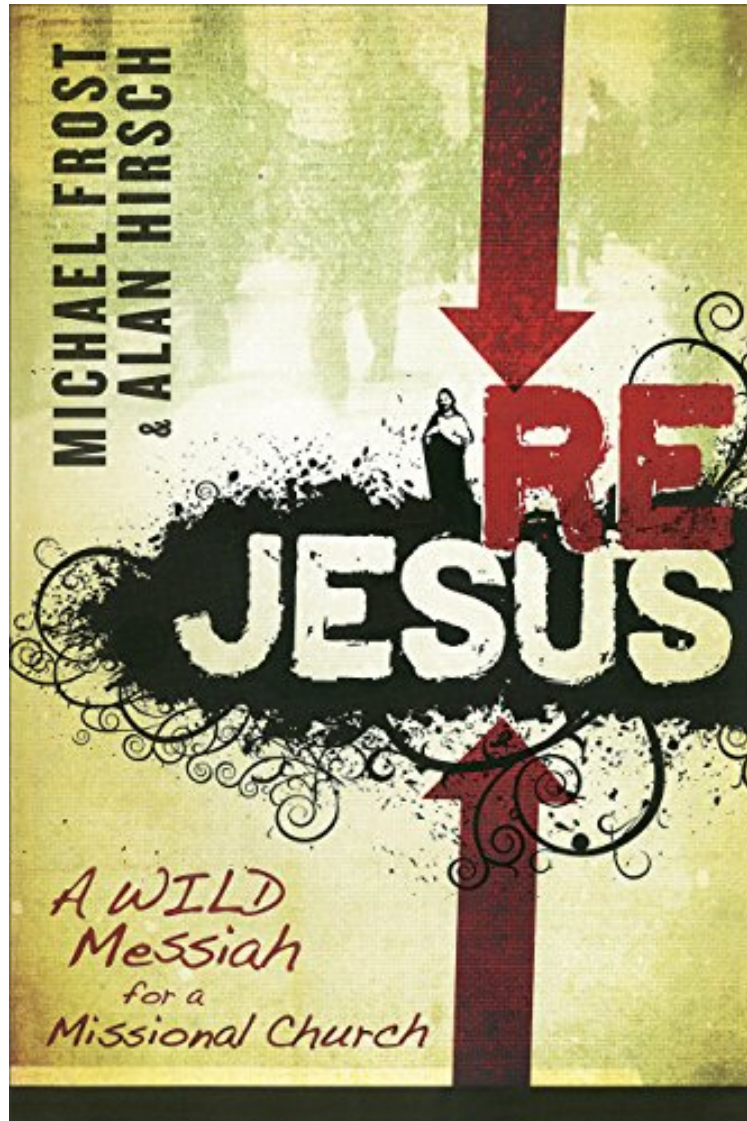


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minus its instruments. Sadly, this is the state of much of the church today--useless and dangerous. The church, as strange as it may sound, is in need of Jesus. In *ReJesus*, Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch provide the church with exactly what it needs...Jesus. In a quick two hundred pages, Frost and Hirsch weave together theory, stories, examples, and diagrams that cause you to think, listen, dream, and pray. Above all, they cause you to question the place of Jesus in your ministry. Is Jesus the center of all that you do? Is he the source of mission? Is he the life of your community, or has Jesus been pushed to the margins in favor of other lords, such as religion or Christ-less theology? Having read previous books by both authors, I'm convinced that this book is the most important because it is about the most important topic of all. For those interested in missional church, this book serves as a welcome reminder that apart from Jesus there is no mission nor church. I will be using this book for years to come as we train leaders and church planters for mission. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Seriously, *ReJesus* is a must read for every follower of Christ, and that includes the clergy. By David Bennett Great book that helps you redirect your life again and again around the person of Jesus Christ and His Lordship in the life of every believer. *ReJesus* requires you to return to the Gospel and see where you might have started from what Jesus intended for His followers to live. This book will help you to develop the healthy practice of returning to the designer of the Christian faith rather than trying to discover some trendy empty form that may produce excitement and draw people, but lacks in transformational power. To *ReJesus* is to be transformed over and over again through your life by Jesus Christ and the Gospel He brought us. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Moving to Missional Through the Restoration of a Wild Jesus By Matthew Morine This book is from the authors of "The Shaping of Things to Come." "The Shaping" dealt with the practical methodology of missional outreach. "ReJesus" builds on this foundation with more of a theological framework. The major premise of the book was the need to "reJesus" the community or the world. The authors mean by this that a restoration of the true image of Christ must be presented to people. The authors feel that culture has made Jesus into a weak figure, and the missional church must reclaim the forceful Jesus of the Gospel. The chapters are interesting, especially the section about the development of artwork portraying Jesus throughout the centuries. There was also great insight into the nature of Jesus in regards to the nature of man. A person's concept of Christ is often tied to baggage from the past or misconceptions of the nature of God. A great quote is "Tell me about your Jesus, and I can tell you about yourself." There is a lot of truth to this. We too often make Jesus in support of whatever we deem important. This book might not give more ideas on doing missional evangelism, but it will provide great material and support for some of the missional projects within the congregation. An interesting read.

ReJesus asks the following questions: What ongoing role does Jesus the Messiah play in shaping the ethos and self understanding of the movement that originated in him? How is the Christian religion informed and shaped by the Jesus that we meet in the Gospels? How do we assess the continuity required between the life and example of Jesus and the subsequent religion called Christianity? In how many ways do we domesticate the radical revolutionary in order to sustain our religion and religiosity? How can a rediscovery of Jesus renew our discipleship, the Christian community, and the ongoing mission of the church? These questions take us to the core of what the church is all about. Rather than reformation, the authors call their task re-founding the church because it raises the issue of the church's true Founder or Foundation. This theme is of particular importance at the dawn of the twenty-first century as many attempt to address Christianity's endemic and long trended decline in the West. The authors feel that a spiritual, theological, missional, and existential crisis looms in the West.

For anyone in the missional conversation in even the slightest way, this book addresses what is by far the most important thing about it theologically and practically. -- Dan Kimball, pastor and author, *They Like Jesus but Not the Church* Frost and Hirsch tear away false characterizations about Jesus and reveal a wild and radical revolutionary . . . anything but boring. This book is a huge leap in the right direction. *ReJesus* will rock your world--and cause you to reJesus your life, reJesus your church, and reJesus your Bible. Expect "reJesus" to become a mantra and a mobilization in the revitalization of Christianity in the 21st century.