The Jesus We Missed: The Surprising Truth About the Humanity of Christ

In his latest work, Pastor Patrick Reardon, noted theologian and scholar, writes about the humanity of Christ in: The Jesus We Missed: The Surprising Truth About the Humanity of Christ.

I read this book during Lent and found new insights on the humanity of Christ. In my own experience, I have had a hard time finding books that adequately address the humanity of Christ. Reardon does an excellent job of exploring Jesus as a human being without taking away or downplaying His deity and atoning work.

The author has 12 chapters devoted to every aspect of Jesus' humanity. One of my favorite chapters is entitled "Jesus and the Women." A number of women followed Jesus in his earthly ministry and some supported him monetarily. Pastor Rearden draws out clearly how Jesus related to these women; he called them by name and loved them, setting an example for how women should be treated. This was revolutionary, for at the time women were less than second-class citizens in that culture. Yet Jesus elevates them by loving and blessing them.

Another favorite chapter is "Jesus At Prayer." Reardon writes: "...Jesus' prayer (life) reveals more about him as a human being than anything else he did."

Finally, one of the last chapters is "The Bridegroom Is Taken Away." There are many references to Christ praying the psalms in this chapter. Since I am currently "praying the psalms" this chapter motivated me to continue.

As you read this book, I pray that you'll be driven to see things you may have missed about our Lord's humanity and your own humanity. I also pray that you will be reminded that Jesus took on every aspect of our flesh and blood in order to redeem us from the power of the devil (Hebrews 2:14-15).

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