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Reflections on Christ, from a beloved spiritual writer

A. W. Tozer was a man of remarkable knowledge, an avid reader of Christian writers and philosophers from throughout the ages. But he *meditated* on the Bible. He was, like John Wesley, “a man of one Book and a student of many.”

Combine this with his poignant writing style and you have works like this one, high thoughts of God brought low, yet no less moving.

Jesus: The Life and Ministry of God the Son features selections from Tozer’s writings on the God-man, Jesus Christ. It follows the chronology of Christ’s earthly life and explores classic themes of Christology, helping readers better comprehend and appreciate Jesus’ person and work.

When you set out to study Christ, you want to behold His splendor the best you can. That’s why writers like A. W. Tozer are excellent guides: they love the Lord, know Him well, and yet have a way with the written word. They’re able to lay the weight of glory on the human heart as few can.

Read *Jesus* and appreciate anew the Savior of the world and the power of the written word to glorify His name.

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Yibbie says

Any book, as edifying as this book, will be deeply encouraging and motivating. Tozer had such a wonderful way of teaching truth. Every chapter was relevant. Perhaps, because it wasn't so much Tozer as the Word of God being clearly expounded that made it so very good, it was relevant.

Each chapter teaches about one aspect of Jesus. Some so large that not all the books in the World can adequately explain them, and some so personal that no tongue can explain fully what they mean to us. Some chapters left me in wondering amazement at Jesus' wonder, power, and authority. Some chapters left me awestruck and wondering at His love, mercy, and grace.

The biggest thing that struck me was that you really aren't left thinking about Tozer at all. You think about Jesus. The style is clear, concise, learned, but not too hard. It's just very well done.

The editors put it together in a very pleasing and understandable order. The questions they included led to even deeper thought on each of the chapters.

There was some confusion caused by the editors using one version of the Bible and Tozer using another. That was most evident in chapter 2. It worked itself out but would have been avoided by the editors using the KJV.

Please let me encourage you to read it. I was greatly blessed by it and believe you will be too.

Thanks to NetGalley and Moody Publishers for the chance to read this ARC for free and review it.

Roxanne says

This is a Goodreads win review. This is an excellent book of sermons and essays about the Ministry of Jesus. It has questions at the end of each chapter. I would like to do this book in a Bible study.

Kristina Aziz says

As many of these books I read, you would think I just join a theology class already. On that line of thinking, if I wanted to be preached to I would go to church. If you're writing a book, you need to be aware that you are at once reaching many people and one person. I want to learn about Christianity and God, not be called 'bretheren'.

Between the preaching, there were some interesting ideas, not the least among them the meaning of 'in the beginning'.

There's a lot of hemming and hawing and "Well answer my question and I'll answer yours" but let's be fair, it's a tough subject to tackle for chapter one.

Ultimately, this book is not my cup of tea. But the cover certainly is--I'm a sucker for a god cover.

I received this book free through a Goodreads Giveaway.

Linda says

By in large I was disappointed with this book. It was not what I expected. There was little about our identification with Christ. I would have liked reading more about this.

I did appreciate the chapter on the resurrection -- that our belief is not in a man left dying on the cross but in One who arose and is alive today.

I also appreciated Tozer's criticism of teachers of the 2nd Coming who are more concerned with the details of Christ's return than they are about the preparedness of their hearers.

Tozer has good things to say. In this book they were few.

Jessie Young says

This is a must read. Not only does it help us understand Jesus but it helps the reader understand themselves in relation to Christ. It presents a lot of widely held thoughts and breaks them down through use of the scripture. Read it slowly so you can digest everything there is in this book. It's excellent.

I received a digital copy of this book from netgalley and the publisher. I was in no way obligated to write a review. Receiving a copy in no way influenced my review. All thoughts are my own.

L.L. Martin says

In case you are not aware, Moody has a recent series of books where they have grouped together writings from Tozer on various topics. There is much source material – articles, essays, books, sermon transcripts. Tozer was prolific. This book is about Jesus. I won it as a goodreads giveaway.

As with just about anything by Tozer, this book is challenging, convicting, inspiring, and informative – and ultimately Christ exalting in every way. It has 17 chapters in 162 pages, so none are too lengthy, and some as brief as 4-6 pages. While not marketed as a devotional, I think it would make an exceptional devotional, especially since so many of the devotionals out there are sadly fluffy and superficial. The end of each chapter has several questions for personal reflection and life application.

This book covers Christology very well, addressing all the core and critical aspects of Christ. Chapter titles include: The Self-Existent God, The Mystery of the Incarnation, The Center of All, The People's Savior, The Remedy, Our Mediator, The Resurrection, The Second Coming, The Head of the New Creation.

Earlier this year, I taught a Bible study on Colossians, and if I have opportunity to teach Colossians again, the chapter entitled "The Center of All" would be exceptional for the class to read.

I recommend this book, and I'll end with a few excerpts:

"Bible-believing Christians stand together on this [the deity of Christ]. They may have differing opinions

about the mode of baptism, church polity, or the return of the Lord. But they agree on the deity of the eternal Son. Jesus Christ is of one substance with the Father – begotten, not created (Nicene Creed). In our defense of this truth we must be very careful and bold – belligerent if need be.” page 23

“All that Moses could do was to command righteousness. In contrast, only Jesus Christ produces righteousness. All that Moses could do was to forbid us to sin. In contrast, Jesus Christ came to save us from sin. Moses could not save, but Jesus Christ is both Lord and Savior.” page 33

On the Incarnation... “How is it possible that God could join the Creator to the creature? If you do not engage in deep thinking, it may not seem so amazing, but if you have given yourself to frequent thoughtful consideration, you are astonished at the bridging of the great gulf between God and not God.” page 48

“Do you see it, my friend? Resurrection is not a day of celebration – it is an obligation understood and accepted! Because Jesus Christ is alive, there is something for us to do for Him every day. We cannot just sit down, settling back in religious apathy.” page 108

This review was originally on my blog: <https://lightenough.wordpress.com/201...>

Kirk Weikart says

A series of insightful and easy to read reflections on Scripture. Tozer has a way of presenting timeless truths; the problems in his lifetime (1897-1963) continue to ring true today. These essays are a little easier to digest than some of his writings, so this would be a great introduction to this author.

Julie D. says

This book had me seeing Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way. Tozer always has a way of pointing out the beautiful, profound things in the Word of God so that we know who He truly is.

I love how Mr. Tozer describes Jesus and the Word of God. He points out that Jesus was there from the very beginning - before creation - with God. He was there when God created mankind and before. He helps us to understand Scripture and points out what God's Word truly says about Jesus. He is our Savior, yes, but He is so much more.

Mr. Tozer lived between 1897 and 1963, however, the problems he points out with churches and believers could have been written today. There is nothing new under the sun as far as man trying to bring God and Jesus down to our level or to interpret things improperly. I also found it interesting that Mr. Tozer was talking about how some regard the Old Testament not as important as the New Testament. I hear this even now and this is a problem that the believer needs to change. The Old Testament points to Jesus and is relevant to understanding God.

Each chapter focuses on a virtue of Jesus and brings us into the Scriptures regarding it. There are also questions at the end of each chapter to reflect on. I like these questions because they ask us what our beliefs are and helps us to correct misconceptions or back up truth.

Tozer can be a bit daunting to read at times. He's a very intelligent man and his vocabulary is great. I found myself having to re-read a few of the passages again to truly understand what he was saying. However, having said that, it's because of his clear intelligent understanding and teaching on this that helps us to know Jesus.

I learned so much from this book and highly recommend it. I give it 5 out of 5 stars.

*This book was provided to me for my honest review by Moody Publishers

Debbie says

This book is a collection of 17 sermons or essays by A. W. Tozer that are organized by periods of Jesus' life. The first essays tended to focus on the character and work of God and Jesus, and I enjoyed these. Some of the later essays got sidetracked into pointing out the errors of belief in certain Christian (or non-Christian) groups rather than focusing solely on the work of Christ. While interesting in a historical way (especially as some of these errors are still around), I didn't enjoy these as much.

The questions at the end of each chapter generally helped me to think over and process that chapter. Tozer tends to dig deep on a topic. He's not difficult to understand, though he often explained things in a way I'm not used to. I usually needed to stop and think things over as I read it so I could contemplate his full meaning. Overall, I'd recommend this interesting collection, especially to those who enjoy Tozer's writings.

I received an ebook review copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley.

Steve says

A great collection of insights by a true spiritual giant. Most chapters in the book run between 10 and 15 pages, so there its easy to digest and reflect on what Tozer is saying. Almost everything about Jesus is covered. Clearly a little dated since Tozer has been dead for over 50 years, but still worth reading

Nathan Albright says

[Note: This book was provided free of charge by Moody Publishers. All thoughts and opinions are my own.]

It is perhaps little surprise that the author had enough comments about Jesus Christ and His life and purpose to make enough material to combine from several of his books into a collected volume. Indeed, it is likely that many such authors have that kind of material [1]. The question, of course, is what one does with that material and how one discusses it. This book is a case where the author is perhaps not the ideal person for the task he has set for himself. To be sure, Tozer is strong-minded as far as Evangelicals go when it comes to doctrinal matters, and that is certainly the case here (even where our beliefs differ). Yet there is something of the graciousness that one would expect in the subject that is a bit missing, and that is missing largely because the author spends so much time being tough on doctrine (and tough on people) that he does not strike one as the best example to be writing about Jesus.

This book of a bit more than 150 pages is divided into seventeen chapters, each of which ends with some reflection questions for the reader. The author discusses Jesus as the self-existent God (1), as God's express image (2), and as the creator, sustainer, and benefactor (3). He discusses such matters as the mystery of the incarnation (4), the center of all (6), a miracle worker (7) as well as the people's savior (8). He speaks of Jesus Christ as the remedy (9), the offering (10), our mediator (11), and he speaks quite eloquently about the resurrection (12), the ascension (13), and the role of Jesus Christ as the high priest (14) who is ever with us (15). To be greatly appreciated are his comments about the second coming (16) that are pretty strongly worded against amillennialism, before closing, fittingly, with a look at Jesus Christ as the head of a new creation (17). There are definitely some aspects of Jesus' life and ministry (like Jesus as the Lord of the Sabbath) that are overlooked here, and the author seems to be a bit harsh on people like Philip as being full of calculations. It appears at times as if the author takes his own grievances out on his biblical interpretations.

There is certainly much to appreciate here for many readers. Reading Tozer's thoughts on anything is enjoyable and insightful, regardless of what the subject may be. Given the importance of grace, though, to Jesus' ministry, it would seem as if one would look for someone who was more gracious than Tozer to be the one writing the book. Even so, if you happen to pick up this book looking for generally sound doctrine and some tough-minded statements about Jesus Christ and His role in salvation and in the lives of believers, you will find what you are looking for and will likely enjoy it. The questions for this book are definitely strong as well, though it is unclear who wrote them, and some of them are well worth thinking about and for some readers perhaps well worth writing about them as blog entries or short reflection pieces. Whether or not many readers make use of this depends on a lot of factors. I am not sure how many people will think of Tozer's thoughts on Jesus to be something that would be their cup of tea, especially when there are so many options to choose from--I suppose the sales numbers will have to tell that tale for themselves.

[1] See, for example:

<https://edgeinducedcohesion.blog/2018...>

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Sam B says

Not sure how to adequately give justice to the wisdom of Tozer's words. If you don't read the book, please at least read Chapter 16 on waiting for Jesus's appearing. I think the "church" in America would be far better off if more Christians were like Tozer, or willing to learn from him.

Jeanie says

The redemptive work of Christ is the work of his birth, his death, and his resurrection to the right hand of God.

If you are a fan of Tozer, you will be encouraged by his insight in the work of Christ. Tozer does not go on rabbit trails but with clarity and focused teaching to scripture a student of Christ will benefit from Tozer's work.

Some teachers I follow do not teach or leave out the work of Christ to the nation of Israel. Tozer does not. He believes strongly in the future glory of Israel and how the Lord will and still uses the nation of Israel to bring the whole world to himself.

Tozer is also not about self-improvement, social, etc gospel but how God changes our moral situation. God suffered so we may cry out have mercy on us...that is what changes our moral situation.

Tozer writes as he writes to a friend. With warning, encouragement and the truth of the Gospel. he brings to light the work of Christ so that we may be transformed and know the deep love of God thru the Gospel.

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Norm Konzelman says

All of AW Tozer's writing is worth hearing/reading.

You know if you listen to audio books how critical the readers role is. The reader of this version does a good job, but it just seems missing the fire I normally sense from a book by Tozer.

Jeremy Utley says

One of the weaker Tozer compilations I have ever read. Love the man, and many, many of his writings and sermons. This one seemed to lack his typical punch and style. Perhaps bc many are transcripts? (And I've often heard he wasn't as much of a preacher as he was a writer)

Chapter 7 was spectacular. Otherwise I could have passed almost entirely on the other chapters.

Tempted actually to give it two stars but don't have the heart to give Tozer that low a rating.

Needless to say, I would NOT recommend starting here if you're just getting into him. Try "Root of the Righteous," almost all of the ~50 articles in that are better than any one chapter in this.
