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Christ was human and Christ was divine . . . . The evidence of each is abundant, and the necessity for both is obvious. Had He not been man, He could not have sympathized with us; had He not been God, He could not have saved us.' -- W. Graham ScroggieFollowing Jesus from pre-existence through earthly life to second advent, J. Oswald Sanders' devotional study spotlights the teachings and events that reveal Christ's dynamic uniqueness.

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# From Reader Review The Incomparable Christ (Moody Classics) for online ebook

#### Patti says

Amazing book. Very understandable, captures your interest, and inspires you to believe in this stupendous Savior we have.

#### Ed says

Every time I read J. Oswald Sanders, I thoroughly enjoy what I learn. This is a tremendous book on the Person and Work of Christ. The only problem I find with the book is that there is no Scriptural or Topical Index included. For me to refer to this book in the future, I have no way of finding the material I once read without completely reading it again. This is why I gave it only 4 stars.

#### **Anjanette says**

Intimate look at who Jesus is. Powerful and intense book that led me to see Jesus more fully.

#### Gerry says

Thought provoking, encouraging; wonderful read for Lent

#### **Seth says**

This book is wonderful! I absolutely recommend it to all who want to know Jesus better! I love how it helped me think about Christ in different ways and thoroughly enjoyed the many sections that specifically spoke on the deity of Christ!

#### Carrie says

I read this book right before the Easter season. It is definitely a book that will draw you closer to Jesus.

#### Jeremy says

Thirty-five chapters expounding on the character of Christ. Christians and Non-Christians alike become

numb to exactly how unique and exceptional the Christ of the Gospels is. Whether you're a believer or not, I think this book would be useful as it examines Christ from various angles with the major theme being that Christ was so unlike any other person of history that he truly can be thought of as 'incomparable'. Sad that many in the church make faith into a caricature or agenda or selectively read Christ's message (i.e. ignoring the many sermons on social justice that Christ seemed to constantly be preaching).

Really inspiring read. An under-appreciated work.

"It has been said that in Jesus' character no strong points were obvious because there were no weak ones."

"The presence of mystery is the footprint of the divine." (quoting Lecerf, whoever that is)

"Christ had come to conquer not by might of arms but by love and humility."

"He drank a cup of wrath without mercy, that we might drink a cup of mercy without wrath."

#### Marsha Hubler says

Author Oswald Sanders discusses in depth Jesus, the man and Jesus, the God separately then presents Jesus, the God Man as the Savior of the world. It's an excellent read for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus according to the Scriptures. This book could bring doubters to a saving faith in Christ.

#### Rafael Monchez says

This book is a great devotional read for the days leading up to Easter Sunday. You will like it much more if you are especially fond of poetry. I love the way Sander's writes, he has a specialty in vocabulary and choice words. He is able to bring mind-bending Theological concepts and explain it simply in a devotional language, simple yet precise.

One of the things I took away from this book is getting to know Jesus the MAN. I know Jesus the Christ, I know Jesus the Divine, I know Jesus the Teacher, Jesus the Healer, Jesus the Majestic but this book helped me hone in on the life of Jesus as a Carpenter. As Sanders writes:

"What is the significance of the fact that, out of all possible occupations, God chose for his Son in his incarnation the lot of a working man? Why did the only one who could have chose His earthly vocation without any restriction choose to become a carpenter? It is not difficult to conceive the wonder and consternation of the angelic host to see the great Jehova, Creator of the rolling spheres, humble Himself to toil with saw and hammer at a carpenter's bench for eighteen years; to see Him who made the heavens and "meted them out with a span" stoop to shape with His own hands a yoke for oxen."

Sanders continues to explain that it was most obviously to identify himself with the common man, the working man. Here we see the Teacher joyously partaking in the life of a worker, a skilled laborer, his hands dirty, his body dusty, his head sweaty. This image impacted me personally as I went through a phase of an occupational change; from dressing neat and clean in an office environment to putting on safety gear and carrying tools for construction. I felt my hands turn harder and harder, my body change it's form. At times, working from sun-up to sun-down along with my fellow workers. I often wondered why God willed it that I

go through this change, not that I am ashamed of it.

Our Lord Jesus exemplified the nobility of Labor. "Jesus is the working man's friend".

Our Lord in His divine wisdom and complete trust in God recognized these years of physical work to be his preparation, his training, for a coming day where He would stagger under the weight of His own cross. This is a great lesson for the children of God for in whatever occupation you fill your time with, there is a lesson that our Lord is teaching us, sometimes, we just don't see it at the moment.

In the same chapter about Jesus as a carpenter, we read a beautiful poem. Each chapter contains several poems and lines of poetry. This one was my favorite:

"In the shop of Nazareth

Pungent cedar haunts the breath.

'Tis a low eastern room,

Windowless, touched with gloom.

Workman's bench and simple tools

Line the walls — chests and stools, Yoke of ox, and shaft of plough, Finished by the Carpenter, Lie about the pavement now."

In the room the Craftsman stands, Stands and reaches out His hands."

Let the shadows veil His face If you must, and dimly trace

His workman's tunic, girt with bands At His waist. But His hands — Let the light play on them;

Marks of toil lay on them

Faint with passion and with care,

Every old scar showing there

Where a tool slipped and hurt;

Show each callous; be alert for each deep line of toil.

Show the soil of the pitch; and the strength grips of helve give at length."

When night comes, and I turn from my shop where I earn Daily bread, let me see

Those hard hands; know that He Shared my lot, every bit;

Was a man, every whit." Could I fear such a hand

Stretched toward me? Misunderstand Or mistrust? Doubt that He Meets me full in sympathy? Carpenter! hard like Thine

Is this hand — this of mine: I reach out, gripping Thee,

Son of man, close to me,

Close and fast, fearlessly."

-Arthur P. Vaughan

#### Eleanor says

There are 36 chapters in this book. I am reading it for lent. What an amazing Savior we have!

#### **Bradley says**

#### **Outstanding!**

We just finished this book in the men's discipleship group that I lead. One quote sticks in my head - "Jesus drank the cup of wrath without mercy so that we might drink the cup of mercy without wrath."

#### Tammy says

Reading this for Lent

#### Brenda Huntsman says

Focus and emphasis was on Christ and Christ alone. Reminded of his many attributes. Good read.

#### **Paige Cuthbertson says**

Some things that I felt weren't exactly biblical, but they were few and far between.

Overall, this was a WONDERFUL devotional approach to Christology, and really enriched my personal devotions. Highly recommend!

#### **Melody Clauser says**

a great devotional with a slightly different view of Christ. Learned some things as well are realizing some stuff I didn't put together before.