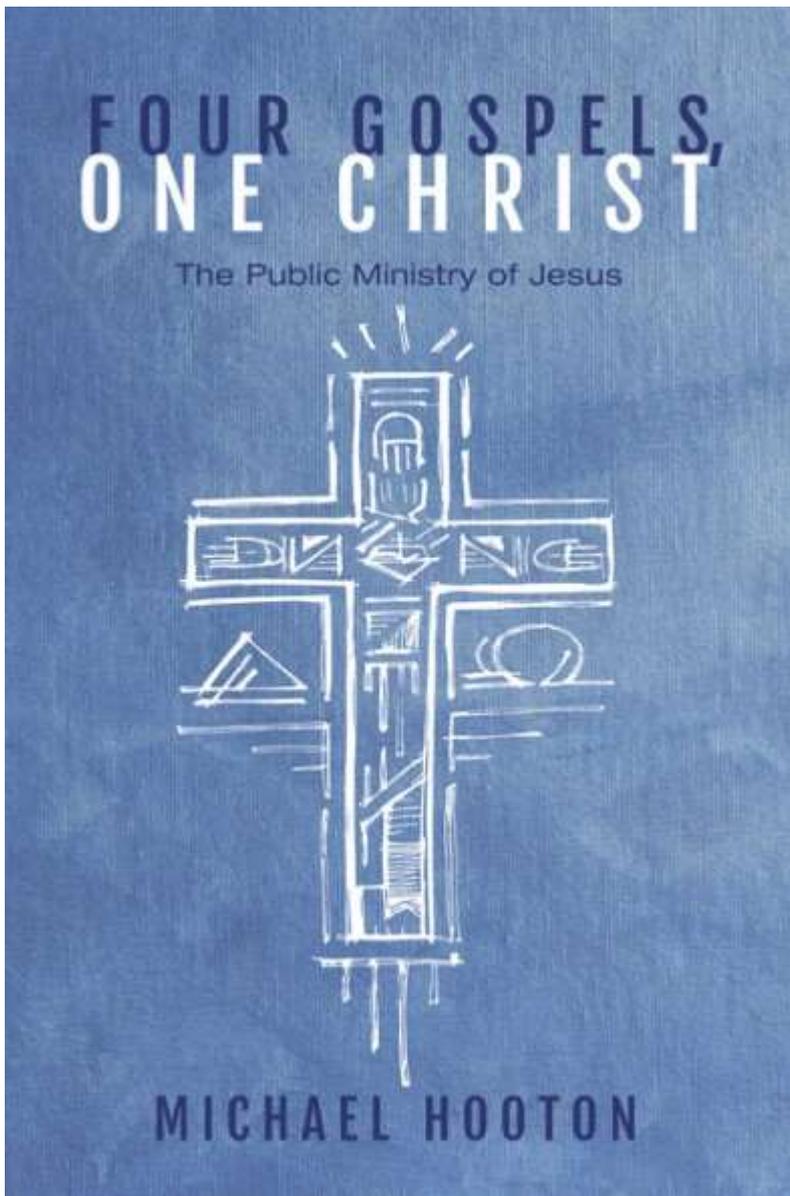


We are all familiar with the stories of what happened at the first Christmas and Easter – or are we? *The Crib, the Cross and the Crown* strips away the wrapping-paper of tradition and folk-lore from the stories of the birth and death of Jesus Christ, and takes a fresh look at what the Gospels themselves say. It describes the real Jesus of the New Testament, and reflects on the ways in which the recurring themes in his story can shape our own lives and faith.

“From Haydn to Harry Potter, Michael Hooton uses every possible illustration to bring new ways of grasping the Good News of salvation in Christ. His writing is intellectually accessible and credible, and spiritually satisfying. It seems as if this small but comprehensive book has surveyed the whole

Gospel, and the whole of discipleship, through the lens of the Biblical narratives of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection.” *From the foreword by Dianne Tidball, Vice-President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

“The author of *The Crib, The Cross, and The Crown* articulately undergirds the bedrock Christian truths that are part of annual holiday celebrations, namely Christmas and Easter. The book will surely help the reader to a greater appreciation of such seismic historical happenings and their current power and reality.” *Phil Pye, AOG National Leadership Team, UK*



The four Gospels are the only books in the Bible to tell the same story from four different angles. Together, they show us not only what Jesus was like and how he lived, but how his life can become the model for our own. *Four Gospels, One Christ* offers an overview of the three years of Jesus' public ministry – what he did and how he did it – as seen through the eyes of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And by exploring the themes that run through the four Gospels, it invites us to reflect on what it really means to “follow Jesus.”

“Once more, Michael Hooton writes with clarity on New Testament themes which others overcomplicate, and yet in the clarity of his writing he has not lost depth of understanding. He takes the well-worn paths of the life of Christ, his teaching and

actions, and presents them in a contemporary context with clear pastoral insights for all. I commend this book for preachers and church leaders as well as those growing in faith and discipleship. It is a rich feast of wisdom and truth from the Gospels.”

*Dianne Tidball, President Elect, Baptist Union of Great Britain*

“[Hooton] ensures the reader will go deeper and wider than merely the narrative of these well-known Bible books. Great truths are comprehensively expounded, always with Jesus Christ central to all. The content stretches thinking but intentionally not beyond the ken of the ‘ordinary believer.’ A fine, fresh addition and insight on the great gospel writings.” *Phil Pye, AOG National Leadership Team, United Kingdom*

“At a time when many make superficial claims about the character and teaching of Christ and use their ‘straw men’ as the model of Christianity, Hooton invites the reader to consider again the real substance of this character and teaching by revisiting the Gospels that reveal the real Jesus so we can follow with confidence, knowing the journey will be life-changing.” *Phil Hills, Chief Executive of Teen Challenge UK and Vice President of Global Teen Challenge*