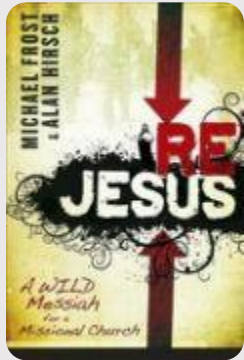


One Page Book



Title:
ReJesus

Sub-Title:
A Wild Messiah for a
Missional Church

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Synopsis:
We must keep recalibrating everything we say, do and believe to what Jesus said, did, and believed. A constant and continual return to Jesus is essential for any movement that wishes to call itself by His name.

- ⇒ Have we domesticated the radical and revolutionary Jesus, and attempted to turn Him into a religion? Be assured of this...we can't. He flat out refuses. He's too unpredictable. *Its just plain impossible to create a religion out of the way of Jesus.*
- ⇒ Freely following Jesus will have implications for a religion constrained by degenerating institutional forms and expressions
- ⇒ It is difficult for the church today to break out of the sanitized ideas about Jesus to actually do what He would do. The process of "reJesusing" the church will begin with a rediscovery of the fierce and outrageous life of Jesus, and include a dismantling of the much-loved temple theology.
- ⇒ The Kingdom is wild and cosmic in scope. Jesus showed us the Kingdom working in the strangest of places. We can live and work wherever we are and expect the Kingdom of God to already be there.
- ⇒ The original word "ecclesia", translated church, was a group of people within the village passionate about making the village a better place.
- ⇒ As followers of Jesus, we are called to identify the image of God in people and help bring it to the surface, and this discovery will point people to Jesus.
- ⇒ If we cannot validate who we are and what we do when we line ourselves up with what Jesus laid down in His life and work, then what is God's name are we doing?
- ⇒ Our passion for Jesus is the only passion that won't destroy us.
- ⇒ The temptation for those who don't read the Gospels well is to form Jesus in their own image, and you know you have done this when you think He hates all the same people you hate.
- ⇒ Interesting how many of the people today who are drawn to the Jesus of the Gospels feel out of place in the church.
- ⇒ The Bible should not replace Jesus as the focus of our faith. We must have relationship, in which He speaks to our hearts through His written and spoken word
- ⇒ Our minds find God incomprehensible, but our hearts won't.
- ⇒ Pickle yourselves in the Gospels!! The Gospel is the story of Jesus, and we should know this better than anything else we know or proclaim.