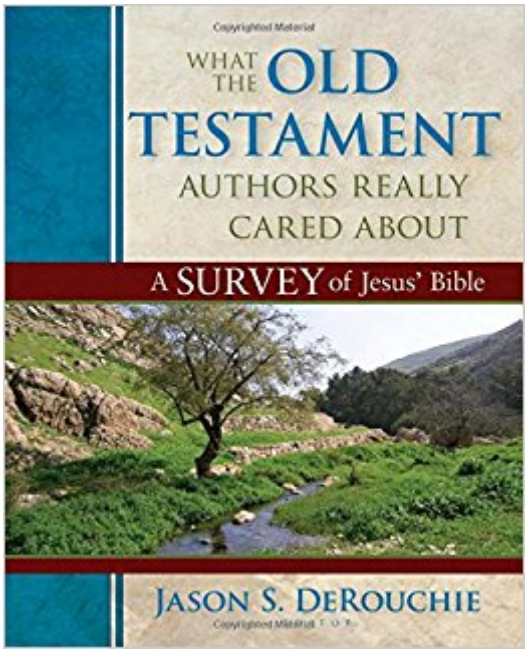
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Jesus read the Bible. Have you considered this fact before? When you think of the earthly ministry and life of Jesus, you probably think of His teachings and miraclesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •and you likely havenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t reflected on the fact that Jesus read the Scriptures. We can safely assume that Jesus was faithfully taught the Scriptures by Mary and Joseph as He ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (Luke 2:52). Also, it was JesusÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ custom to attend temple worship and read the Scriptures (Luke 4:26). And clearly Jesus read the Bible if He taught His disciples all about it (Luke 24:27). Today, in seminary and Bible college classes, it is not unusual to be assigned a book on the survey of the Old Testament. While there are many great textbooks available for surveying the Old Testament, this book focuses distinctly on JesusÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ version of the Old Testament. IsnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t that the one we should be studying? Of course, Jesus read the same Old Testament that we have today, but it was organized in a different order. Considering that fact, our study of the survey of the Old Testament should conform to the order in which it was originally organized. ThatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s one of the many things that this textbook accomplishes. This is not your ordinary Bible survey textbook. Not only does it focus on the Bible that Jesus Himself used, but it focuses on what really mattered to the authors of the many books of the Old Testament. What did they really care about? What was near to their hearts? DeRouchie answers these questions and more in his marvelous work, What the Old Testament Authors Really Cared About: A Survey of JesusÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ Bible.Each chapter is broken down into a manageable and easy-to-read way. First, each chapter begins with some introductory information about the Old Testament book(s) that will be discussed within that chapter. In only a few paragraphs, organized neatly on the page, the author answers the basic fundamental questions of purpose, authorship, and date by asking Who? When? Where? , and Why? Second, each chapter of the book begins with a section titled, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Carefully Crafted Verses from (the Book(s) Being Studied).ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Found in this section are powerfully packed verses found in the book that is being surveyed. There is also a helpful chart on the first page of every chapter with bullet points that summarize the theological convictions that lay behind the authorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s pen of every book in the Old Testament. These theological convictions are then unpacked in detail throughout the rest of the chapter in individual sections.Also, pasted throughout the chapters of the book, there are striking historical images pertaining to the culture, practices, and history of that particular book being surveyed. Similarly, there are small text boxes scattered throughout the chapters that offer insightful reflections on the concepts being discussed. Additionally there are charts that provide good visual aids to

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