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**Seeing and savouring Jesus Christ** *Inter-Varsity Press* Who is Jesus Christ? You've never met Him in person, and you don't know anyone who has. But there is a way to know who he is. How? Jesus Christ - the divine Person revealed in the Bible - has a unique excellence and a spiritual beauty that speaks directly to our souls and says, "Yes, this is truth." It's like seeing the sun and knowing that it is light, or tasting honey and knowing that it is sweet. The depth and complexity of Jesus shatter our simple mental frameworks. He baffled proud scribes with his wisdom but was understood and loved by children. He calmed a raging storm with a word but would not get himself down from the cross. Look at the Jesus of the Bible. Keep your eyes open, and fill them with the portrait of Jesus in God's Word. Jesus said, "If anyone's will is to do God's will, He will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority." Ask God for the grace to do His will, and you will see the truth of His Son. John Piper has written this book in the hope that all will see Jesus for who he really is and will come to enjoy him above all else. **Reading the Bible Supernaturally Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture** *Crossway* The Bible reveals glorious things. And yet we often miss its power because we read it the same way we read any other book. In *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*, best-selling author John Piper teaches us how to read the Bible in light of its divine author. In doing so, he highlights the Bible's unique ability to reveal God to humanity in a way that informs our minds, transforms our hearts, and ignites our love. With insights into the biblical text drawn from decades of experience

studying, preaching, and teaching Scripture, Piper helps us experience the transformative power of God's Word—a power that extends beyond the mere words on the page. Ultimately, Piper shows us that in the seemingly ordinary act of reading the Bible, something supernatural happens: we encounter the living God. **Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ Study Guide Developed by Desiring God** Crossway Books In six 30-minute DVD presentations, Pastor John Piper unpacks what it means to behold and delight in Jesus above all things. In 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul described one of the central problems facing humanity in every age: people fail to see Christ for who he is. Even those who have caught a glimpse of him do not see perfectly, says best-selling author John Piper. But it is important that we not only learn to see him but delight in him and the truth of the gospel. This DVD and its companion study guide explore the meaning and significance of these ideas in a guided group study. Each of Piper's six 30-minute DVD presentations will equip Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, Christian educators, and parents in directing people's understanding of these topics so that viewers will learn to behold and delight in Jesus more than anything this world has to offer. **Desiring God Meditations of a Christian Hedonist** Multnomah Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God." **Taste and See Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life** Multnomah A Devotional Powerhouse! This revision of the follow-up to the popular *A Godward Life* adds twenty fresh entries to the original 120 daily meditations that are solid meat and sweet milk from God's Word. The new entries broach current and controversial subject matter, such as partial-birth abortion and gay marriage. Piper asks the hardest questions and finds wonderfully poignant but practical and applicable truths from the Bible. These 350 pages of substantive spiritual nourishment will brace readers' minds with truth and nourish their hearts with God's sovereign grace. Pastors and lay leaders particularly will appreciate the three indexes included. They don't need to look any further to find a pertinent illustration or tidbit of inspiration! Expanded Edition of the Popular *Godward Life II Devotional Taste and see...The Lord is good. Psalm 34:8 The soul tastes truth like the lips taste food. Spiritual hunger cries out for rich, substantial nourishment. It is remarkable how much meat these daily portions contain. Skillfully presented by pastor John Piper, this devotional of contemporary meditations on biblical reality will whet your appetite for more of God Himself and refresh you in your daily communion with Christ. "This volume is a treasure of true doctrine applied to life."* -R. Albert Mohler Jr., president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary "Going to sleep with John Piper's words on your mind will coax you from complacency and wake you up to a passionate faith." -Phil Callaway, speaker and bestselling author *Story Behind the Book* John Piper's life-long love affair with his church is evidenced in each of the 140 articles included in *Taste and See*. Originally, each article was written for his flock at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. They are sometimes follow-ups to Sunday sermons; sometimes meditations of a pastor's heart, expressing his longing for the holiness of his congregation. Many of the entries are his own relentless interrogations of a biblical text. A few are colorful anecdotes from a pastor's daily life—a pastor whose heartbeat for God pulsates through every word. **A Godward Life Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life** Multnomah A

*Godward Life is the first of three devotional volumes by John Piper, each feature 120 vignettes that focus on the radical difference it makes when we choose to live with God at the center of all that we do. Scripture-soaked and touching on the issues which most affect our lives today, A Godward Life is a passionate, moving, and articulate call for all believers to live their lives in conscious and glad submission to the sovereignty and glory of God. **Finally Alive What Happens when We are Born Again** Christian Focus Publications "The term born again is very precious and very crucial in the Bible. And our main concern should be to know what God intends when the Bible uses this language, so that by his grace we may experience it and help others do the same. It is of enormous consequence that we know what being born again really means. God is the great Doer in this miracle of the new birth. And he has not been silent about it. This means that he does not want us to be ignorant of what he does in the new birth. It means that knowing what he has revealed about the new birth is good for us. When Jesus said, 'You must be born again,' he was not sharing interesting and unimportant information. He was leading us to eternal life"--P. [4] of cover. **The Words and Works of Jesus Christ A Study of the Life of Christ** Zondervan Academic The life of Jesus Christ takes on fresh clarity and meaning in this masterful work by Dwight Pentecost. The words, the miracles, and overarching message of the Messiah come alive in flowing and detailed chronology, set against the cultural, political, and religious setting of his day. You'll gain new understanding of why Jesus came, how he operated, and what he accomplished. Above all, you'll acquire a deeper appreciation for the love that guided his path, beginning in a manger in Bethlehem, leading through three and a half years of ministry that ended abruptly at the cross on Golgotha, and blazing forth in eternal triumph at the resurrection. Drawing liberally on the works of others who have written about Christ, such as Alfred Edersheim, J. W. Shepherd, W. Graham Scroggie, and Frederick Faraar, Dr. Pentecost reveals in his own writing a familiarity with the subject that comes from years of teaching. Yet he writes, not as one who knows all there is to know about Christ, but with the restraint of one who knows that Jesus is to be worshiped and adored as the great King, and that no book can do more than begin to tell all the wonders of his being and his love. **Expository Exultation Christian Preaching as Worship** Crossway "God has appointed preaching in worship as one great means of accomplishing his ultimate goal in the world." —John Piper John Piper makes a compelling claim in these pages about the purpose of preaching: it is intended not merely as an explanation of the text but also as a means of awakening worship by being worship in and of itself. Christian preaching is a God-appointed miracle aiming to awaken the supernatural seeing, savoring, and showing of the glory of Christ. Distilling over forty years of experience in preaching and teaching, Piper shows preachers how and what to communicate from God's Word, so that God's purpose on earth will advance through Bible-saturated, Christ-exalting, God-centered preaching—in other words, expository exultation. **Providence** Crossway New from Best-Selling Author John Piper From Genesis to Revelation, the providence of God directs the entire course of redemptive history. Providence is "God's purposeful sovereignty." Its extent reaches down to the flight of electrons, up to the movements of galaxies, and into the heart of man. Its nature is wise and just and good. And its goal is the Christ-exalting glorification of God through the gladness of a redeemed people in a new world. Drawing*

on a lifetime of theological reflection, biblical study, and practical ministry, pastor and author John Piper leads us on a stunning tour of the sightings of God's providence—from Genesis to Revelation—to discover the all-encompassing reality of God's purposeful sovereignty over all of creation and all of history. Piper invites us to experience the profound effects of knowing the God of all-pervasive providence: the intensifying of true worship, the solidifying of wavering conviction, the strengthening of embattled faith, the toughening of joyful courage, and the advance of God's mission in this world. **At The Master's Feet** Simon and Schuster Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889-1929?) has been referred to as "the apostle of India." His Christian witness was one of faith, endurance, and supernatural activity. In 1922, his beloved classic *At the Master's Feet* was released. The book describes a vision, in which the disciple asks Jesus Christ, the Master, for wisdom and the meaning of various aspects of the Christian life. Also included in this edition is *The Visions of Sadhu Sundar Singh*, in which the Sadhu describes visionary experiences about heaven, hell, and everything in between. **The Excellency of Christ** DigiCat *The Excellency of Christ* is a religious manifest by an American theologian Jonathan Edwards. In the book, Edwards speaks about who Christ is and what he has done is still being discovered by the saints who have been adopted in his Kingdom. **Why We Believe the Bible** Crossway "This study guide is based on and is a companion to *Why we believe the Bible* (DVD) by John Piper (Crossways Books, 2009)"--T.p. verso. **The Expository Genius of John Calvin** Reformation Trust Publishing In *The Expository Genius of John Calvin*, Dr. Steven J. Lawson delves into the practices, commitments, and techniques that made John Calvin, the great Reformer of the sixteenth century, such an effective preacher during his long pastorate at Saint Pierre Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Lawson identifies thirty-two distinctives of Calvin's preaching, providing comments from Calvin's writings, quotations from Reformation scholars, and examples from Calvin's own sermons to reinforce his points. In the end, Dr. Lawson finds in Calvin a strong model for expository preaching and calls on modern pastors to follow the Reformers' example. **The Five Books of Jesus** CreateSpace It starts in the desert. John the prophet lowers Jesus under the Jordan's muddy waters and pulls him up, just as a bird swoops down to skim the river's surface. It spreads next to Galilee, where some welcome Jesus as a disciple of John and others grow wary of his rising influence—fishermen are leaving their nets, tax collectors their offices, and students their masters to listen to this new saint. After abandoning his nets, Andrew ties knots in the threads of his shirt to remember Jesus' teachings. After escaping his slum, Judas waits for Jesus to call down the legions of angels who can end a broken world. But just as Jesus' movement in the north is gaining strength, he turns south toward the Temple and a fate his followers will struggle to understand. *The Five Books of Jesus*, James Goldberg's lyrical novelization of Jesus' ministry, tells the story of the gospels as Jesus' followers might have experienced it: without knowing what would happen next or how to make sense of events as they unfold. **God Is the Gospel Meditations on God's Love as the Gift of Himself** Crossway God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6 This book is a cry from the heart of John Piper. He is pleading that God himself, as revealed in Christ's death and resurrection, is the ultimate and greatest gift of the gospel. None of

*Christ's gospel deeds and none of our gospel blessings are good news except as means of seeing and savoring the glory of Christ. Forgiveness is good news because it opens the way to the enjoyment of God himself. Justification is good news because it wins access to the presence and pleasures of God himself. Eternal life is good news because it becomes the everlasting enjoyment of Christ. All God's gifts are loving only to the degree that they lead us to God himself. That is what God's love is: his commitment to do everything necessary (most painfully the death of his only Son) to enthrall us with what is most deeply and durably satisfying—namely, himself. Saturated with Scripture, centered on the cross, and seriously joyful, this book leads us to satisfaction for the deep hungers of the soul. It touches us at the root of life where practical transformation gets its daily power. It awakens our longing for Christ and opens our eyes to his beauty. Piper writes for the soul-thirsty who have turned away empty and in desperation from the mirage of methodology. He invites us to slow down and drink from a deeper spring. "This is eternal life," Jesus said, "that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." This is what makes the gospel—and this book—good news.*

**Gentle and Lowly The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers** Crossway Christians know that God loves them, but can easily feel that he is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. As a result, they focus a lot—and rightly so—on what Jesus has done to appease God's wrath for sin. But how does Jesus Christ actually feel about his people amid all their sins and failures? This book draws us to Matthew 11, where Jesus describes himself as "gentle and lowly in heart," longing for his people to find rest in him. The gospel flows from God's deepest heart for his people, a heart of tender love for the sinful and suffering. These chapters take readers into the depths of Christ's very heart for sinners, diving deep into Bible passages that speak of who Christ is and encouraging readers with the affections of Christ for his people. His longing heart for sinners comforts and sustains readers in their up-and-down lives.

**Don't Waste Your Life Study Guide** Crossway Books This study guide based on the best-selling book *Don't Waste Your Life* includes reflection questions from each chapter, helping Christians examine the call to make their lives count for eternity.

**Coronavirus and Christ** Crossway "This is a time when the fragile form of this world is felt. The seemingly solid foundations are shaking. The question we should be asking is, Do we have a Rock under our feet? A Rock that cannot be shaken—ever?" —John Piper On January 11, 2020, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) reportedly claimed its first victim in the Hubei province of China. By March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization had declared a global pandemic. In the midst of this fear and uncertainty, it is natural to wonder what God is doing. In *Coronavirus and Christ*, John Piper invites readers around the world to stand on the solid Rock, who is Jesus Christ, in whom our souls can be sustained by the sovereign God who ordains, governs, and reigns over all things to accomplish his wise and good purposes for those who trust in him. What is God doing through the coronavirus? Piper offers six biblical answers to that question, showing us that God is at work in this moment in history.

**The Pleasures of God Meditations on God's Delight in Being God** Multnomah The author of *Desiring God* reveals the biblical evidence to help us see and savor what the pleasures of God show us about Him. Includes a study guide for individual and small-group use. Isn't it true—we really don't know someone until we

*understand what makes that person happy? And so it is with God! What does bring delight to the happiest Being in the universe? John Piper writes, that it's only when we know what makes God glad that we'll know the greatness of His glory. Therefore, we must comprehend "the pleasures of God." Unlike so much of what is written today, this is not a book about us. It is about the One we were made for—God Himself. In this theological masterpiece—chosen by World Magazine as one of the 20th Century's top 100 books, John Piper reveals the biblical evidence to help us see and savor what the pleasures of God show us about Him. Then we will be able to drink deeply—and satisfyingly—from the only well that offers living water. What followers of Jesus need now, more than anything else, is to know and love—behold and embrace—the great, glorious, sovereign, happy God of the Bible. "This is a unique and precious book that everybody should read more than once." —J.I. PACKER, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia* **What's the Difference?**

**Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible** John Piper examines gender issues from a biblical perspective, showing how the teaching of true biblical manhood and womanhood affects the roles of men and women in the home, the church, and the wider society. **Good News of Great Joy 25 Devotional Readings for Advent** Crossway 25 Advent Readings by Pastor and Author John Piper Come, let us adore him. This beloved Advent refrain captures the heart of the season. Advent is for adoring Jesus. It is a season of preparation to ready our hearts for the glory of Christmas Day as we celebrate the coming of the eternal God in our frail humanity. These twenty-five short devotional readings from John Piper aim to help you keep Christ at the center of the Advent season.

**For Your Joy** Evangelistic booklet that presents the Gospel of Christ by showing that God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. **A Godward Heart Treasuring the God Who Loves You** Multnomah To Satisfy Your Soul — with God John Piper invites you to experience deeper intimacy with God through these thought-provoking and soul-enriching meditations. Whether you are just discovering the divine richness of Scripture or have long been a passionate student, you'll find a deeper understanding of God and renewed insight for your journey. **Is Jesus History?** Occa Historian John Dickson examines what can be trusted as reliable history in order to answer the question: is Jesus fact or fiction? More importantly, he asks: if Jesus really did exist and was who he claimed to be, what does that mean for you today? Great to give away to people interested in the evidence for Christianity. **The Dawning of**

**Indestructible Joy Daily Readings for Advent** Crossway Advent is for adoring Jesus. The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of year. But it's also a season of reflection and preparation for that special day when we mark Immanuel's coming—the arrival of our eternal God in our own frail humanity. This is the greatest of history's many wonders, something too stupendous to celebrate just on one day. Advent is a way of lengthening and intensifying the joy of Christmas. These 25 brief devotional readings from John Piper begin on December 1 and carry us to Christmas Day. Our hope is that God would use these meditations to deepen and sweeten your adoration of Jesus and help you keep him at the center of your Christmas season. **Spectacular Sins And Their Global Purpose in the Glory of Christ** Crossway John Piper delivers powerful biblical reassurances to bolster readers' trust in the sovereignty of God and the supremacy of Christ when evil and tragedy come. If God governs the sinful acts of men, then does the devastation caused by

those terrorists, dictators, murderers, cheats, and abusers discredit Jesus' words: "All authority in heaven and earth belongs to me"? When heart-rending news comes of the latest accident, illness, or natural disaster, can we really believe that in Jesus, "all things hold together"? Though God has not answered all of our questions about sin and suffering, there are things he wants us to know, things he declares in his Word—such as what's at stake in the "spectacular" sins of others and the horrible tragedies of this life; their global purpose, both historically and today; and what these events say to us personally. As John Piper works through these biblical truths, this book will bolster readers' trust in the utter sovereignty of God such that they'll be less timid in their witness and less afraid of whatever may come. It is also a joy-infused declaration that because everything occurs through Christ and for Christ and his glory, they are forever secure in him. **Why We Believe the Bible** Crossway Books With the deluge of communication around us—books, newspapers, blogs, journals, and magazines all insisting that their view of the world is most compelling—which should we trust? This is no small question. In fact, our answer has eternal implications. The twelve-session *Why We Believe the Bible* DVD and Study Guide are designed to help study groups and classes explore the claim that the Bible stands above all others as the book of books, pointing infallibly to the King of kings. Through the DVD teaching of pastor John Piper and the five guided assignments per week, participants will study biblical texts and discuss probing questions to help them see why the Bible alone is worthy of our confidence. **Don't Waste Your Life** **Fourteen Sessions with John Piper** Crossway Books In ten, fifteen-minute presentations, John Piper instructs small groups and classes in the essentials of making their lives count for eternity. Most people slip by in life without a passion for God, spending their lives on trivial diversions, living for comfort and pleasure... and perhaps trying to avoid sin. Yet as John Piper teaches in this DVD and its companion materials, God has designed us for far more than this. We just have to awaken to the simple, biblical reality that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." This valuable resource—part of the redesigned *Don't Waste Your Life* Group Study Kit—can assist churches, small groups, and teachers in that task. Designed to be used in a ten-session, guided group study along with the companion components in the kit, each fifteen-minute DVD presentation explores the meaning and significance of making one's life count for eternity. Piper's rich teaching is a useful tool any leader or facilitator can use to direct members' understanding and guide them to treasure Christ above all. **A Peculiar Glory** **How the Christian Scriptures Reveal Their Complete Truthfulness** Crossway God has provided a way for all people, not just scholars, to know that the Bible is the Word of God. John Piper has devoted his life to showing us that the glory of God is object of the soul's happiness. Now, his burden in this book is to demonstrate that this same glory is the ground of the mind's certainty. God's peculiar glory shines through his Word. The Spirit of God enlightens the eyes of our hearts. And in one self-authenticating sight, our minds are sure and our hearts are satisfied. Justified certainty and solid joy meet in the peculiar glory of God. **What Jesus Demands from the World** IVP Introduction : the aim of the book --; A word to biblical scholars (and those who wonder what they are doing) --; Demand #1 : you must be born again --; Demand #2 : repent --; Demand #3 : come to me --; Demand #4 : believe in me --; Demand #5 : love me --; Demand #6 : listen to me --; Demand #7 : abide in me --;

*Demand #8 : take up your cross and follow me --; Demand #9 : love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength --; Demand #10 : rejoice and leap for joy --; Demand #11 : fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell --; Demand #12 : worship God in spirit and truth --; Demand #13 : always pray and do not lose heart --; Demand #14 : do not be anxious about the necessities of daily life --; Demand #15 : do not be anxious about the threats of man --; Demand #16 : humble yourself by making war on pride --; Demand #17 : humble yourself in childlikeness, servanthood, and broken-hearted boldness --; Demand #18 : do not be angry--trust God's providence --; Demand #19 : do not be angry--embrace mercy and forgiveness --; Demand #20 : do the will of my Father who is in heaven--be justified by trusting Jesus --; Demand #21 : do the will of my Father who is in heaven--be transformed by trusting Jesus --; Demand #22 : strive to enter through the narrow door, for all of life is war --; Demand #23 : strive to enter through the narrow door, for Jesus fulfills the new covenant --; Demand #24 : strive to enter through the narrow door, for you are already in the kingdom's power --; Demand #25 : your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees, for it was hypocritical and ugly --; Demand #26 : your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees--clean the inside of the cup --; Demand #27 : your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees, for every healthy tree bears good fruit --; Demand #28 : love your enemies--lead them to the truth --; Demand #29 : love your enemies--pray for those who abuse you --; Demand #30 : love your enemies--do good to those who hate you, give to the one who asks --; Demand #31 : love your enemies to show that you are children of God --; Demand #32 : love your neighbor as yourself, for this is the Law and the Prophets --; Demand #33 : love your neighbor with the same commitment you have to your own well-being --; Demand #34 : love your neighbor as yourself and as Jesus loved us --; Demand #35 : lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven by giving sacrificially and generously --; Demand #36 : lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven and increase your joy in Jesus --; Demand #37 : lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven--"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"--; Demand #38 : do not take an oath--cherish the truth and speak it simply --; Demand #39 : do not take an oath--let what you say be simply "yes" or "no" --; Demand #40 : what God has joined together let no man separate, for marriage mirrors God's covenant with us --; Demand #41 : what God has joined together let no man separate, for whoever divorces and marries another commits adultery --; Demand #42 : what God has joined together let no man separate--one man, one woman, by grace, till death --; Demand #43 : render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's --; Demand #44 : render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's as an act of rendering to God what is God's --; Demand #45 : do this in remembrance of me, for I will build my church --; Demand #46 : do this in remembrance of me--baptize disciples and eat the Lord's Supper --; Demand #47 : let your light shine before others that they may glorify your Father who is in heaven --; Demand #48 : let your light shine before others--the joyful sacrifice of love in suffering --; Demand #49 : make disciples of all nations, for all authority belongs to Jesus --; Demand #50 : make disciples of all nations, for the mission cannot fail. **The Dangerous Duty of Delight Daring to Make God Your Greatest Desire** Multnomah Each of us is hard-wired to pursue our happiness. We long for significant, profound joy. Some try to satisfy it with exotic vacations,*

high-tech gadgets, career success, sports, academics, drug experimentation, even ascetic rigors. Yet the longing remains. Why? In *The Dangerous Duty of Delight*, John Piper turns our heart toward the one true object of human desire and happiness: God. Piper shows from Scripture that pursuing our happiness in Christ is not optional for the Christian, but essential. Come along on a journey from desperate desire to infinite delight. Learn how you were created for ultimate satisfaction in Him, and how this new perspective will change your attitudes toward worship, relationships, material goods—and everything. “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.” --Saint Augustine

**Spectacular Sins And Their Global Purpose in the Glory of Christ** Crossway John Piper poignantly shares what God wants us to know about his sovereignty and Christ's supremacy when we encounter sin or tragedy.

**Investigating Jesus An Historian's Quest** Lion Pub How much can we really know about Jesus of Nazareth? How reliable are the Gospels and other sources and how widely have historians and theologians agreed on them? And how much does the historical record really matter? In this popular illustrated book, Australian scholar and TV documentary presenter, John Dickson, sets out to answer these questions. By reviewing ancient evidence, interviewing leading experts and setting out a robust historical method, he establishes clearly the reliability or unreliability of different sources, interpretations and arguments. Christianity prides itself on being an historical religion. John Dickson subjects this to very close scrutiny and shows both how vital this is and yet how different Jesus was from the way he is so often portrayed today.

**Resurrection Life in a World of Suffering 1 Peter** Crossway “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3 The book of 1 Peter offers a gospel perspective on our short lives. Originally written to Christians facing intense suffering, Peter's message is one of hope and grace—all centered on the resurrected Christ. Featuring contributions from six popular Bible teachers, this volume will help you better understand the hope-filled message of the book of 1 Peter and experience the resurrection life Jesus offers us today.

**A Hunger for God Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer** Crossway This book invites readers to turn from the dulling effects of food and other appetites and to express through the biblical practice of fasting their desire for God.

**Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die** Crossway The most important questions anyone can ask are: Why was Jesus Christ crucified? Why did he suffer so much? What has this to do with me? Finally, who sent him to his death? The answer to the last question is that God did. Jesus was God's Son. The suffering was unsurpassed, but the whole message of the Bible leads to this answer. The central issue of Jesus' death is not the cause, but the meaning. That is what this book is about. John Piper has gathered from the New Testament fifty reasons in answer to the most important question that each of us must face: What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending his Son to die?

**The True Jesus Uncovering the Divinity of Christ in the Gospels** Simon and Schuster A New York Times Bestseller! “Who do you say that I am?” Uttered by Jesus Christ, this profound question has presented an age-old challenge to believers, skeptics, scholars, and rulers. In attempting to answer this question, *The True Jesus* goes straight to the unimpeachable source: the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Only in the Gospels, says #1 New York Times bestselling author David Limbaugh, do we come face-to-face with the Son of God,

Whose sublime teachings, miraculous actions, and divine essence leap off every page and into our hearts. In this book, Limbaugh combines the four Gospel stories into a unified account (though not, he humbly admits, a perfect harmony) and guides readers on a faith journey through the Four Evangelists' testimonies of the life of Jesus Christ. Along the way, Limbaugh shares his insights on Jesus' words and deeds as well as His unique nature as fully human and fully divine. In *The True Jesus*, you will learn: - Why even the apostles failed to completely understand Jesus' true identity and mission until after His crucifixion - The real basis for the rejection of Jesus' message by skeptics in His hometown and elsewhere - The historical events preceding Jesus' birth that providentially paved the way for Christianity - How Jesus' message utterly contradicted modern attempts to portray Him as being non-judgmental Limbaugh's passion for the Gospels infuses the pages of *The True Jesus*, which is both a primer for new Bible readers and an outstanding guide to the Gospels for long-time believers. Who really is the true Jesus? Open this book and begin your odyssey toward the answer. **Life as a Vapor Thirty-One Meditations for Your Faith** Multnomah 31 meditations from the founder of *Desiring God* that will connect you to a fresh understanding of God and renew your faith. "You do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). Living knowing that your life is a vapor is different than just living. Things here are passing away. You've got to hold on to what will stand. Savor what matters. This collection of thirty-one articles is full of that heart-longing after Christ that distinguishes Piper's preaching ministry. You will feel as though you have stumbled into a garden as you enter these pages. The Scripture cuts, Christ is exalted in God, and we worship Him. Life Is Short. Eternity Is Long. Live Like It. You will exist forever. You and God are both in the universe to stay—either as friends on His terms, or enemies on yours—which it will be is proven in this life. And this life is a vapor. Two seconds, and we will be gone. In these thirty-one meditations, John Piper will connect you to a fresh understanding of God and a renewed relationship with Him. You'll find your faith stirred to make every day count for Christ when you consider life as a vapor. Story Behind the Book Time is precious. We are fragile. Life is short. Eternity is long. Every minute counts. Oh, to be a faithful steward of the breath God has given me. Three texts resound in my ears: "Redeem the time" (Ephesians 5:16); "It is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2); "His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Surely God means for our minutes on earth to count for something significant. Paul said, "In the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain" (Philippians 2:16). In the same way, I have good hope from the Lord that my "labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). **A Hunger for God** Inter-Varsity Press There is an appetite for God. And it can be awakened. I invite you to turn from the dulling effects of food and the dangers of idolatry, and to say with some simple fast: "This much, O God, I want you." Our appetites dictate the direction of our lives - whether it be the cravings of our stomachs, the passionate desire for possessions or power, or the longings of our spirits for God. But for the Christian, the hunger for anything besides God can be an arch-enemy. While our hunger for God - and Him alone - is the only thing that will bring victory. Do you have that hunger for

*Him? As John Piper puts it: "If we don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great." If we are full of what the world offers, then perhaps a fast might express, or even increase, our soul's appetite for God. Between the dangers of self-denial and self-indulgence is this path of pleasant pain called fasting. It is the path John Piper invites you to travel in this book. For when God is the supreme hunger of your heart, He will be supreme in everything. And when you are most satisfied in Him, He will be most glorified in you.*