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If we want to know who God is, the best thing we can do is look at Christ. If we want to live the life to which God calls us, we look to Christ. In Jesus we see the true meaning of the love, power, wisdom, justice, peace, care and majesty of God. Michael Reeves, author of Delighting in the Trinity, opens to readers the glory and wonder of Christ, offering a bigger and more exciting picture than many have imagined. Jesus didn't just bring us the good news. He is the good news. Reeves helps us celebrate who Christ is, his work on earth, his death and resurrection, his anticipated return and how we share in his life. This book, then, aims for something deeper than a new technique or a call to action. In an age that virtually compels us to look at ourselves, Michael Reeves calls us to look at Christ. As we focus our hearts on him, we see how he is our life, our righteousness, our holiness and our hope.

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### **Matt Kottman says**

I haven't read anything by Michael Reeves I haven't thoroughly enjoyed. In Rejoicing in Christ, Reeves drives us to find our joy and rejoicing in Christ himself, and not merely his benefits. I constantly need my eyes, mind, and heart redirected to Christ, and this book is one of those that served to redirect my worship well.

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### **Michael Galdamez says**

Wow.

I thought that word more than once as I read this little book. Michael Reeves is a very accessible writer (and speaker, having heard him several times at past Ligonier conferences down in Orlando, Florida). He knows how to make grand things easy to understand and communicate why they are important for me to know. This book was no exception.

Reeves takes the book chronologically, each chapter focusing on Christ at different points in Scripture. Starting with His preexistence and ending with His glorification and eventual return, Reeves shows how and why we should rejoice in Christ for every aspect of Who He is.

Now, anyone can write a book about Jesus (and there are some really good ones out there!), so what makes this one special? Reeves, in just 123 pages, gets at the doctrines of Christ, the flow of all of Scripture, the supremacy of Christ, the wonder of Christ, and all to cause believers to rejoice in the One in Whom we live and move and have our being! Reeves main point of the book is to ask and answer the question: "What is God like?" His answer (and what every Christian's answer should be) is Jesus Christ. God is like Jesus. We can look at Jesus in the Gospels giving His life for His brothers and sisters and we can know that there is no God in heaven unlike Jesus.

In making this point, Reeves paints a beautiful picture of what the Trinity is like, in its absolute unity and perfection. The Father is not some angry, destruction-loving being Who hides behind Jesus. The Father loves His children as His own Son. The Spirit also is only ever going to bring you closer to Himself, Christ, and the Father.

I would highly recommend this book to any and every believer in our wondrous Lord and Savior Jesus Christ -- in Whom I rejoice!

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### **Felipe says**

Reeves escreve de maneira cativante. Bíblico. Instrutivo. Desafiador. Fantástico!

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## **Peter Mead says**

This is a great introduction to Christ and the Christian life. For a newcomer to Christianity, or for a long-time follower of Jesus, this book will stir your heart and lift it toward Him. Five chapters in typical Reeves style: high energy, good momentum, great one-liners, on target historical anecdotes and lots of biblical interaction.

The fourth chapter on the Christian life is worth the price of the book, but be sure to take advantage of the rest too . . . Christ in the Old Testament, the Incarnation, Christ and the Trinity, Christ's return, etc., it all adds up to so much more than 112 pages.

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## **Leonardo Bruno says**

Excelente!

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## **Laurie says**

-Here, then, is the revolution: for all our dreams, our dark and frightened imaginings of God, there is no God in heaven who is unlike Jesus. ? For he is God. “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father,” he says, for “I and the Father are one” (Jn 14: 9; 10: 30). God cannot be otherwise.

-Jesus is God. He does not merely unveil some truth for us, some other principle or system of thought. Like light going out from its source, this Word actually brings God to us. In him, a direct encounter with God happens. The difference is stark: the Word who is God reveals a God of innate grace, and he does not just hand down information that we might know about God; in him, God delights to meet with us and be with us.

-T. F. Torrance was drawn to be quite lyrical as he wrote: There is in fact no God behind the back of Jesus, no act of God other than the act of Jesus, no God but the God we see and meet in him. Jesus Christ is the open heart of God, the very love and life of God poured out to redeem humankind, the mighty hand and power of God stretched out to heal and save sinners. All things are in God’s hands, but the hands of God and the hands of Jesus, in life and in death, are the same.

-For his relationship with his Father shapes the rest, yoke and burden he has to offer. In fact, his relationship with his Father is the rest, yoke and burden he has to offer. To know the Father, to be humble before him and gentle like him: that is the rest we all seek, the only yoke that is easy, the only burden that is light. And as Samuel Rutherford put it, those who take it shall “find it such a burden as wings unto a bird, or sails to a ship.”

-Jesus is the one who makes known the triune God, who shows us the love of God and the life of God. To be truly trinitarian we must be constantly Christ-centered.

-And so, as God’s outgoing Word, as the Son filled to bursting with his Father’s love, he became the Logic

behind the creation, “the beginning,” the foundation of it all—and the one it would all be for (Col 1: 17-18). Then, in the power of the Spirit who hovered over the waters, the Word went out. God spoke, and through that potent Word all things came into being. As the Father said of the Son, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands” (Heb 1: 10; citing Ps 102: 25). The Son became in fact the firstborn over all creation (Col 1: 15).

-Most Christians take mealtimes as a chance to thank God and remember him as their provider, but Bradford saw every part of the day as a gospel reminder. When waking in the morning, he would “call to mind the great joy and blessedness of the everlasting resurrection . . . that most clear light and bright morning . . . after the long darkness.” Seeing the sun, he would praise the Light of the world. Rising, he would think on how Christ raises us up. Dressing, he would pray, “O Christ, clothe me with thine own self” and remember “how we are incorporated into Christ . . . how he clothes us.” Eating meat, he would compare it to feeding on the body of Christ. When returning to his home he would think “how joyful a return, it will be to come to our eternal, most quiet, and most happy home.” And when finally undressing and getting into bed at night, he would think of putting “off the old man, with his lusts” and readying himself for the sleep of death: “As you are not afraid to enter into your bed, and to dispose yourself to sleep; so be not afraid to die.” 17 For Bradford, this is Christ’s world, and we live most happily in it when we acknowledge that constantly

**-The Rising Sun Will Come to Us from Heaven** In the life of Jesus, then, we see two marvelous things: we see the Son of God revealing his Father’s compassionate heart and purposes; and we see the Son of Man living in sweet fellowship with God. No wonder “many prophets and righteous people longed to see” this great sight (Mt 13: 17)!

-Christians often use a negative, chilly word to describe Christ’s life: it was sinless. That tells us what he was not: he was not selfish, cruel, abusive, twisted, petty or proud. Now, when opened out like that, we can see that to be “sinless” is beautiful, dynamic and attractive. The trouble is, we often leave the word closed, and then it reinforces all our stereotypes of what “holy people” are like: bloodless, bland, dreamy, delicate and so spiritual it looks painful. But what was he like? Anything but boring and anemic! Here was a man with towering charisma, running over with life. Health and healing, loaves and fishes, all abounded in his presence. So compelling did people find him that crowds thronged round him. Men, women, children, sick and mad, rich and poor: they found him so magnetic some wanted just to touch his clothes. Kinder than summer, he befriended the rejects and gave hope to the hopeless. The dirty and despised found they mattered to him.

-He loved God and he loved people. You look at him and you have to say, “Here is a man truly alive, unwithered in any way, far more vital and vigorous, far more full and complete, far more human than any other.”

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### **Ben Kreps says**

One of my favorite current writers. Deep theology but easily accessible. Dr. Reeves has a great sense of humor and a great heart to unfold the glories of Christ. Highly recommended.

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## **Kyle says**

In *Rejoicing in Christ*, Reeves does a masterful job of putting Christ as the focal point of the gospel. The gospel is not that Jesus helps us get to heaven and then disappears, but that through the work of Jesus we come to know God and share in the relationship of the Triune God. As such, we treasure Jesus above all things. Although mentioning deeper points of christological doctrine, Reeves's focus is in putting Jesus on display as our high priest, creator, etc. This approach is both theologically rich and immediately practical. This is an excellent introduction to Christology because it keeps the person of Jesus at the forefront, which hopefully helps readers from missing the person of Jesus amid deeper doctrinal study. This is an excellent follow-up to his earlier work, *Delighting in the Trinity*, which is likewise a phenomenal book.

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## **Mathew says**

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About half way through in the margins of my copy of *Rejoicing in Christ*, I write “punchy, down to earth, and full of merriment.” That’s my review. Reeves surprises (meant in the most positive fashion) with equal parts verve and gladness. He’s not afraid to turn a phrase or punch you in the nose with an arresting metaphor. I found myself lost many times in worship as I read. That is rare and to be praised. Reeves has done it again.

What’s odd about *Rejoicing in Christ* is that Reeves admits it’s run-of-the-mill:

Once upon a time a book like this would have utterly run-of-the-mill. Among the old Puritans, for example, you can scarcely find a writer who did not write—or a preacher who did not preach—something called The Searchable Riches of Christ, Christ Set Forth, The Glory of Christ or the like. Yet today, what sells? What puts the smile on the booksellers face? The book that is about the reader. (9)

He’s right on both accounts. The Puritans pluck the cord he’s playing a lot, and very few today play that same cord. That alone should encourage you to read this book with a heart ready for worship. *Rejoicing in Christ* is a return to another time when books were less about us and more about Christ.

[Read the entire review here](#)

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## **Douglas Wilson says**

Reeves writes with zest, and is very engaging. He is steeped in Scripture, and his exploration of the basics of Christian living is really good. On top of that, he has the classic Puritan writers at his fingertips and brings them in frequently to buttress or make a glorious point. This is a very good book.

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## **Demetrius Rogers says**

I like small books. To me they tend to say more than longer books. They pack a punch with out a lot of extraneous detail. In and out. They say what they have to say, and then they sit down. And this one did that

for me. Michael Reeves kept his eye on the pitch, and got his reader on base. This was a great little primer on Christology. Reeves spoke like a theologian, framed it like an historian, and sold it like a preacher. He put a lot of heart into this. His writing style was fresh, and his ideas were riveting. It took awhile to come together, the beginning felt a bit scattered, but about mid way through he found his stride. I will read it again. It enhanced my appreciation for Jesus. And reading this made me hungry to get into his Delighting in the Trinity. I love theology that is accessible, yet deep with thought. A great book to pick up!

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### **Becky Pliego says**

Fantastic book. Reeves has a passion for Christ that is incredibly contagious. We need to read more books that point us to Christ and Christ alone with such intensity as Reeves does.

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### **Micah Lugg says**

Such a solid treatment of the work and person of Christ. Reeves writes densely, but if you dive deep with him, you're in for a treat. He not only instructs the mind but ignites the heart as well. Highly recommended.

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### **Drew Bennett says**

I enjoy Michael Reeves' writing so much. There is nothing new in this book. But he has a way of saying things I already know in new ways that cause the truth to come home to my heart in a way it didn't before.

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### **Alan Mullenix says**

This is one worth re-reading yearly.

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