

Jesus und die Rabbinen.

Von Dr. Erich Bischoff. J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung, Leipzig, Germany, 1905. M. 2. 20. Gebunden M. 3. S. 114. To be had also of Lemcke & Buechner, New York.

This is a very careful comparison between the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount and that of the Rabbis as reported in the Talmud. So far from proving the dependence of Christ on the Rabbis for his distinctive ideas, Dr. Bischoff insists that the Rabbis made use of the New Testament. Besides in the mouth of Jesus kingdom of heaven had a far deeper sense than in the Old Testament or the Talmud. This scholarly study of the words of the Sermon on the Mount will repay any earnest student of the teaching of Jesus.

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An Analysis of the Gospel of John, with Notes.

By Frederick L. Anderson, D. D., Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Newton Theological Institution, Newton Centre, Mass. Pages 23.

The cover page states in addition that this was prepared for the Rhode Island Committee of Pastors. In it Professor Anderson has done a helpful work for others than the Rhode Island pastors. In a concluding note he asserts his increased confidence in the trustworthiness of the Fourth Gospel as history. But he regards it as primarily a philosophical work, "the results of reflection on the character and words of Jesus." The inner thought of this philosophical work he traces "by certain characteristic and typical words," Glory, Light, Father, Son, Believe, World, Truth, Testify, Life, Judgment, etc., and the analysis is stated in relation to these words. To have followed "their lead" is what the author claims as his own contribution to his subject. To have shown the importance of these words as clues to the *thought* must be helpful to the student of this Gospel; and, even if later discussions shall show that they are controlling in discovering the writer's thought, this analysis must still be helpful to any diligent student. It is to be hoped that it may be widely used.

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