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Divorce. Broken families. Sexual abuse. Addiction. Pornography. Same-sex "marriage." Gender issues. Everywhere we look, we find more and more confusion about the most fundamental truths of human life. As we lose our basic understanding of the meanings of man, woman, marriage, and sex, the question becomes ever more urgent: What does it mean to be a human being? Against this backdrop, St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body appears as a bright light in the darkness. His writings go straight to the heart of what it means to be hilly human—but they are often difficult for most of us to grasp easily. That's where Christopher West comes in. He covers the main points of this revolutionary teaching in a way that you can understand. You'll see desire—physical, emotional, and spiritual—in a whole new light! The first edition of this book was released in 2004 and instantly became an international best seller. In this updated, revised, and expanded edition, you'll have access to new insights gleaned from West's ongoing study on the subject, as well as wisdom from Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. You'll also discover brand-new insights on how to respond with clarity and compassion to the gender chaos so prevalent in our world today. Book jacket.

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes
Who was the apostle Paul? That question has provided grist for the scholarly mill for millennia. This fifth volume of the Jesus Seminar Guides opens with summaries of the traditional understanding of Paul that examine its inconsistencies and contradictions and reveal its bankruptcy. The authors then move beyond that traditional framework provided by Augustine and Luther to more
radical approaches as they struggle with questions such as: who was the historical Paul, how is Paul's message related to Jesus', what problem was Paul trying to solve, and what was his concept of God?

Rediscovering Jesus For some of us, the apostle Paul is intimidating, prickly, and unpredictable. But maybe it's time to get to know Paul on his own terms. Drawing on the best of contemporary scholarship, and with language shaped by conversations with today's students, this second edition of Rediscovering Paul gives fresh consideration to Paul's conversion, call, and his ongoing impact on church and culture.

Too Deep for Words If there is "nothing new under the sun," perhaps the main task now facing the Western church is not to reinvent or be relevant, but to remember. The truth of the gospel is still contained within vintage faith statements. Within creeds and catechisms we can have our faith strengthened, our knowledge broadened, and our love for Jesus deepened. In The Good News We Almost Forgot, Kevin DeYoung explores the Heidelberg Catechism and writes 52 brief chapters on what it has shown him. The Heidelberg is largely a commentary on the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, and deals with man's guilt, God's grace, and believers' gratitude. This book is a clear-headed, warm-hearted exploration of the faith, simple enough for young believers and deep enough for mature believers. DeYoung writes, "The gospel summarized in the Heidelberg Catechism is glorious, its Christ gracious, its comfort rich, its Spirit strong, its God Sovereign, and its truth timeless." Come and see how your soul can be warmed by the elegantly and logically stated doctrine that matters most: We are great sinners and Christ is a greater Savior!

Paul, Apostle of God's Glory in Christ The biblical story of King David and his conflict with King Saul (1 and 2 Samuel) is one of the most colourful and perennially popular in the Hebrew Bible. Paul Borgman focuses on one of the key features of ancient Hebrew narrative poetics - repeated patterns - taking special note of even the small variations each time a pattern recurs.

Rediscovering Jesus The essays presented in this collection consider a wide range of cultural, social and intellectual topics specific to British History from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century. The book attempts to show the centrality of the Empire in the history of various nations created by the British diaspora overseas. It examines numerous topics relating to British history, including the history of the old self-governing Dominions -- Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia -- and seeks to uncover the true nature of how British Imperial history has been written. Rejecting a nostalgic point of view, these essays written by leaders in the field, are cast in a critical light asking the reader to evaluate the historiographical context of British history.
The Bible at Qumran Spirituality often evokes images of quiet centeredness, meditative serenity and freedom from life's pressures. Contrast Paul, who promotes a cross-shaped spirituality for fools making their way through life's trials. The brand images are crucifixion, burial and resurrection—surely a counterintuitive marketing program for living spiritually!

Rediscovering the Religious Factor in American Politics Many of us tend to live as though Jesus represents the "spiritual part" of our lives. We don't clearly see how he relates to the rest of our experiences, desires, and habits. How can Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity become more than a compartmentalized part of our lives? Highly regarded New Testament scholar and popular teacher Jonathan Pennington argues that we need to recover the lost biblical image of Jesus as the one true philosopher who teaches us how to experience the fullness of our humanity in the kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us what is good, right, and beautiful and offers answers to life's big questions: what it means to be human, how to be happy, how to order our emotions, and how we should conduct our relationships. This book brings Jesus and Christianity into dialogue with the ancient philosophers who asked the same big questions about finding meaningful happiness. It helps us rediscover biblical Christianity as a whole-life philosophy, one that addresses our greatest human questions and helps us live meaningful and flourishing lives.

Paul the Ancient Letter Writer Did you know that the Christmas story almost wasn’t told? But Matthew and Luke saved Christmas. Have you wondered if Christmas is really a pagan holiday? Did marketers invent Santa Claus? And what does a Christmas tree have to do with anti-slavery? We’ll learn which traditions come from the Bible and where other traditions derive. Have you ever considered who Jesus was named after? Or why Jesus’s genealogy is traced to Joseph if he’s not Jesus’s biological father? We’ll answer questions like these surrounding Jesus’s legacy. Maybe you’ve asked what was the Bethlehem star? Or have you heard that there wasn’t an inn or innkeeper? With these kinds of inquiries, we’ll look at the circumstances surrounding Jesus’s birth. Do we know if the magi were kings, astrologers, or magicians? Or could you name the oldest person that met baby Jesus? By interacting with these people who met Jesus on that first Christmas, we’ll join the cast of characters around the manger. As we explore the stories and traditions of Christmas together, we’ll ruin some past misconceptions, but in the process, I promise that we’ll rediscover Jesus.

Manuscripts of the Greek Bible

Rediscovering the Apostle Paul Brandon O’Brien and Randy Richards shed light on the ways that Western readers often misunderstand the cultural dynamics of the Bible. Identifying nine areas where commonplaces of modern Western thought diverge with the text, the
authors ask us to reconsider long-held opinions about our most beloved book.

The Good News We Almost Forgot While the church today looks quite different than it did two thousand years ago, Christians share the same faith with the church fathers. Although separated by time and culture, we have much to learn from their lives and teaching. This book is an organized and convenient introduction to how to read the church fathers from AD 100 to 500. Michael Haykin surveys the lives and teachings of seven of the Fathers, looking at their role in such issues as baptism, martyrdom, and the relationship between church and state. Ignatius, Cyprian, Basil of Caesarea, and Ambrose and others were foundational in the growth and purity of early Christianity, and their impact continues to shape the church today. Evangelical readers interested in the historical roots of Christianity will find this to be a helpful introductory volume.

Undiluted Are you ready to begin experiencing an undiluted Jesus? Benjamin Corey confronts our vision of Jesus head-on, asking the hard question: Is what we see and hear in the modern church all there is to the message of Jesus... or is there a more radical side to Jesus than we have been led to believe? Get ready to encounter a Jesus that is determined to turn over the tables of a stale, ineffective and boring gospel that seeks to escape from the world instead of transforming it. This radical Jesus and His message Invites us to reorient our lives not on Christian religion, but on the person of Jesus Calls us to live out faith in the context of authentic community with others, instead of isolation Includes the excluded and invites the outcast to have a seat at the table Responds to enemies with a radical, unexplainable love Undiluted will invite you to step out of your comfort zone and into a process of rediscovering the radical, counter cultural, and life-changing message of Jesus. As you do, you’ll discover a more vibrant faith as you embrace an undiluted Jesus and His radical message!

Unleashing the Word Ranks the Apostle Paul as "one of the most powerful and seminal minds of the first or any century," and argues that we can now sketch with confidence a new and more nuanced picture of Paul and the radical way in which his encounter with Jesus redefined his life, his mission and his expectations for a world made new in Christ. Reprint.

Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts For some of us, the apostle Paul is intimidating, prickly, and unpredictable. But maybe it's time to get to know Paul on his own terms. Drawing on the best of contemporary scholarship, and with language shaped by conversations with today's students, this expanded edition of Rediscovering Paul gives fresh consideration to Paul’s conversion, call, and his ongoing impact on church and culture.
Introducing Paul Modern society is awash in words. An auditory tidal wave cascades from our televisions, radios, media players, and the Internet. Today’s distracted worshippers often feel spiritually shortchanged when the Scriptures are spoken without passion and power. This lively and encouraging resource is the collaboration of a gifted Bible narrator and a mentor to church leaders. In it they show how churches can train their own teams of Scripture readers. These laypeople can—with enthusiasm, conviction, and passion—“unleash the Word of God,” and prepare hearts to receive the message. Spoken well, the Word of God opens and penetrates the listener’s heart. Simple, straightforward, and culturally relevant, this unique book provides the necessary tools to teach you how to read the Bible aloud, in a way that communicates its life-changing power!

The Challenge of Jesus How Paul reread his Bible goes hand-in-glove with the differences that developed between Christianity and Judaism.—Larry Hurtado "Journal of Biblical Literature"

Rediscovering Paul This new volume in the Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature series explores two principal themes: the text and shape of the "Bible" at Qumran and the interpretation of these scriptures by the Qumran community and other ancient Jews. Written by leading scholars in the field, these informed studies make an important contribution to our understanding of these two pivotal topics.

Paul and First-Century Letter Writing After a thorough survey of the fundamentals of Greek palaeography, the author discusses many of the distinctive features of biblical manuscripts, such as musical neumes, lectionaries, glosses, commentaries and illuminations.

Rediscovering the British World Applies Aristotle's argument - that citizenship is like friendship - to the liberal and democratic societies of the present day.

Spirituality According to Paul In this six week video study, Adam Hamilton explores the key points in his new book, Making Sense of the Bible. With the help of this Leader Guide, groups learn from Hamilton as his video presentations lead groups through the book, focusing on the most important questions we ask about the Bible, its origins and meaning.

Old Testament Yahweh Texts in Paul's Christology A textbook introduction to Jesus as he is presented in the Gospels and letters of the New Testament as well as outside the New Testament in gnostic gospels, historical Jesus studies, Islam, Mormonism, film and American culture. Following the format of Rediscovering Paul, there are ample sidebars exploring contexts and the So What?"
discerning the shape of Paul's thought? In this second edition of a trusted resource, Thomas R. Schreiner seeks to unearth Paul's worldview by observing what Paul actually says in his writings and laying out the most important themes and how they are connected. While thoroughly informed by contemporary Pauline studies, Schreiner offers an accessible account of Paul's theology.

Theology of the Body for Beginners Randolph Richards and Brandon O'Brien explore the complicated persona and teachings of the apostle Paul. Unpacking his personal history and cultural context, they show how Paul both offended Roman perspectives and scandalized Jewish sensibilities, revealing a vision of Christian faith that was deeply disturbing to others in his day and remains so in ours.

The Divine Christ Who is your Jesus? This textbook introduction gives an enjoyable and challenging look at how we encounter Jesus in Scripture and our culture—from the New Testament to the gnostic gospels, historical Jesus studies, Islam, Mormonism, Hollywood and Americana. Follow the path to seeing Jesus truly and notice the difference it makes for faith and life.

Rediscovering the Church Fathers

A Little Book for New Bible Scholars David Capes, Rodney Reeves and E. Randolph Richards attempt to transform students' vague appreciation of Paul by confronting them with the man who was the talk of the marketplace from Ephesus to Athens. Informed by contemporary scholarship and refined in the classroom, this textbook promises to renew investment in the work of Paul. Now in paper.

Rediscovering Paul Amid conflicting ideas about what the church should be and do in a post-Christian climate, the missing voice is that of Paul. The New Testament's most prolific church planter, Paul faced diverse challenges as he worked to form congregations. Leading biblical scholar James Thompson examines Paul's ministry of planting and nurturing churches in the pre-Christian world to offer guidance for the contemporary church. The church today, as then, must define itself and its mission among people who have been shaped by other experiences of community. Thompson shows that Paul offers an unprecedented vision of the community that is being conformed to the image of Christ. He also addresses contemporary (mis)understandings of words like missional, megachurch, and formation.

Rediscovering Paul Michael F. Bird suggests that if the Paul we claim to know looks and sounds a lot like us, it's probably a sign that we don't know him as well as we think. In this book Bird offers an animated and penetrating survey of Paul's life and teaching, including the principal issues and themes in Paul's theology.

Paul This clear and user-friendly introduction to the interpretive
method called "epistolary analysis" shows how focusing on the form and function of Paul's letters yields valuable insights into the apostle's purpose and meaning. The author helps readers interpret Paul's letters properly by paying close attention to the apostle's use of ancient letter-writing conventions. Paul is an extremely skilled letter writer who deliberately adapts or expands traditional epistolary forms so that his persuasive purposes are enhanced. This is an ideal supplemental textbook for courses on Paul or the New Testament. It contains numerous analyses of key Pauline texts, including a final chapter analyzing the apostle's Letter to Philemon as a "test case" to demonstrate the benefits of this interpretive approach.

Rediscovering Eve With an all-new introduction by the author, N. T. Wright's classic work helps us grow in our understanding of the historical Jesus within first-century Palestine while challenging us to follow Jesus more faithfully into the postmodern world of the twenty-first century.

Rediscovering Scripture's Vision for Women This work was published in 1988 under "Discovering Eve: ancient Israelite women in context."

Making Sense of the Bible [Leader Guide] Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory Pack is available for use with small-group members. This book identifies, defines, and discusses 30 spiritual gifts including giving, healing, hospitality, service, witnessing, and music. Bryant encourages you to discover the particular gifts the Holy Spirit has given you and challenges you to use these gifts to build up the body of Christ. The book includes a "Grace Gifts Inventory" to help you identify and apply the spiritual gifts in your life.

The Church according to Paul Does God call women to serve as equal partners in marriage and as leaders in the church? With careful exegetical work, Lucy Peppiatt considers relevant passages in Ephesians, Colossians, 1 Peter, 1 Timothy, and 1 Corinthians. There she finds a story of God releasing women alongside men into all forms of ministry, leadership, work, and service on the basis of character and gifting, rather than biological sex.

Rediscovering Political Friendship This text addresses whether and how religion and religious institutions affect American politics. For some time, analysts have argued that the conflicts of the New Deal era rendered cultural differences trivial and placed economic interests at the top of the political agenda. The authors and their collaborators – John C. Green, James L. Guth, Ted G. Jelen, Corwin E. Smidt, Kenneth D. Wald, Michael R. Welch, and Clyde Wilcox – disagree. They find that religious worldviews are still insinuated in American political institutions, and religious institutions still are points of reference. The book profits from the new religiosity measures employed in the 1990 National Election Studies. Part I discusses the study of religion in the context of politics. Part II examines religion as a
source of group orientation. Part III takes up religious practices and their political ramifications. Part IV does the same for doctrinal and worldview considerations. Part V explores the sources of religious socialisation. In conclusion, Part VI reviews the research on religion and political behaviour and looks ahead to where work should proceed.

Jesus the Great Philosopher Many young Bible scholars are passionate for the Scriptures. But is passion enough? Randolph Richards and Joseph Dodson encourage students of the Bible with wisdom from years of experience. Full of warmth, humor, and an infectious love for Scripture, this book invites a new generation of young scholars to dig into the complex, captivating world of the Bible.

Paul Behaving Badly For the past century, scholars have debated when and how a divine Christology emerged. This book considers the earliest evidence we have, the letters of Paul. David Capes, a veteran teacher and highly regarded scholar, examines Paul's letters to show how the apostle constructed his unique portrait of Jesus as divine through a rereading of Israel's Scriptures. This new addition to the Acadia Studies in Bible and Theology series is ideal for use in courses on Paul, Christology, biblical theology, and intertextuality.

David, Saul, and God Paul was the talk of the marketplace and the raconteur of the Parthenon. Maybe it's time to give Paul a break, let go of some stereotypes and try to get to know him on his own terms. Let David B. Capes, Rodney Reeves, and E. Randolph Richards be your guides in this book that helps us find Paul again through contemporary scholarship.

Rediscovering the Teaching of Jesus Learn how to walk as a genuine disciple of Jesus and follow him according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. How can we be disciples of someone who lived 2,000 years ago? There is no one-size-fits-all answer. Each of the Gospel accounts offer different pictures of following Jesus. Matthew writes a training manual for making disciples. Mark uses analogies to illustrate sowing the seed of the gospel. Luke emphasizes living generously as if the kingdom of God has already come. John shows us what an ideal disciple looks like. Though different from each other, each path can show you the way to be a disciple. A Genuine Faith will guide you to an authentic, personal understanding of the road to discipleship—helping you discover what it means to follow Jesus today. "Reeves skillfully uses narratives to show real examples of those who learned to choose the narrow road by becoming true disciples of Christ. The application of these narratives to modern-day discipleship is evident as we discover the calculated risk Christ took in planting such valuable seed in the soil of fallible men."—Governor Mike Huckabee (R-Arkansas) "Rodney has the ability to make the complex understandable. He causes us to smile, wince, and be impacted by the truth."—Rex Horne, senior pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas Rodney Reeves (Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) is dean and
professor of biblical studies at the Courts Redford College of Theology and Church Vocations, Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Ruining Christmas--Rediscovering Jesus Informed by the historical evidence and with a sharp eye for telltale clues in the Apostle Paul's letters, E. Randolph Richards takes us into his world and places us on the scene with Paul the letter writer offering a glimpse that overthrows our preconceptions and offers a new perspective on how this important portion of Christian Scripture came to be.