

THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST by James S. Stewart. New York: Abingdon Press, n.d. 192 pp. \$1.50.

Lives of Christ are so numerous that a reviewer does not usually expect to have to do more than skim one for review. Not so with this one. Originally written to meet the need of a short textbook for Bible study classes and youth groups, this reprint ought to further widen its already proven usefulness. In format this is not the usual life of Christ; for the treatment is by subject rather than by strict chronology or analytical harmony. It combines and exhibits all the eminent qualifications of its noted Scottish author in exegesis, theology, backgrounds, homiletics, and intense reverence for the person of Christ. In this reviewer's judgment some of the most outstanding chapters are those which deal with the temptation, the teaching method of Jesus, Jesus' teaching on social questions, and the resurrection. So many insights in the book provoke further thinking and provide a wealth of suggestions for preaching and teaching. Although one could wish for a more complete statement of the meaning of the death of Christ (cf. pp. 171-72) and some further clarification of His eschatological teaching; nevertheless, no one will fail to profit greatly from the careful reading of this book, and no one will fail to see more clearly from its pages the King in all His glory.

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