

Reading free Lord Jesus Christ Devotion to in Earliest Christianity Larry W Hurtado [PDF]

This outstanding book provides an in-depth historical study of the place of Jesus in the religious life, beliefs, and worship of Christians from the beginnings of the Christian movement down to the late second century. Lord Jesus Christ is a monumental work on earliest Christian devotion to Jesus, sure to replace Wilhelm Bousset's *Kyrios Christos* (1913) as the standard work on the subject. Larry Hurtado, widely respected for his previous contributions to the study of the New Testament and Christian origins, offers the best view to date of how the first Christians saw and revered Jesus as divine. In assembling this compelling picture, Hurtado draws on a wide body of ancient sources from Scripture and the writings of such figures as Ignatius of Antioch and Justin to apocryphal texts such as the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of Truth. Hurtado considers such themes as early beliefs about Jesus' divine status and significance, but he also explores telling devotional practices of the time, including prayer and worship, the use of Jesus' name in exorcism, baptism, and healing rituals, invocation of Jesus as Lord, martyrdom, and lesser-known phenomena such as prayer postures and the curious scribal practice known today as the *nomina sacra*. The revealing portrait that emerges from Hurtado's comprehensive study yields definitive answers to questions like these: How important was this formative period to later Christian tradition? When did the divinization of Jesus first occur? Was early Christianity influenced by neighboring religions? How did the idea of Jesus' divinity change old views of God, and why? Did the powerful dynamics of early beliefs and practices encourage people to make the costly move of becoming a Christian? Boasting an unprecedented breadth and depth of coverage, the book speaks authoritatively on everything from early Christian history to themes in biblical studies to New Testament Christology. Hurtado's *Lord Jesus Christ* is at once significant enough that a wide range of scholars will want to read it and accessible enough that general readers interested at all in Christian origins will also profit greatly from it. In three fascinating probes of early Christianity—examining baptism, speaking in tongues, and meals in common—Johnson illustrates how a more wholistic approach opens up the world of healings and religious power of ecstasy and *spire*. In short, the religious experience of real persons in early Christian texts he finds reflect lives caught up in and defined by a power not in their control but engendered instead by the crucified and raised Messiah Jesus. Hengel here marshals a vast body of learning to illuminate brilliantly a few specific questions about the New Testament for anyone who has read much in contemporary European New Testament scholarship. This wise little book will come as a tonic and for the beginning adult student of the New Testament, the book will serve as an excellent introduction to the question of historicity in early Christian writings. Review for Religious: The book is extremely well written and gives evidence of an astonishing command of ancient literature. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. These studies cover a variety of topics: beliefs and expectations of first-century Jews, the earliest Gospel, Stephen,

the beginning of the gospel christ died for our sins the jerusalem council speaking in tongues comparing the gospels this focused look at women in the household context discusses the importance of issues of space and visibility in shaping the lives of early christian women several aspects of women s everyday existence are investigated including the lives of wives widows women with children female slaves women as patrons household leaders and teachers in addition several key themes emerge hospitality dining practices and the extent of female segregation top scholars of early christianity and judaism consider methodological issues earliest christianity s judaic setting gospel studies and the emergence of later christianity these essays honor bruce chilton recognizing his seminal contribution to the study of earliest christianity in its judaic setting this volume brings together two important historical studies by professor hengel acts and the history of earliest christianity and property and riches in the early church together they give a vivid and clearly written picture of life and values in the first days of christianity remarkably easy reading and well within the reach of those who are shy of works of scholarship expository times martin hengel was professor of new testament and early judaism in the university of tbingen contributors frederick d aquino allen black mark c black barry l blackburn randall d chesnutt jeffrey w childers larry chouinard everett ferguson thomas c greer jr jan faver hailey stanley n helton a brian mclemore marcia d moore kenneth v neller l curt niccum carroll d osburn j paul pollard kathy j pulley gregory e sterling james w thompson james walters john willis what is a woman s role in the church can a woman have a place in the church is a woman to sit quietly while the lord s work is being performed by the men these works by carroll osburn and others are some of the best written well researched essays on women in the bible and the early church you will find anywhere essays include women from the old and new testament as well as women in the early stages of the development of the current church as we know it see what role these early women played in the progress of god s inspired institution this thorough lucid solidly researched book the first of two volumes charts the history of global christianity through the advice of many scholars of christian origins the selections here include texts that show students how christianity developed and was lived in asia africa and the mediterranean these texts show christian life beyond the confines of byzantine and western christendom as christians enter the mongol and chinese courts struggle to cope with islam and continue to live in places such as ethiopia and egypt designed for the classroom readings in world christian history highlights the variety of christianities that grew out of the palestinian jesus movement of the first century this book argues that mark s gospel was not written as late as c 65 75 ce but dates from sometime between the late 30s and early 40s ce it challenges the use of the external evidence such as irenaeus and clement of alexandria often used for dating mark relying instead on internal evidence from the gospel itself james crossley also questions the view that mark 13 reflects the jewish war arguing that there are other plausible historical settings crossley argues that mark s gospel takes for granted that jesus fully observed biblical law and that mark could only make such an assumption at a time when christianity was largely law observant and this could not have been later than the mid 40s from which point on certain jewish and gentile christians were no longer observing some biblical laws e g food sabbath history of the world christian movement shows that from the beginning christianity has been a

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complex ways in which early christian ideas and practices relate to modern ideas and practices and vice versa in this light the book covers seven major areas of poverty and its causes benefaction patronage donation wealth and dehumanization the undeserving poor and responsibility each area features an expert in early christianity in its jewish and graeco roman settings paired with an expert in modern strategies for addressing poverty and benefaction each author engages with the same topic from their respective area of expertise and responds to their partner s essay giving careful attention to both the continuities and discontinuities between the ancient world and today the contributors seek to inform and engage church leaders those working in ngos concerned with poverty and all interested in these crucial issues both christian and not tension between unity and diversity plagues any attempt to recount the development of earliest christianity explanations run the gamut from asserting the presence of a fully formed and accepted unity at the beginning of christianity to the hypothesis that understands orthodox unity as a later imposition upon christianity by rome in christian theology and its institutions in the early roman empire christoph markschies seeks to unravel the complex problem of unity and diversity by carefully examining the institutional settings for the development of christian theology specifically markschies contends that theological diversity is closely bound up with institutional diversity markschies clears the ground by tracing how previous studies fail to appreciate the critical role that diverse christian institutions played in creating and establishing the very theological ideas that later came to define them he next examines three distinct forms of institutional life the christian institutions of higher learning prophecy and worship and their respective contributions to christianity s development markschies then focuses his attention on the development of the new testament canon demonstrating how different institutions developed their own respective canons while challenging views that assign a decisive role to athanasius marcion or the gnostics markschies concludes by arguing that the complementary model of the identity and plurality of early christianity is better equipped to address the question of unity and diversity than walter bauer s cultural protestant model of orthodoxy and heresy or the jesuit model of the inculturation of christianity provided by publisher this study challenges the adequacy of the reconstruction of primitive christianity advanced by walter bauer in orthodoxy and heresy in earliest christianity the theory that so called heretical movements were early widespread and strong the author does this by citing the lack of data extensive enough to warrant such conclusions

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A History of the First Christians 2015-03-24 death in second-century Christian thought explores how the meaning of death was conceptualized in this crucial period of the history of the Church through an exploration of some key metaphors and other figures of speech that the early Church used to talk about this interesting but difficult topic the author argues that the early Church selected modified and utilized existing views on the subject of death in order to offer a distinctively Christian view of death based on what they believed the Word of God taught on the subject particularly in light of the ongoing story of Jesus following his death his burial and resurrection in short the book shows how Christians interacted with the views of death in late antiquity coming up with their own distinctive view of death

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How on Earth Did Jesus Become a God? 1989 more happened in the period between jesus and paul professor hengel argues than in the whole of the next seven centuries up to the time when the doctrine of the early church was completed certainly these decades are crucial to our understanding of the development of earliest christianity however they are very much a tunnel period and there is little to shed light on it this volume does something to pierce the darkness among other issues it considers the origins of the christian mission the role of the hellenists the

reliability of luke as a geographer when he is dealing with events in palestine in the acts of the apostles and the development of christological belief particularly in christian worship those familiar with professor hengel s work will know that they will find here a wealth of valuable insight based on painstaking examination of all available sources

Early Christianity According to the Traditions in Acts 1993 according to the commonly held view early christianity was a time of great harmony and heresy emerged only at a later stage to the contrary gerd ludemann argues that the time from the first christian communities to the end of the second century was defined by struggle by various groups for doctrinal authority drawing on a wealth of data he asserts that the losers in this struggle actually represented christianity in its more authentic original form orthodoxy has been defined by the victors in this struggle and it is they who subsequently silenced alternative views and labeled them heretical ludemann s findings are important as well as liberating for the understanding of both christianity and the bible readers will gain a new understanding of jesus and the early church from this compelling and controversial book

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ideas that later came to define them he next examines three distinct forms of institutional life the christian institutions of higher learning prophecy and worship and their respective contributions to christianity s development markschies then focuses his attention on the development of the new testament canon demonstrating how different institutions developed their own respective canons while challenging views that assign a decisive role to athanasius marcion or the gnostics markschies concludes by arguing that the complementary model of the identity and plurality of early christianity is better equipped to address the question of unity and diversity than walter bauer s cultural protestant model of orthodoxy and heresy or the jesuit model of the inculturation of christianity provided by publisher

Between Jesus and Paul 1996-01-01 this study challenges the adequacy of the reconstruction of primitive christianity advanced by walter bauer in orthodoxy and heresy in earliest christianity the theory that so called heretical movements were early widespread and strong the author does this by citing the lack of data extensive enough to warrant such conclusions

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