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Fall is the perfect time to cozy up with a good book, whether you're headed back to school, picking out a new read for your small group, or thinking about bringing in a new textbook for your syllabus. These new releases from IVP Academic will enrich your reading list for your bookshelf, church, or classroom.

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DOES THE CHURCH STILL MATTER IN OUR MODERN WORLD?

After waves of disillusionment, #churchtoo movements, and political divides, it's easy to question the value of investing in the church. Yet Carmen Joy Imes offers a profound answer that resonates through the pages of *Becoming God's Family*. Exploring the familial and communal identity of the church, Imes traces the thread of God's presence in the gathered community of faith across the entire Bible. She invites readers into a vision of the church that is rooted deeply in Scripture and speaks directly to the challenges we face today. Imes reminds us of a powerful truth—God delights in the global, intergenerational family He has created.

Becoming God's Family is perfect for students and scholars of the Bible, church members looking for renewed purpose, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the church's biblical foundation.

"In a world seemingly convinced that our fragmented, lonely, isolated existences are not only inevitable but good, Becoming God's Family offers a refreshing and hopeful description of the meaning and significance of the family of God. Carmen Joy Imes has given the church the gift of a rousing call to take seriously our belonging to one another. Even those skeptical of the church will find in these pages a compelling vision of Christian faith that not only teaches us right doctrine but envelops us into a family."

—KAITLYN SCHIESS, author of *The Ballot and the Bible*

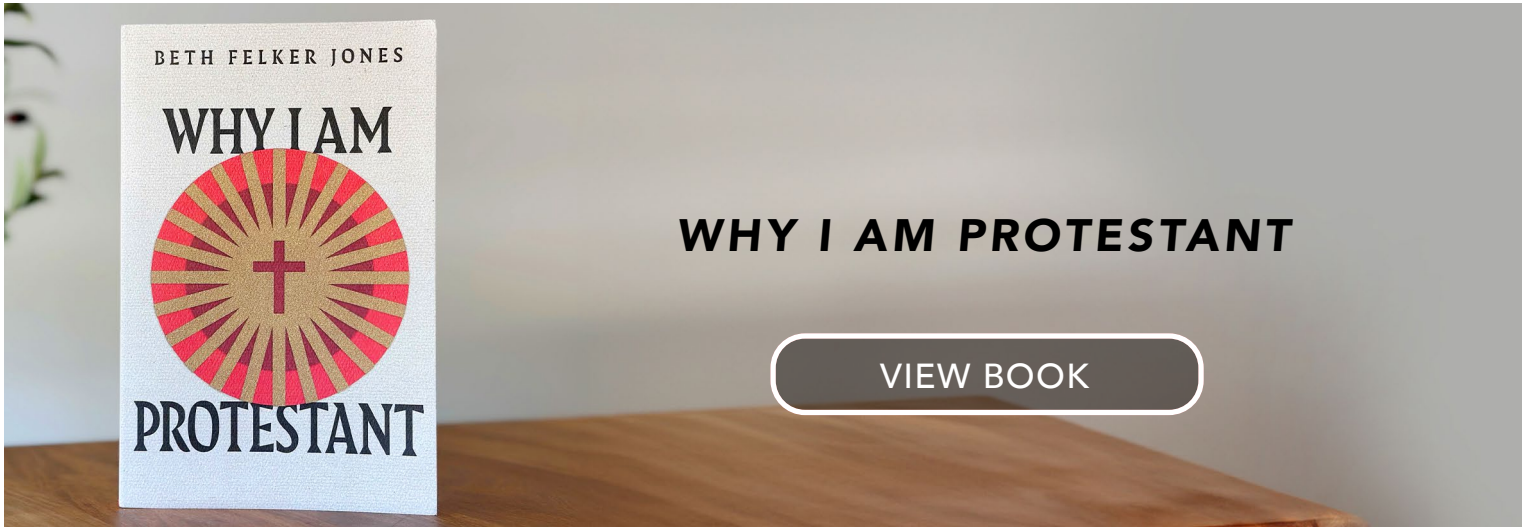


CARMEN JOY IMES (PhD, Wheaton) is associate professor of Old Testament at Biola University. She is the author of *Bearing God's Name: Why Sinai Still Matters*, *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters*, and the editor of *Praying the Psalms with Augustine and Friends*.



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WHY I AM PROTESTANT

VIEW BOOK

What does it mean to be Protestant? How can its strengths shape faith in the modern world, and how should its challenges be addressed? With clarity, warmth, and theological depth, Beth Felker Jones explores these questions in [Why I Am Protestant](#). This book offers a positive, theologically grounded reflection on both the beauty and complexity of the Protestant tradition, inviting readers into a deeper understanding of the Protestant faith and its place within the broader Christian community.

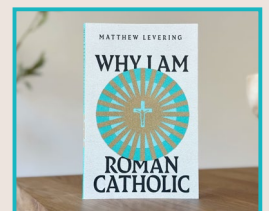


BETH FELKER JONES (PhD, Duke University) teaches theology at Northern Seminary and loves to write for the church and the academy. She lives in the Chicagoland area with her husband Brian, four kids, two dogs, and Dwight, her theology cat.

"This kind of book could easily be polemical—'I'm right, you're wrong, let's fight.' Thankfully, Beth Felker Jones takes the higher way of offering a thoughtful, personal, and gracious invitation to Protestantism. Summarizing Protestant thought and spirituality is extremely difficult, and Jones presents a winsome and compelling summary. Here is a key takeaway from the book: Jones identifies how Protestantism helps me to see Christ more clearly, love Christ more dearly, and follow Christ more nearly, day by day. I learned a lot—about myself—from this book."

—**NIJAY K. GUPTA**, professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary

[The Ecumenical Dialogue Series](#) seeks to foster ecumenical dialogue across theological differences. In each volume, contributors explore what it means to be Christian, what it means to identify with a specific tradition in Christianity (Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox), the challenges and benefits of their tradition, and how they can create dialogue and unity across historically tense divisions.

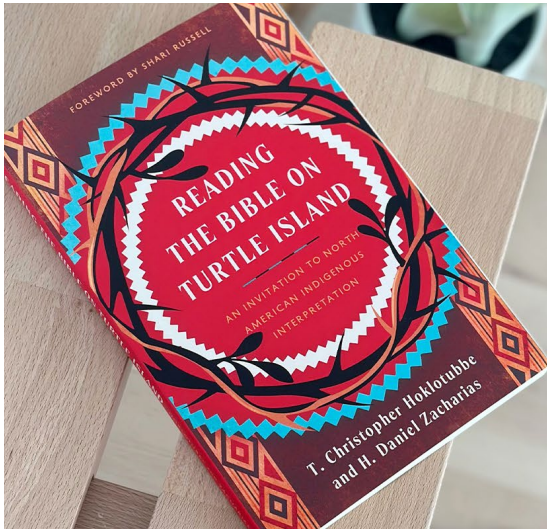


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READING THE BIBLE ON TURTLE ISLAND

An Invitation to North American Indigenous Interpretation

VIEW BOOK

JOIN THE DANCE OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

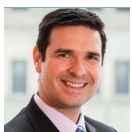
In [Reading the Bible on Turtle Island](#), Indigenous scholars Chris Hoklotubbe and Danny Zacharias explore what it means to read the Bible from the lens of Indigenous peoples in North America. Exploring the intersection of Scripture, Cultural Traditions, Hearts and Minds, and Creation, they affirm Creator's presence with Indigenous people since the beginning. By recovering these rich histories, this book offers a fresh reading of Scripture that celebrates the assets, blessings, and insights of Indigenous interpretation.

"This book was not written for me, but I was deeply moved by it. Born and raised in Oklahoma, I am a settler who grew up proximate to Indigenous peoples but remained in great need of the education T. Christopher Hoklotubbe and H. Daniel Zacharias provide here. Through honest history, insightful exegesis, and thought-provoking and transformative theology, Reading the Bible on Turtle Island drew forth both laughter and tears. I pray Indigenous readers are encouraged by it and settler-readers, like myself, are awakened by it. This book is a must-read for everyone."

—**AMY PEELER**, Kenneth T. Wessner Chair of Biblical Studies at Wheaton College and coeditor of *The New Testament in Color*



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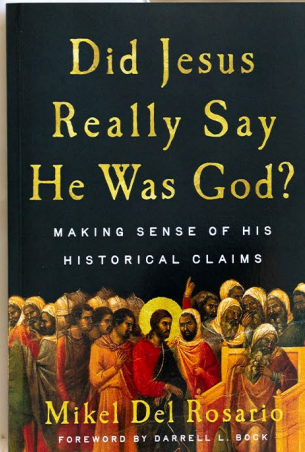


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DID JESUS REALLY SAY HE WAS GOD?

Making Sense of His Historical Claims

VIEW BOOK

HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF JESUS' DIVINE CLAIMS

Do you ever wonder if Jesus really claimed to be God? Maybe you've heard people say, "Jesus never said he was God," or you've been asked, "Why believe Jesus is divine if he never claimed it?" These challenges aren't just from non-Christians—they show up in church, too. Even if you're not coming from a place of skepticism, you might still question how well church teachings about Jesus match up with what he actually said. So, did the historical Jesus really claim to be divine?



MIKEL DEL ROSARIO (PhD, Dallas Theological Seminary) is professor of Bible and theology at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He has coauthored thirty-one journal articles on apologetics and cultural engagement in *Bibliotheca Sacra* with his mentor, Darrell L. Bock. A member of the Evangelical Theological Society, Del Rosario is host of *The Apologetics Guy Show*, a podcast on YouTube and the Christianity Today Network. He previously hosted Dallas Theological Seminary's cultural engagement podcast, *The Table*. He enjoys living with his wife in Chicago.

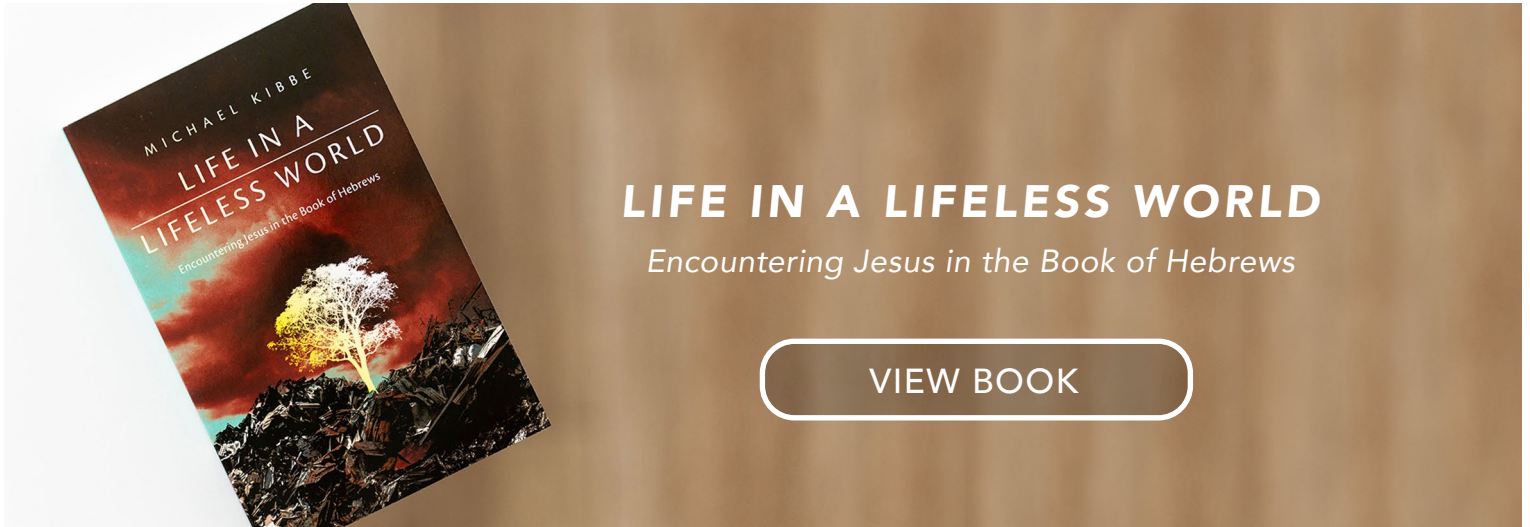
"Who is Jesus?" is a good question. But 'Who did Jesus say he was?' is even better. In this book, Mikel Del Rosario probes that very question with historical acumen and intellectual verve. He explores the biggest question of them all: Did the man Jesus of Nazareth claim to be a divine person? Not just a prophet, king, or a miracle-worker, but the personal expression of the God of Israel? Mikel gives an answer that is well-reasoned, convincing, and—some may even find—startling. An amazing exploration of a fascinating subject."

—**MICHAEL F. BIRD**, author of *The Ballot and the Bible*



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LIFE IN A LIFELESS WORLD

Encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews

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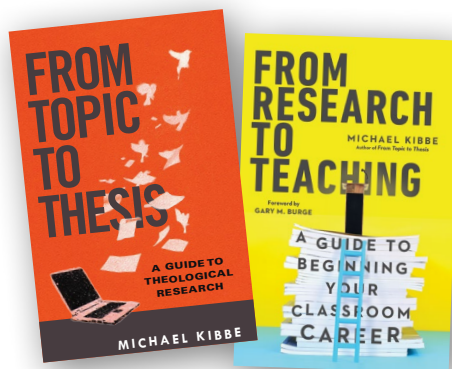
[*Life in a Lifeless World*](#) is a deep exploration of the book of Hebrews, perfect for pastors, teachers, scholars, and lay readers seeking a deeper understanding of this complex epistle. Many Christians feel overwhelmed by Hebrews' intricate allusions to the Old Testament and its cryptic imagery, unsure of how to extract practical applications from its teachings. In [*Life in a Lifeless World*](#), biblical scholar Michael Kibbe guides readers through these challenges with clarity and insight, bridging theological depth with meaningful, practical application.



MICHAEL KIBBE is associate professor of Bible and academic dean at Great Northern University in Spokane, WA. He received his PhD in New Testament from Wheaton College, and taught previously at Wheaton College and Moody Bible Institute. His other books include [*From Topic to Thesis*](#), [*From Research to Teaching*](#), and *Godly Fear or Ungodly Failure: Hebrews 12 and the Sinai Theophanies*. He and his wife, Annie, live in Spokane with their three children.

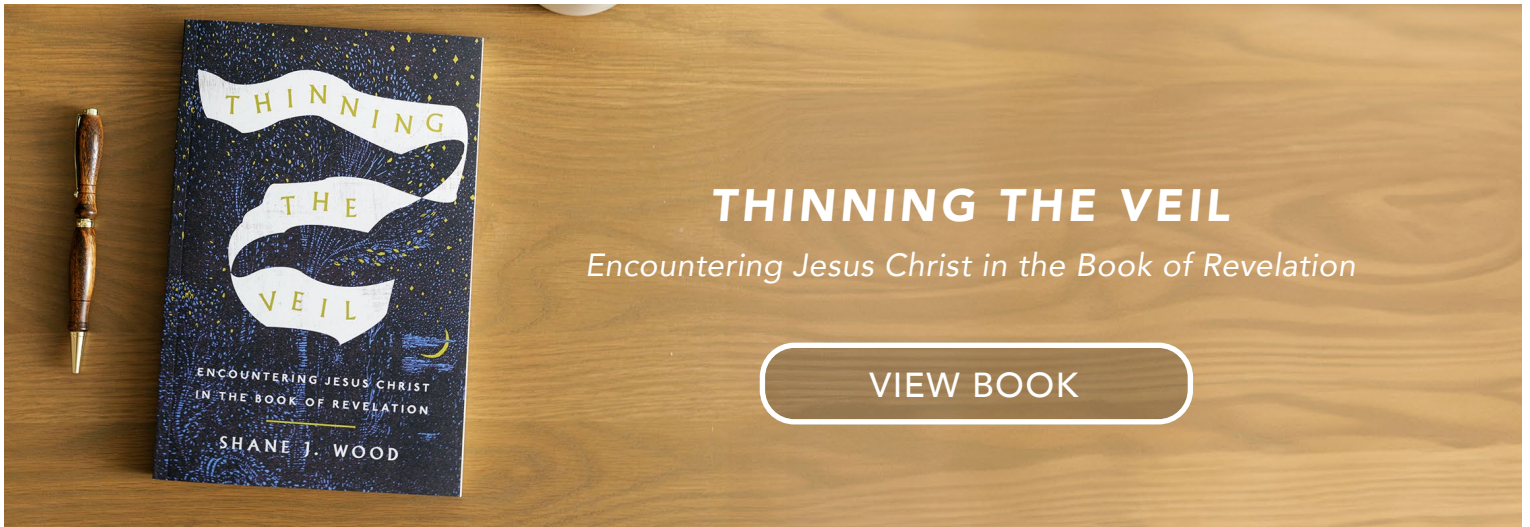
"In a world that often feels inhospitable to the life of faith, Michael Kibbe reminds us of the beauties of Jesus, who has passed through suffering into glory and who bids us to come and follow him. Discover afresh the wonders of the book of Hebrews and how Jesus' faithfulness is the fuel of our faithfulness and abundant life."

—**PHILIP MILLER**, senior pastor of The Moody Church



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THINNING THE VEIL

Encountering Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation

VIEW BOOK

ENCOUNTER THE HOPE OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The biblical book of Revelation—a text that, for many, remains shrouded in mystery and confusion. The cryptic symbols and visions of the end times often evoke anxiety among believers. Is it even possible to find hope and spiritual growth within its pages? *Thinning the Veil* is not just a book; it's a spiritual guide that combines biblical scholarship with personal reflection, making the study of Revelation accessible and enriching. You'll discover that the heart of Revelation lies in its opening words—"the revelation of Jesus Christ." It's a powerful and personal unveiling, designed to bridge the gap between heaven and earth, bringing God's presence into our lives in a very real and transforming way.



SHANE J. WOOD (PhD, University of Edinburgh) is professor of New Testament and Its Origins at Ozark Christian College. In addition to speaking at churches and conferences worldwide, Shane produces a variety of audio, video, and written resources available at shanejwood.com. He is the author of *Between Two Trees: Our Transformation from Death to Life* and *The Alter-Imperial Paradigm: Empire Studies and the Book of Revelation*. Shane and his wife, Sara, have four children and live in southwest Missouri.

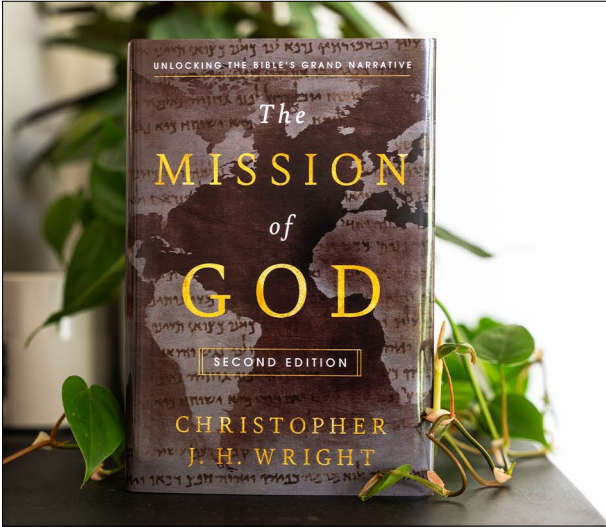
"Too often, focus on finding a 'road map' for the end times misses the truth that Revelation is about Jesus Christ! Shane Wood does a marvelous job unveiling Jesus in this challenging Bible book. His moving illustrations and strong applications draw the reader into the heart of Revelation and, indeed, into the very heart of God. Accompanying tools (including videos) present practical ways to enter Revelation's text in a transforming way. Well-researched and compellingly written, this book offers insights for those new to Revelation and those who already love its revelation of Jesus."

—**DANA M. HARRIS**, professor and chair of the New Testament department at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



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THE MISSION OF GOD

Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative

VIEW BOOK

Most Christians would agree that the Bible provides a basis for mission. But Christopher Wright boldly maintains that there is a missional basis for the Bible itself. The entire Bible is generated by and is all about God's mission. In order to understand the Scriptures, we need a missional hermeneutic, an interpretive perspective in sync with the beating heart of its great mission. In this revised edition of *The Mission of God*, Wright extends his classic discussion to consider the ways that the conversation on missional hermeneutics has developed since its original publication. With fully updated citations and additional chapters focused on gospel-centered holistic mission and on the issue of election and supersessionism, this new edition addresses the questions, criticisms, and insights that have emerged during the intervening two decades.



CHRISTOPHER J. H. WRIGHT (PhD, Cambridge) is international ministries director of the Langham Partnership, providing literature, scholarships, and preaching training for pastors in Majority World churches and seminaries. He has written many books including commentaries on Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Ezekiel; *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*; *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*; and the three volumes of *Knowing God Through the Old Testament*. An ordained priest in the Church of England, Chris spent five years teaching the Old Testament at Union Biblical Seminary in India and thirteen years as academic dean and then principal of All Nations Christian College, an international training center for crosscultural mission in England. He was chair of the Lausanne Theology Working Group from 2005 to 2011 and the chief architect of The Cape Town Commitment from the Third Lausanne Congress, 2010.

"With this second edition, one of the best works of biblical theology is even better thanks to new chapters on the future of Israel and evangelism. Christopher Wright holds before us a vision of a God with a holistic mission who creates a church that is to join in this all-encompassing mission. Excited for the new edition to reach a new generation of students who will deeply resonate with this biblical vision."

—**ANDREW T. ABERNETHY**, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and author of *Savoring Scripture*



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