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It's the defining reality of all existence, the central fact of human history, and the heart of the Christian faith: God became a man and lived among us. More than just part of the Christmas story, the doctrine of the incarnation radically affects our understanding of God, humanity, life, death, and salvation. In *The Incarnation of God*, theology professors John Clark and Marcus Johnson explore this foundational Christian confession, examining its implications for the church's knowledge and worship of God. Grounded in Scripture and informed by church history, this book will help Christians rediscover the inestimable significance of the truth that the Son of God became what we are without ceasing to be the eternal God—the greatest mystery of the universe. Human beings have always struggled to find their place in the universe and sought understanding and contact with the divine. In contrast to the many failures and dead-ends the historically rooted but timeless Christian message looks radically different. Precisely the reverse dynamic has created the way: In the Incarnation the divine has come to humanity, making a bridge through the life and redeeming death of Jesus. As the author shows, the multiple witnesses of the New Testament and generations of Christian writers have grasped this and expounded it in their different ways. The philosophers and the scientists down to the present day have sought and are seeking a Theory of Everything. In the light of the candle of understanding, it is there to be discovered by all in the Incarnation. Suddenly, Christmas, Easter, and much besides, make sense. A bright star. A lowly manger. Shepherds keeping watch over their flocks. Everyone knows at least something about the first Christmas. But there's more to the story than what can be contained on a greeting card. Investigating the social, cultural, and political background to the New Testament narratives, this prequel to *The Final Days of Jesus: The Most Important Week of the Most Important Person Who Ever Lived* explores the real meaning of Christ's birth in a fresh and compelling way. Perfect for those looking for something to read during Advent, this book combines scholarly insights with warm reflections in order to inform the mind and stir the soul. The NIV Application Commentary helps you communicate and apply biblical text effectively in today's context. To bring the ancient messages of the Bible into today's world, each passage is treated in three sections: Original Meaning. Concise exegesis to help readers understand the original meaning of the biblical text in its historical, literary, and cultural context. Bridging Contexts. A bridge between the world of the Bible and the world of today, built by discerning what is timeless in the timely pages of the Bible. Contemporary Significance. This section identifies comparable situations to those faced in the Bible and explores relevant application of the biblical messages. The author alerts the readers

of problems they may encounter when seeking to apply the passage and helps them think through the issues involved. This unique, award-winning commentary is the ideal resource for today's preachers, teachers, and serious students of the Bible, giving them the tools, ideas, and insights they need to communicate God's Word with the same powerful impact it had when it was first written. In an era when the cult of personality has overtaken the task of preaching, Charles W. Fuller offers an engaging query into the necessary boundaries between the person of the preacher and the message preached. By thoroughly evaluating Phillips Brooks's classic "truth through personality" definition of preaching, Fuller brings to light a substantial error that remains in contemporary homiletics: namely, the tenuous correlation between Christ's incarnation and Christian preaching. Ultimately, Fuller asserts a sound evangelical framework for preaching on revelational, ontological, rhetorical, and teleological grounds. Preachers who desire to construct pulpit practice upon a robust evangelical foundation will benefit from Fuller's contribution. This book is a powerful expression of Jesus Christ given in the midst of the brokenness and hostilities of this world, as experienced by those who are marginalized and persecuted in contemporary society. Drawing on broader sources in the Christian tradition, Farley maintains the power of Jesus of Nazareth as the expression of the Divine Eros in Wisdom, to break powers of sin, and provide a vision of life, which is an alternative Empire to present ways and where love reigns as norm. A new religion curriculum from the team that brought you *The Story of the World*. In this accessible and engaging book, Peter Enns (author of the controversial and best-selling *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*) provides parents and teachers with a straightforward and intelligent twelve-year plan for teaching the Bible. Written for lay readers but incorporating the best scholarly insights, *Telling God's Story* avoids sectarian agendas. Instead, Enns suggests beginning with the parables of the Gospels for the youngest students; continuing on with the more complex stories of the Old and New Testaments for middle grade students; and guiding high school students into an understanding of the history and culture of biblical times. The descent of Jesus Christ to the dead has been a fundamental tenet of the Christian faith, as indicated by its inclusion in both the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds. But it has also been the subject of suspicion and scrutiny, especially from evangelicals. Led by the mystery and wonder of Holy Saturday, Matthew Emerson offers an exploration of the biblical, historical, theological, and practical implications of the descent. Seeking an answer to Anselm's timeless question, "Why did God become man?" Graham Cole follows Old Testament themes of preparation, theophany and messianic hope through to the New Testament witness to the divinely foretold event. This *New Studies in Biblical Theology* volume concludes with a consideration of the theological and existential implications of the incarnation of God. God is infinite, but language finite; thus speech would seem to condemn Him to finitude. In speaking of God, would the theologian violate divine transcendence by reducing God to immanence, or choose, rather, to remain silent? At stake in this argument is a core problem of the conditions of divine revelation. How, in terms of language and the limitations of human understanding, can transcendence ever be made known? Does its very appearance not undermine its transcendence, its condition of unknowability? Speech and Theology posits that the paradigm for the encounter between the material and the divine, or the immanent and transcendent, is found in the Incarnation: God's voluntary self-immersion in the human world as an expression of His love for His creation. By this key act of grace, hinged upon Christ's condescension to human finitude, philosophy acquires the means not simply to speak of perfection, which is to speak theologically, but to bridge the gap between word and thing in general sense. When thinking about Christ's birth, we often focus our attention on Luke's detailed gospel account. But to appreciate the main point of the story—that the eternal Son of God assumed our flesh-and-blood human nature—we need to learn from the rest of the Bible why Christ came to earth. Why did Christ come? In this book, thirty-one thoughtful meditations answer this vital question, and the answers encourage us to celebrate Christ's birth more deeply, see more clearly how it is connected with the rest of His ministry, and recognize its importance for our lives. "Can anything new be said about Christ's incarnation? Actually, a lot of old things that we may have forgotten! Like a multifaceted diamond, the question 'Why did the eternal Son become man?' admits a variety of answers. Probing some of those with wisdom bathed in the Scriptures is what makes this devotional guide so rich. It will be part of our family's Advent devotions and, I hope, a source of blessing for many others." — Michael Horton, professor of theology at Westminster Seminary California and cohost of the White Horse Inn Most theologians believe

that in the human life of Jesus of Nazareth, we encounter God. Yet how the divine and human come together in the life of Jesus still remains a question needing exploring. The Council of Chalcedon sought to answer the question by speaking of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in divinity and also perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly a human being. But ever since Chalcedon, the theological conversation on Christology has implicitly put Christ's divinity and humanity in competition. While ancient (and not-so-ancient) Christologies from above focus on Christ's divinity at the expense of his humanity, modern Christologies from below subsume his divinity into his humanity. What is needed, says Ian A. McFarland, is a Chalcedonianism without reserve, which not only affirms the humanity and divinity of Christ but also treats them as equal in theological significance. To do so, he draws on the ancient christological language that points to Christ's nature, on the one hand, and his hypostasis, or personhood, on the other. And with this, McFarland begins one of the most creative and groundbreaking theological explorations into the mystery of the incarnation undertaken in recent memory.

Five Views on Biblical Inerrancy, new in Zondervan's popular Counterpoints series, features the spectrum of evangelical positions on inerrancy---a timely and often contentious topic. Facilitating understanding of these perspectives, particularly where and why they diverge, the contributors to Five Views on Biblical Inerrancy encourage sensitivity as the basis for future evangelical considerations on this topic." Highlights several Old Testament phenomena that challenge traditional evangelical perspectives on Scripture and suggests a way forward. The controversial evangelical Bible scholar and author of *The Bible Tells Me So* explains how Christians mistake "certainty" and "correct belief" for faith when what God really desires is trust and intimacy. With compelling and often humorous stories from his own life, Bible scholar Peter Enns offers a fresh look at how Christian life truly works, answering questions that cannot be addressed by the idealized traditional doctrine of "once for all delivered to the saints." Enns offers a model of vibrant faith that views skepticism not as a loss of belief, but as an opportunity to deepen religious conviction with courage and confidence. This is not just an intellectual conviction, he contends, but a more profound kind of knowing that only true faith can provide. Combining Enns' reflections of his own spiritual journey with an examination of Scripture, *The Sin of Certainty* models an acceptance of mystery and paradox that all believers can follow and why God prefers this path because it is only this way by which we can become mature disciples who truly trust God. It gives Christians who have known only the demand for certainty permission to view faith on their own flawed, uncertain, yet heartfelt, terms. The Leader Guide provides process guidance for weekly group sessions. The Leader Guide understands the role of leader as facilitator of small-group sessions. Procedures for guiding sessions include: directions for using related video segments, and questions for discussion. This study takes groups into the rich tapestry of Genesis exploring the interaction between God and very human people - pride, family relationships, conflict and journey all showcase the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah and Joseph. The video reflects the drama of the Genesis stories, first with selected text dramatized by an actor, and then study writer, Peter Enns interviews a scholar to help unpack the meaning and the mystery in the stories. Participants for this Invitation to Genesis do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of Genesis a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples. This eleven-week study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations, a leader guide suggesting discussion activities for use in the 60-90-minute weekly meeting, and a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts. Sessions: *The Beginning...and What Went Wrong* Another Beginning: *The Flood...and What Went Wrong* Another Beginning: *Abraham and the Patriarchs* *Abraham and a Glimpse to the Future* *The Promise Fulfilled: Isaac* Another Beginning: *Jacob and the Uneasy Birth of a People* *Jacob: The Struggle Continues* Another New Beginning: *Joseph and the Family of Israel* *The Trek Into Egypt* *An End and Another Beginning: Israel's Story* *The Oxford Movement* was the beginning of a re-formation of Anglican theology, ministries, congregational and religious life revivals, and ritualism, with its theological basis a retrieval of the patristic and medieval eras, reconstructed around a deep christological incarnationism. Does it merit its description by Eamon Duffy as the single most significant force in the formation of modern Anglicanism? In *Grace and Incarnation*, Bruce D. Griffith and Jason R. Radcliff explore this theological richness with unparalleled clarity. They interrogate the potential link between Robert Isaac Wilberforce

and Charles Gore and the Liberal Catholics, and examine the interrelation between Tractarian theology and the rise of what was to become 'modernism', with its new canons of authentication. In doing so, they not only offer a mirror to the past, but shed new light on what Anglicanism today. Vincent Bacote, Laura C. Miguélez and Dennis L. Okholm present twelve essays that explore in depth the meaning of an evangelical doctrine of Scripture that takes seriously both the human and divine dimensions of the Bible. In this thought-provoking book, born-again Christian Denis O. Lamoureux argues that the God of the Bible created the universe and life through evolution--an ordained, sustained, and design-reflecting natural process. In other words, evolution is not the result of blind chance and our creation is not a mistake. Lamoureux challenges the popular assumption that God disclosed scientific facts in the opening chapters of Scripture thousands of years before their discovery by modern science. He contends that in the same way the Lord meets us wherever we happen to be in our lives, the Holy Spirit came down to the level of the inspired biblical writers and used their ancient understanding of origins in order to reveal inerrant, life-changing Messages of Faith. Lamoureux also shares his personal story and struggle in coming to terms with evolution and Christianity. "Having travelled a path from atheist to young earth creationist to evolutionary creationist, Denis Lamoureux has thought deeply about the intersection of the truths in the Book of Nature and the Book of the Bible. In this remarkable and courageous analysis, he describes how he has found compelling harmony between these worldviews. Though certain literal interpretations of Genesis are rendered untenable, open-minded believers will emerge with their faith refined in the fire of rigorous but loving intellectual argument." --Francis Collins, former Director of the Human Genome Project, author of *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* "Although there are many fine books that treat the compatibility of 'faith and science' in general, Lamoureux is alone in treating with candor, sophistication, and pastoral sensitivity the interpretive issues that face any Christian reader of Scripture. Lamoureux understands that the heart of the issue is not faith and science, but (1) how one can interpret Genesis as both 'ancient science' and as God's Word, and (2) how Paul reflects this ancient science in his use of Genesis. This book yields much needed clarity and progress in a topic that continues to vex and intrigue evangelical readers, even after generations of dis-ease and awkward silences. It is a book whose time has come." --Peter Enns, author of *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament* "In this new book, Denis Lamoureux helps us understand how Christians can take the Word of God in Scripture and the Word of God in creation seriously at the same time. Perhaps we are at last coming to a time when even very conservative evangelicals will be able to marvel at the long and beautiful process that God used to create our world." --Kenton Sparks, author of *God's Word in Human Words: An Evangelical Appropriation of Critical Biblical Scholarship* Denis O. Lamoureux is Associate Professor of Science and Religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta. He holds three doctoral degrees--dentistry, theology, and biology--and has written two books: *Darwinism Defeated? The Johnson-Lamoureux Debate on Biological Origins* (co-authored with Philip E. Johnson, 1999) and *Evolutionary Creation: A Christian Approach to Evolution* (Wipf & Stock, 2008). Many introductions to biblical studies describe critical approaches, but they do not discuss the theological implications. This timely resource discusses the relationship between historical criticism and Christian theology to encourage evangelical engagement with historical-critical scholarship. Charting a middle course between wholesale rejection and unreflective embrace, the book introduces evangelicals to a way of understanding and using historical-critical scholarship that doesn't compromise Christian orthodoxy. The book covers eight of the most hotly contested areas of debate in biblical studies, helping readers work out how to square historical criticism with their beliefs. This companion volume to T. F. Torrance's *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* presents the material on the work of Christ, centered in the atonement, given originally in his lectures delivered to his students in *Christian Dogmatics on Christology* at New College, Edinburgh, from 1952-1978. With his feet planted firmly in the evangelical tradition, Tim Perry began to think that there must be more to Mary than generally meets the evangelical eye. Should we maintain that two thousand years of Christian thought on Mary is almost wholly wrong? How could the mother of our Lord, simply by virtue of the fact that she was God's chosen means of the incarnation, not deserve more serious theological reflection? And where might this lead? Beginning with Scripture, Perry probes the texts and traces the lengthy development of Christian thinking and practice related to Mary. Finally he concludes with a constructive and even

surprising theological proposal for an evangelical Mariology that is rooted in, and demanded by, a high Christology. This book addresses the increasing evangelical interest in Mary and contributes to the current discussion of Mariology in evangelical-Roman Catholic dialogue. Sure to be discussed and debated, this is a book that will leave readers in a different place from where they began. Market/Audience Students and professors of theology Pastors Catholic readers Endorsements "From the fathers to the feminists, Tim Perry surveys the history of Marian traditions and comes to some conclusions that are bound to prod and provoke. . . . This is an important study that deserves serious consideration." Timothy George, dean, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, and executive editor, Christianity Today Features and Benefits Examines what we know of Mary from the New Testament. Explores the development of Mariology in the patristic period. Surveys Mariology in medieval and Reformation periods and on into the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Offers a constructive theological proposal for an evangelical understanding of Mary, rooted in Christology. A deeply moving narrative that unfolds the conversion to Catholicism of two Protestant Evangelical Christians The controversial Bible scholar and author of *The Evolution of Adam* recounts his transformative spiritual journey in which he discovered a new, more honest way to love and appreciate God's Word. Trained as an evangelical Bible scholar, Peter Enns loved the Scriptures and shared his devotion, teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary. But the further he studied the Bible, the more he found himself confronted by questions that could neither be answered within the rigid framework of his religious instruction or accepted among the conservative evangelical community. Rejecting the increasingly complicated intellectual games used by conservative Christians to "protect" the Bible, Enns was conflicted. Is this what God really requires? How could God's plan for divine inspiration mean ignoring what is really written in the Bible? These questions eventually cost Enns his job—but they also opened a new spiritual path for him to follow. *The Bible Tells Me So* chronicles Enns's spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written. As he explores questions progressive evangelical readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual study. 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An open and honest conversation on these is a necessity as Christians all over the world meet with Muslims on a daily basis. Building on the volume on the Cross, published in 2009, this book contains voices of Christians living in various 'Islamic contexts' and reflecting on the Incarnation of Jesus. The aim of these reflections is constructive and the hope is that the papers weaved around the notion of 'the Word' will not only promote dialogue among Christians on the roles of the Person and the Book but, also, create a positive environment for their conversations with Muslim neighbors. In *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind* (1994) Mark Noll offered a forthrightly critical assessment of the state of evangelical thinking and scholarship. In this sequel more attuned to possibilities than problems, Noll updates his earlier assessment and charts a positive way forward for evangelical scholarship. Noll's Jesus Christ and the Life of the Evangelicals are often accused of having a weak or inadequate view of the Incarnation and its

implications for salvation, mission and other religions. Where responses to the accusations have been made, the results have been far from satisfying. Little has been written or said by evangelicals on such matters of concern. The Word Became Flesh brings together a number of prominent evangelicals to provide thorough biblical, philosophical and theological reflections on Evangelicals and the Incarnation. These papers respond not only to particular charges of neglect but also critique the incarnational theology of those who have made such charges. Particular emphasis is given to the link between the incarnation and the cross, what it means for humanity and for the Christian and church life today. • Provides wholistic biblical reflections on the Incarnation with reference to Salvation, mission, the Christian life, Scripture and the Lord's Supper. • Contains an extensive critique of liberal theological assessments of the Incarnation and its meaning. • Interacts with orthodox protestant views, including those of John Stott on mission. • One of the few books written on this subject-area. • With contributions from Michael Ovey, Chris Green, Carl Trueman, David Peterson and Timothy Ward. We Were Lost. Now We're Found...in Him. Everyone has experienced isolation and alienation. We lost more than a nice home when we were banished from Eden. We lost relationship with God and with each other. But then God did the unthinkable. The Son of God became the Man Christ Jesus: one of us that we might be united to him. In Found in Him, Elyse Fitzpatrick explores the wonder of the incarnation and the glory of our union with Christ, offering us a sure path to ultimate acceptance and true belonging through the power of the gospel. Jesus defies simplistic, effortless, undemanding explications. To be sure, Jesus often communicated his truth in simple, homely, direct ways, but his truth was anything but apparent and undemanding in the living. Common people heard Jesus gladly, not all, but enough to keep the government nervous, only to find that the simple truth Jesus taught, the life he lived, and the death he died complicated their settled and secure ideas about reality. The gospels are full of folk who confidently knew what was what--until they met Jesus. Jesus provoked an intellectual crisis in just about everybody. Their response was not, "Wow, I've just seen the Son of God," but rather, "Who is this?"--from the Introduction The church uses the concept of "Incarnation," (from the Latin word for "in the flesh") to help us understand that Jesus Christ is both divine and human. The Incarnation is the grand crescendo of our reflection upon the mystery that Christ is the full revelation of God; not only one who talks about God but the one who speaks for and acts as God, one who is God. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says Jesus. Yet the kingdom of heaven consists of all tribes, races, and peoples. How do people of tribes who've never heard the word of Christ enter the kingdom of God? A strictly exclusivist account of the gospel seems to keep many people out of the kingdom of heaven. An inclusivist approach is more consonant with Scripture and the love of God. Yet standard models of inclusivism are problematic. In this book McLeod-Harrison--a Christian philosopher--considers what's wrong with both narrow exclusivist and narrow inclusivist accounts of the gospel and proposes a broad inclusivism called "expansivism." An expansive account of the gospel helps us understand the uniqueness and the openness of the gospel together. Narrow exclusivism can lead to existential crises. Narrow inclusivism appears to make not preaching the gospel better for those who've never heard it. Expansivism makes human access to the gospel unique to the individual person and enables Christian theologians to provide lots of different, potentially conflicting and yet true accounts of the theological underpinnings of the salvation provided by Christ. This first of two volumes comprises Thomas F. Torrance's lectures delivered to students in Christian Dogmatics on Christology at New College, Edinburgh, from 1952 to 1978. In eight chapters these expertly edited lectures focus on the meaning and significance of the incarnation and the person of Christ. Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective features six highly respected scholars from schools such as Erskine Theological Seminary, Talbot School of Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. These scholars address an issue that has a significant impact on the way Christians should approach everyday evangelism but is often ignored: the fundamental fact that the Savior who died on the cross and rose from the dead is the eternal second person of the Trinity. The Christian church has confessed this truth since the early centuries, but many modern theologies have denied or ignored its implications. To clarify the complex issue, these writers approach "post-Chalcedonian" (451 AD) Christology from a variety of disciplines—historical, philosophical, systematic, and practical—thoroughly examining the importance of keeping Jesus Christ in trinitarian perspective. Major chapters include: "Introduction to Christology: Chalcedonian Categories for the Gospel Narrative," "The Eternal Son of God in the Social Trinity," "The

One Person who is Jesus Christ: The Patristic Perspective,” “Metaphysical Models of the Incarnation: Person, Nature, Mind, and Will,” “The Atonement: A Work of the Trinity,” and “Jesus’ Example: Prototype of the Dependent, Spirit-Filled Life.” This introductory Christology book is written for advanced undergraduates and entry-level seminary students. Endorsements: Timothy George (Th.D., Harvard), founding Dean and Professor of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, executive editor of Christianity Today, and author of *Theology of the Reformers* “The doctrine of the Trinity, as expressed in the classic creeds of the early church, was the necessary theological expression of two non-negotiable biblical affirmations—the Old Testament declaration, “God is One” and the New Testament confession, “Jesus is Lord.”~ This superb collection of essays by evangelical scholars unpacks this great truth by giving the lie to the false dichotomy between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith.~ A great primer in historical theology!” Don Thorsen (Ph.D., Drew), Professor of Theology, Haggard Graduate School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, author of *An Invitation to Theology: Exploring the Full Christian Tradition* “The study of Jesus Christ is obviously important to all Christians. However, it is not obvious that he must be understood in light of the trinity. We must reflect upon Jesus’ life and ministry in relationship to God, the Father, if we are rightly to appreciate and apply what scripture says about him. Likewise, we need to consider the person and work of the Holy Spirit throughout Jesus’ life. Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective helps Christians to understand and appreciate the importance of the trinity in considering Jesus--the life he lived, the salvation he provided, and the role model for how we should live and minister. The book provides clear-cut axioms for investigating the dynamics and significance of Jesus’ relationship to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Christians will benefit greatly from the variety of ways Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective explores who Jesus is, especially in light of who he is in relationship to God the Father and the Holy Spirit.” Darrell Bock, (Ph.D., Aberdeen) Research Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary, author of *Jesus According to Scripture*, *Studying the Historical Jesus*, and commentaries on Luke (2 vols) and Acts “For a careful look at how Jesus has been understood theologically in the church, *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective* is a solid walk through what is often dense terrain. There is much to ponder here. I am pleased to recommend it.” J.P. Moreland, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Biola University, author of *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview* and *Kingdom Triangle* “In recent years, intense research has been directed at christological and trinitarian themes with exciting and insightful results. *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective* is on the cutting edge of this research because it is the only volume to approach these themes in a multi-disciplinary perspective. Faithful to scripture and Chalcedon yet creative and fresh, Sanders and Issler have given the church a theologically rich and devotionally practical guide to the person and work of Christ. Pastors and informed laypeople will profit greatly from this book. Moreover, it would be my first choice as a text in Christology.” *Can Christianity and evolution coexist?* Traditional Christian teaching presents Jesus as reversing the effects of the Fall of Adam. However, an evolutionary view of beginnings doesn't allow for a historical Adam, making evolution seemingly incompatible with what Genesis and the apostle Paul say about him. For Christians who accept evolution and want to take the Bible seriously, this presents a faith-shaking tension. Peter Enns, an expert in biblical interpretation, offers a way forward by explaining how this tension is caused not by the discoveries of science but by false expectations about the biblical texts. Focusing on key biblical passages in the discussion, Enns demonstrates that the author of Genesis and the apostle Paul wrote to ask and answer ancient questions for ancient people; the fact that they both speak of Adam does not determine whether Christians can accept evolution. This thought-provoking book helps readers reconcile the teachings of the Bible with the widely held evolutionary view of beginnings and will appeal to anyone interested in the Christianity-evolution debate. *Christmas: A Festival of Incarnation* is a lively, engaging introduction to the history of Christmas: where it comes from, what meanings it holds, and why it is our most treasured celebration. From the origins of Christmas in the sacred texts - of early Christianity to the figure of Santa Claus to the commercial spree of today, Donald Heinz's work is a marvelous pilgrimage through lived religion as it appears in folkways, music, literature, and art and includes a gallery of images, each capturing the spirit and significance of the nativity story. Provocative and persuasive, this insightful book shows how our "festival of incarnation" invites "wide-angled amazement" at the rich popular and theological meanings that this celebration holds. "Heinz offers a splendid overview on Christmas, blending history, theology,

festival culture, and lived religious experiences. Readers will learn from it, perhaps be inspired by it. Recommended reading for both the faithful and those caught up in the spirit of the season but not quite sure why or how." -Wade Clark Roof J.F. Rowley Professor of Religion University of California at Santa Barbara In an era when the cult of personality has overtaken the task of preaching, Charles W. Fuller offers an engaging query into the necessary boundaries between the person of the preacher and the message preached. By thoroughly evaluating Phillips Brooks's classic "truth through personality" definition of preaching, Fuller brings to light a substantial error that remains in contemporary homiletics: namely, the tenuous correlation between Christ's incarnation and Christian preaching. Ultimately, Fuller asserts a sound evangelical framework for preaching on revelational, ontological, rhetorical, and teleological grounds. Preachers who desire to construct pulpit practice upon a robust evangelical foundation will benefit from Fuller's contribution. Revelation is probably the most read, but least understood book of the Bible. History is replete with examples of how not to interpret it, and books featuring end-of-world prophecy claims based on Revelation consistently top the bestseller lists. But how can the message of such an enigmatic book be applied to our lives today? In *Discipleship on the Edge*, Darrell W. Johnson drives home the challenging and practical message of Revelation in thirty carefully crafted sermons. Paying careful attention to the original context of Revelation and the circumstances surrounding its composition, Johnson shows that the book is not a "crystal ball" but rather a "discipleship manual." Thoroughly researched and yet accessible, this collection of sermons is a helpful resource for pastors and small group leaders who are looking for models to help them preach and teach the message of Revelation in a time when there is much confusion about the end times. Darrell W. Johnson serves as Scholar-in-Residence at The Way Church and Canadian Church Leaders Network in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. A popular conference and retreat speaker, he has also served as the preaching pastor for a number of congregations in North America and the Philippines, as well as serving as Adjunct Professor of Preaching for the Doctor of Ministry program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and a Teaching Fellow at Regent College. His other books include *Experiencing the Trinity* and *Fifty-Seven Words That Change The World*.

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