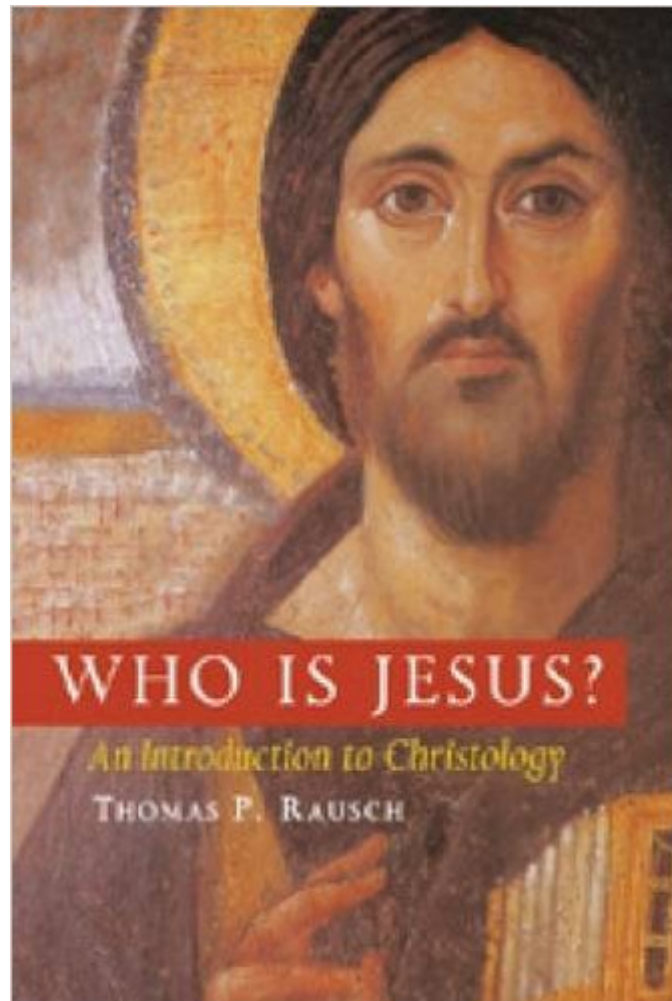


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# Who Is Jesus?: An Introduction To Christology (Michael Glazier Books)



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Who is Jesus? This is the fundamental question for christology. The earliest Christians used various titles, most of them drawn from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures, to express their faith in Jesus. They called him prophet, teacher, Messiah, Son of David, Son of Man, Lord, Son of God, Word of God, and occasionally even God. In *Who Is Jesus?* Thomas Rausch, S.J., focuses on the New Testament's rich variety of christologies. *Who Is Jesus?* covers the three quests for the historical Jesus, the methods for retrieving the historical Jesus, the Jewish background, the Jesus movement, his preaching and ministry, death and resurrection, the various New Testament christologies, and the development of christological doctrine from the New Testament period to the Council of Chalcedon. Chapters are "The Three Quests for the Historical Jesus," "Methodological Considerations," "The Jewish Background," "Jesus and His Movement," "The Preaching and Ministry of Jesus," "The Death of Jesus," "God Raised Him from the Dead," "New Testament Christologies," "From the New Testament to Chalcedon," "Sin and Salvation," and "A Contemporary Approach to Soteriology." Thomas P. Rausch, SJ, PhD, is the T. Marie Chilton Professor of Catholic Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. A specialist in ecclesiology, ecumenism, and the theology of the priesthood, he has published eight books including the award-winning *Catholicism at the Dawn of the Third Millennium*, *The College Student's Introduction to Theology*, and *Reconciling Faith and Reason: Apologists, Evangelists, and Theologians in a Divided Church*, published by Liturgical Press."

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If like me you believe that Christology is at the epicenter of the study of Christian theology, then you cannot do better than Rausch's book as an excellent introduction to this always fascinating subject. Rausch touches all the important topics, from his well-written explanation of the three quests for the historical Jesus to his explanation of the Jesus movement and beyond. The helpful glossary in the book gives straightforward definitions of theological terms such as "eschatology" and "soteriology," a great help for those just beginning to delve into a structured study of Christ. Rausch is a Jesuit priest. I had the benefit of Jesuit education in both high school and college, and I couldn't help thinking while reading the book that Rausch must be a great teacher, as so many of my Jesuit teachers were, and I admit to being a bit envious of the students fortunate enough to have Rausch as a teacher now. Despite his Catholic pedigree, however, Rausch never favors Catholic interpretation or Catholic biblical scholars over Protestant and Jewish interpretation and scholars. He gives a fair, balanced, and comprehensive survey of Christology, and if he didn't have "S.J." (i.e., Society of Jesus) after his name, the reader would be hard pressed to know that a Catholic priest had authored the book. In addition to the excellent writing and the logical organization of the book, Rausch provides well chosen cites to his sources. He doesn't overdo the citations--something that can often numb the eyes and stunt the flow of a scholarly text--instead, as one newspaper reviewer of the book has said, Rausch makes the reader eager to explore the sources as the next level of inquiry into Christology. While the question "Who is Jesus?"

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