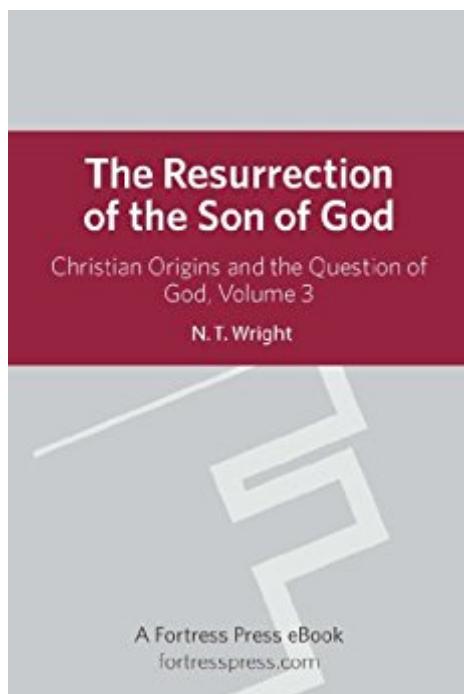


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N.T. Wright is a rare combination of a brilliant scholar who can write so that non-scholars can understand. This book, like most of his, is nothing less than illuminating.

This really is something. The plan cannot be simpler: to demonstrate that the earliest Christians believed in resurrection - in the traditional Judaic sense, i.e. of the body, and they did not use the term resurrection to denote a merely Platonic notion of the immortality of the soul. That is simply not

what they referred to. Not only that, but they were the first people in history to believe that a single person, namely Jesus of Nazareth, resurrected well before everyone else does - and everyone will. This seems, according to many, to be a very plausible explanation to the sudden burgeoning of the Christian faith in the first century. Joining the dots together, one has to consider that the accounts of the resurrection of Jesus could very well be historically sound. At well over 700 pages, it is certainly both exhaustive and exhausting. It is indeed at times repetitive but overall is worth the while. Five stars.

Wright's book has exemplary scholarship and presents the bodily resurrection of Jesus as evidentially the belief of the early Church. To my mind he successfully shows that attempts to say that the bodily resurrection was read back into the stories at a later date are misguided at best and downright unscholarly at worst. Whether one believes in the resurrection or not, it is clear that the early Christians did.

I purchased this for a seminary class.

Excellent book. Well presented.

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N.T. Wright is one of the most insightful theologians alive today. I always find his work thought provoking and compelling. Resurrection requires a lot of work to keep up with the multitude of references but provides a sweeping historical analysis and a convincing narrative.

Wright does extensive research in background and how the culture would understand resurrection before and after the resurrection of Jesus. He also deals with relevant passages in the gospel accounts and the epistles. This is not your easy read, but one you will turn to for insights having many golden nuggets from which to glean.

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