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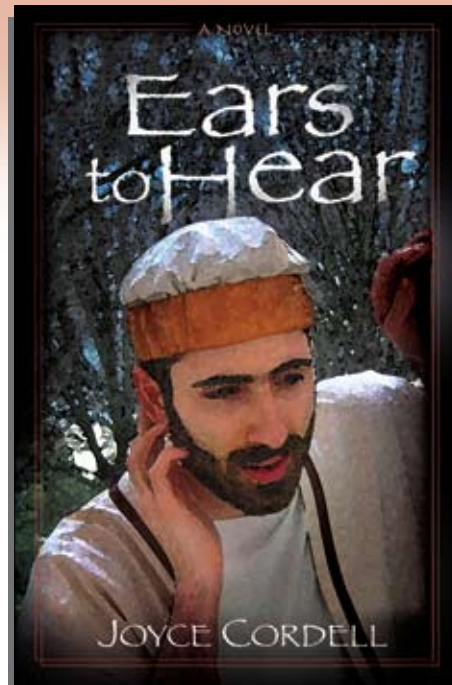


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As Malchus is swept into a political climate of danger and intrigue, he is unwittingly drawn toward one dark and painful night that will challenge everything he believes....



JOYCE CORDELL, a graduate of Georgetown College, makes her home in Louisville, Kentucky. Through the years she has written scripts and Bible studies for churches and state denominational groups. She has had works published in the Louisville Christian Writers' newsletter and a short story in the collection, *A Cup of Comfort for Weddings*.

Joyce taught public school music and directed church choirs for many years. Now in retirement, she turns in a new direction to fulfill the passion God has given her to write about lesser known biblical characters.

While engaged in a Bible study of The Gospel of Matthew, Joyce was haunted by Jesus' statement, "He that has ears to hear, let him hear." When she came to the brief story of Malchus, it was as though God said, "This is it. Malchus is the one I want you to write about."

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