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Questions

1. What is contained in the subfield that we call Christology?
2. What is the chief benefit of Christology from below?
3. What is the framework of Christology from above?
4. According to the author, what a problematic feature with many modern Christologies?
5. What are the 4 manners that Bird proposes that Christ is present in the Old Testament?

Answers

1. *Unpacking what the gospel declares to be true about Jesus Christ.*
2. *That it takes seriously the notion that God reveals himself in history, that Jesus was a historical figure, and that the resurrection was a historical event.*
3. *It begins with the church's proclamation of who Jesus was, is, and will yet be. It begins with Jesus as divine and human, especially accenting the divine side, making him the locus of divine revelation.*
4. *They leave us without any way of explaining the relationship between Israel's sacred history and Jesus' ministry or between Jesus' kingdom message to Israel and his death as an atonement for sins.*
5. *Prophetically (he is the annointed one prophesied about), typologically (his life and work rehearse several patterns or types from the Old Testament, Christophany (helps us imagine the 'real presence' of Jesus in the Old Testament and allegory, detecting sings and symbols in a text when it is read beside a particular cotext or in a different context.*

Terms

Festschrift: a collection of writings published in honor of a scholar
Telos: an ultimate object or aim
Lacuna: an unfilled space or interval; a gap

Summary

In the first 3 sections focused on Jesus, Bird identifies what Christology is, how it is practiced and the importance of looking at Jesus' life as a whole, not just his birth and death. Delving deeper into both the divine and human natures, Bird instructs on the taking in of the whole of Jesus in the Bible, in one complete story from Genesis through Revelation.