Christians to think Jews were superior — we were all created equal in God's eyes. He was my father-figure after my parents divorced when I was five years old. I am an only child raised by a single mother. My mother worked three jobs to support us until she became an accomplished CPA. I never did without. Later in life, at the age of 27, I was reunited with my daddy who had become sober and was willing to be a better "papa" to my sons than he was a father to me. It was very redemptive! I was raised in the suburbs, in Marietta, just north of Atlanta.

**TJ:** What are your first memories of being aware there was a God?

**Cindy:** Because my mother worked, I stayed at the home of a Christian neighbor lady after school who had five kids of her own. She had them in Wednesday night (Baptist) church — Church supper, choir, training union (Bible Study), and always included me! I looked forward to Wednesdays as we did not go to church on Sundays — Mama was too tired, so we watched Christian TV programs like Davey & Goliath and Southern Gospel Singing. When I was eight years old, Mama and I were invited to a Bob Harrington (The Chaplain of Bourbon Street) Crusade at a local high school football stadium. I accepted Christ at that crusade as Mama watched me get up out of my seat and walk to the

stage by myself. That inspired her to follow Christ too. I was baptized in the Baptist church in the Spring of 1969 and remained there until age 18.

**TJ:** Was there a long span of time between your initial conversion and your exposure to a fulfilled viewpoint when the "light went off"?

**Cindy:** I did not come to know fulfilled eschatology until 1999 — 30 years later when my oldest son, Kyle, was 12 years old and started asking questions about "the rapture" and the "end of the world" because his friends were talking about Y2K and he wanted to understand what that meant. Our family was in a very large homeschool support group made up of over 200 families. Gary & Carol DeMar were neighbors and in our homeschool group. I spoke to Carol about Kyle's questions (about the end times) and she said that Gary was writing books about this, and she pointed me to American Vision, which is located about seven miles from us. We used those books to teach our sons. It was through this relationship that I came to know R. C. Sproul and John Bray.

**TJ:** You and your husband conduct a "Home Church," which includes the "men in your life" (sons and husband) leading worship. How did the idea come to you to start this ministry?

**Cindy:** My husband, Stan, and I were both in ministry leadership before we married. I was in sports ministry — FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) as a keynote speaker — speaking in early morning huddle groups 2-4 times a week. Stan was in music ministry on the road with a Contemporary Christian band (Mylon LeFevre & Broken Heart), touring 300 days a year for five years. When we got married, we started planting small independent churches in the mid 80s — all of which were lacking in what we call Present Truth (fulfilled eschatology). The church we currently pastor, The Porch, on the northside of Atlanta began in a hotel ball room in January 2000 just as we discovered fulfilled eschatology. We rented space from a few local churches, but often found conflicts with their schedules and events, and we needed something consistent. We came back to our home, as we are given to hospitality and discipleship. We now meet monthly outside our weekly home meetings at a Methodist Chapel which broke away from the woke UMC.

**TJ:** What is the main focus of your particular teaching style? For example, Ed Stevens is known as our "Historian Laureate" for his extensive understanding of early church history, and William Bell and Don Preston both are known for creating multitudinous teachings on one topic or book. David Curtis just plows through every book of the Bible verse by verse, digging up every essential fact needed. Mike Sullivan

is known as “chart man.” Adam Maarschalk and Daniel Morais both offer extensive info on their websites focusing on *The Jewish Wars* and the Book of Revelation. So, what is your “go to” when studying or teaching?

**Cindy:** Gosh — I like the way you have defined these guys - spot on! I would say, for me, I would be a hybrid of those mentioned. Because I taught Ancient World History, I would align with Daniel Morais to deconstruct by exposing the historical fulfillment Bible prophecy. It’s not enough for me to pontificate and reveal what I have found to be false teaching — I need to show what a new and better covenant looks like! I like to show people that since THAT has been fulfilled, THIS is where our energy should be focused . . .

**TJ:** Now let’s talk about your new book, *The Fulfilled Prophecies of Jesus*, based on a verse-by-verse exposition of Matthew 24. You realize you had your work cut out for you, competing with John Bray’s earlier writing of “Matthew 24 Fulfilled.” That’s brave! LOL.

**Cindy:** I had the same thought since John Bray’s book is such a classic. I was inspired to write a simple book written on a 7th grade reading level in very concise language. My book is also in large print, so even seniors can enjoy reading it. I started writing my book in 2003 while teaching Ancient World History and Biblical Worldview to upper classmen at a private Christian school. My lesson plans became the outline to what became my doctoral dissertation in 2005, from which my book is derived. *The Fulfilled Prophecies of Jesus* is basically the dissertation I wrote to prove the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It was released on Amazon on May 28, 2024. It debuted at #1 in multiple categories: Christian Prophecy, Christian History, and Christology. I would say that most of the readers are non-preterist ministry leaders. The Kindle version was released on October 5th. It also debuted at #1 in Christian Prophecy and Christian History categories.<sup>1</sup>

**TJ:** Let’s chat about your podcast, “Present Truth Matters.” Same flow — what inspired you to create it?

**Cindy:** During the pandemic, I was invited to be a guest on more podcasts than I can count. I got a call from CPN (Charisma Podcast Network) to host a podcast channel on their platform as the show I had been a guest on was in the top 5% of downloads. My podcast is now a direct mic podcast where I teach “What Every Prophet Should Know,” a.k.a. Matthew 24 fulfilled. As soon as this series is over, hopefully by Christmas, I plan to start a new series with guests. The podcast can be heard on iTunes, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Google Play, and Amazon Audible.<sup>2</sup>

**TJ:** What encouragement would you like to express to the readers about whatever is on your heart?

**Cindy:** I am forever grateful for the publication of *Fulfilled!* Magazine and the faithfulness of all those who are involved in bringing this encouraging resource to so many. My prayer is that readers will loan this magazine to friends and family to help them learn fulfilled eschatology from qualified teachers and encourage them to subscribe.

**TJ:** Thanks for the insight, Cindy!

Ok, you brilliant readers, unless something changes, for the next two issues I'm going to tackle that ongoing, heated debate on Replacement Theology. I wrote about this in one of my volumes, but want to lay the argument out here in this publication for your perusal. I will be taking the side of Replacement Theology being something clearly demonstrated in Scripture and not something to reject. ✝

1. <https://a.co/d/aA6RmTL>
2. Link to the podcast: [www.PresentTruthMatters.com](http://www.PresentTruthMatters.com)