

Foreword

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Putting Jesus in His Place is not a typical book. After all, it deals with a complex subject in a manner that is academically responsible *as well as* clear and memorable. Many treatments of Jesus' identity are detailed and informative, but they tend to leave a rather dry taste in one's mouth. Rarely does one get to work through the meat of biblical teaching about who Jesus was and is in the pleasant-tasting way afforded by this book. This combination of intellectual rigor and eminent readability qualifies *Putting Jesus in His Place* for a pastor's library, a sermon series, a Sunday school text, or even a required class on Christology.

The chefs for this dinner, Robert M. Bowman Jr. and J. Ed Komoszewski, have prepared a five-course meal for us. Indeed, they have presented to us five different elements in the recipe that lead to a hearty appreciation of the biblical Jesus. The savory and idiomatic manner of the meal's presentation makes the mixture of assorted and diverse—even potentially confusing—ingredients a success.

Once you've looked at this book's presentation of the honors Jesus receives, the attributes he possesses, the names by which he is identified, the deeds he performs, and the seat he occupies in heaven, you'll have a basic grasp of who Jesus is and what God has done through him. And if you're so inclined, the notes and bibliography will take you even further, all the way to the most scholarly levels of the debate.

There are many works of theology and/or apologetics on the market that are sensitive to a popular audience yet fail to reflect the state of current discussions. That is not the case here. *Putting Jesus in His Place* looks at the biblical witness to Jesus' uniqueness from a variety of well-informed angles. In a world that often tries to

domesticate Jesus or bring him down to our level, it is refreshing to have a book that sets forth in a direct and appealing manner who Jesus truly is.

This is a book you should devour and digest. It will give you a deeper understanding of Jesus' true place at the center of all that exists and, most importantly, draw you closer to him. The table is set; the meal is fixed. Take a seat and enjoy a satisfying serving of the biblical witness to our unique Lord. Eat and be filled. Our compliments to the chefs.

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