

# Reading Backwards Figural Christology And The Fourfold Gospel Witness By Richard B Hays

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in the spirit of ludolph of saxony c 1295 1378 and ignatius of loyola 1491 1556 the fourfold gospel invites the reader into the mystery of god s redemption in jesus christ all the parallel passages in the gospels are glossed together along with the unique material using a medieval interpretive approach called the quadriga or the acronym pardes in hebrew meditating on the literal canonical moral and theological senses of scripture offers a scaffolding for the spiritual formation of the reader this volume in addition to a thorough introduction to the method and the gospels focuses on the beginning of the story the birth baptism and temptations of christ

in reading backwards richard b hays maps the shocking ways the four gospel writers interpreted israel s scripture to craft their literary witnesses to the church s one christ the gospels scriptural imagination discovered inside the long tradition of a resilient jewish monotheism a novel and revolutionary christology modernity s incredulity toward the christian faith partly rests upon the characterization of early christian preaching as a tendentious misreading of the hebrew scriptures christianity modernity claims twisted the bible they inherited to fit its message about a mythological divine savior the gospels for many modern critics are thus more about christian doctrine in the second and third century than they are about jesus in the first such christian misreadings are not late or politically motivated developments within christian thought as hays demonstrates the claim that the events of jesus life death and resurrection took place according to the scriptures stands at the very heart of the new testament s earliest message all four canonical gospels declare that the torah and the prophets and the psalms mysteriously prefigure jesus the author of the fourth gospel puts the claim succinctly if you believed moses you would believe me for he wrote about me john 5 46 hays thus traces the reading strategies the gospel writers employ to read backwards and to discover how the old testament figuratively discloses the astonishing paradoxical truth about jesus identity attention to jewish and old testament roots of the gospel narratives reveals that each of the four evangelists in their diverse portrayals identify jesus as the embodiment of the god of israel hays also explores the hermeneutical challenges posed by attempting to follow the evangelists as readers of israel s scripture can the evangelists teach us to read backwards along with them and to discern the same mystery they discovered in israel s story in reading backwards hays demonstrates that it was israel s scripture itself that taught the gospel writers how to understand jesus as the embodied presence of god that this conversion of imagination occurred early in the development of christian theology and that the gospel writers revisionary figural readings of their bible stand at the very center of christianity

in this book prominent biblical scholars engage with francis watson s most striking arguments on the creation of the gospels their contributions focus in particular on his argument for a fourfold gospel rather than four separate gospels his argument against q but for an early sayings collection and on the larger landscape of jesus studies gospel reception and interpretation the contributors ask whether and in what ways watson s reorientation of gospel studies is successful and explore its implications for research leading scholars including jens schröter margaret mitchell richard bauckham and many others provide a close critical and creative engagement with watson s work more than merely a critical review of watson s writing this book carries forward his work with fresh treatments and provides an essential volume for students and scholars seeking to understand the landscape of gospel studies and to explore new directions within it

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a reader friendly guide to the life and teachings of the jesus of the gospels the jesus of the gospels brings together the best elements of a survey of the gospels and a commentary on the gospels to help readers know jesus and understand the good news drawing on decades of experience teaching and writing on the gospels andreas köstenberger presents a holistic portrait of jesus by leading readers through an in depth study of matthew mark luke and john each chapter explores one gospel account beginning with a short introduction that highlights the gospel's individual distinctives followed by an outline of the book köstenberger breaks each gospel into short sections explaining the meaning and how it sheds light on jesus and his mission numerous sidebars maps and diagrams highlight supplemental information and regular recap sections summarize key points for those interested in further study footnotes point to useful resources in addition to helping readers follow the storyline and theology of each gospel köstenberger also emphasizes practical application showing readers how to apply what they're learning to their lives ideal for those who are new to the study of the gospels and for instructors looking for an accessible introduction based on solid scholarship the jesus of the gospels offers readers and students to the riches of the gospels and a deeper knowledge of jesus and the good news

this interdisciplinary study follows an international and ecumenical meeting of twenty one scholars held in new york at easter 2003 the redemption summit after an opening chapter which explores seven central questions for writers on redemption five chapters are dedicated to the scriptural roots of the doctrine a section on the patristic and medieval periods then examines the interpretation of redemption through the centuries the volume moves on to foundational and systematic issues the problem of horrendous evil karma and grace and differing views on justification studies on the redemption in literature art music and preaching form the final part there is a fruitful dialogue between experts in a wide range of areas and the international reputation of the participants reflects and guarantees the high quality of this joint work the result is a well researched skilfully argued and at times provocative volume on the central christian belief the redemption of human beings through jesus christ

this groundbreaking approach to the study of the fourfold gospel offers a challenging alternative to prevailing assumptions about the creation of the gospels and the person of jesus how and why does it matter that we have these four gospels why were they placed alongside one another as four parallel yet diverse retellings of the same story francis watson widely regarded as one of the foremost

new testament scholars of our time explains that the four gospels were chosen to give a portrait of jesus he explores the significance of the canonical gospel s plural form for those who constructed it and for later christian communities showing that in its plurality it bears definitive witness to what god has done in jesus christ watson focuses on reading the gospels alongside one another rather than in isolation and explains that the fourfold gospel is greater than and other than the sum of its individual parts interweaving historical exegetical and theological perspectives this book is accessibly written for students and pastors but is also of interest to professors and scholars

this handbook provides an interdisciplinary and diverse reference work to the holy spirit daniel castelo and kenneth m loyer gathered together a wide range of voices that are religiously geographically and ethnically diverse bringing theology into conversation with biblical studies ethics and morality and global christian studies the t t clark handbook of pneumatology examines the holy spirit in a variety of sources such as the synoptic gospels the catholic epistles the old testament and the hebrew scriptures it also includes chapters on key concepts in the field such as mediation and sacramentality ecology and creation this broad scope enables readers to appreciate how nuanced the field of pneumatology is and how it can be relevant for other christian discourses

from the founding fathers through the present christianity has exercised powerful influence in the united states from its role in shaping politics and social institutions to its hand in inspiring art and culture the encyclopedia of christianity in the united states outlines the myriad roles christianity has played and continues to play this masterful five volume reference work includes biographies of major figures in the christian church in the united states influential religious documents and supreme court decisions and information on theology and theologians denominations faith based organizations immigration art from decorative arts and film to music and literature evangelism and crusades the significant role of women racial issues civil religion and more the first volume opens with introductory essays that provide snapshots of christianity in the u s from pre colonial times to the present as well as a statistical profile and a timeline of key dates and events entries are organized from a to z the final volume closes with essays exploring impressions of christianity in the united states from other faiths and other parts of the world as well as a select yet comprehensive bibliography appendices help readers locate entries by thematic section and author and a comprehensive index further aids navigation

this book provides a credible account of the essential development of the tradition concerning jesus from his own time to that of constantine the author an internationally known and highly original scholar situates the beginnings of the jesus tradition with special reference to the roman jewish war of ad 66 70 attention is given to paul in relation to the developing jesus tradition and to the normative importance of the historical and theological solidarity of peter and paul in the face of judaizers on the one hand and gnostics who questioned the normativity of the imitatio christi ideal on the other with an account of the relationships between jewish and hellenistic literature and the literary and theological form of the gospels prof farmer dwells especially on the incorporation of the jesus tradition into that form there is a new treatment of the sequence of the gospels a full discussion of the external evidence for any treatment of that sequence and a comprehensive documentation of the secondary character of mark the author who has long been

associated with matthean priority here lays out his views on that position

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