



# At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion

By Larry W. Hurtado

Download now

Read Online 

## At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado

This volume makes a valuable contribution to the debate about the origins and development of Christianity. Larry Hurtado argues that understanding the nature of Christianity in the first century requires taking full account of the first Christians' devotional practices because worship was the context in which christological titles and other expressions of faith were given their specific meaning--a fact that has largely been ignored.

Hurtado focuses on two distinguishing characteristics of earliest Christian worship: its exclusivity (rejecting the worship of other deities) and its "binitarian" shape (the veneration of Christ alongside God the Father). Setting early Christianity within the religious environment of the Roman era, Hurtado describes the features of Christianity that attracted followers and led them to renounce other religions. He then turns his attention to a more detailed discussion of the place of Christ in the monotheistic worship of the earliest Christians, showing that Christ figured in their public and corporate devotional life at a surprisingly early stage. The book concludes with some reflections for Christian worship today based on the historical features of early Christian devotional practices.

Clear, illuminating, and relevant to the modern church, this volume will be of interest to scholars, pastors, students, and general readers seeking insight into the origins of Christian faith and practice.

 [Download At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context a ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context ...pdf](#)

# At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion

By Larry W. Hurtado

## At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado

This volume makes a valuable contribution to the debate about the origins and development of Christianity. Larry Hurtado argues that understanding the nature of Christianity in the first century requires taking full account of the first Christians' devotional practices because worship was the context in which christological titles and other expressions of faith were given their specific meaning--a fact that has largely been ignored.

Hurtado focuses on two distinguishing characteristics of earliest Christian worship: its exclusivity (rejecting the worship of other deities) and its "binitarian" shape (the veneration of Christ alongside God the Father). Setting early Christianity within the religious environment of the Roman era, Hurtado describes the features of Christianity that attracted followers and led them to renounce other religions. He then turns his attention to a more detailed discussion of the place of Christ in the monotheistic worship of the earliest Christians, showing that Christ figured in their public and corporate devotional life at a surprisingly early stage. The book concludes with some reflections for Christian worship today based on the historical features of early Christian devotional practices.

Clear, illuminating, and relevant to the modern church, this volume will be of interest to scholars, pastors, students, and general readers seeking insight into the origins of Christian faith and practice.

## At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado Bibliography

- Rank: #1082125 in Books
- Brand: Larry W Hurtado
- Published on: 2000-09-07
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x .38" w x 6.00" l, .55 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 150 pages

 [Download At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context a ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado**

---

## **Editorial Review**

### Review

#### ***Theology (UK)***

"A concise and useful introduction to the subject of roots of Christian worship."

#### ***Worship Leader***

"This book proves to be pointed and helpful in coming to a greater understanding and appreciation of the origins of Christian worship. I recommend it especially to those wanting to better understand worship's roots."

#### ***Toronto Journal of Theology***

"In a manner that is both innovative and challenging, Hurtado seeks to locate early Christian theology within the context of early Christian worship (rather than the other way around), comparing Christian practices described in the New Testament with alternative religious expressions from the contemporary Mediterranean world. . . As a rich introduction to Christian worship in its social context, Hurtado's praxis-oriented approach bears much fruit, including its ability to suggest so many promising avenues for further research and debate."

#### ***Anglican Theological Review***

"This brief, scholarly, and readable book considers -- as its subtitle accurately puts it -- the context and character of early Christian devotion. Larry Hurtado, a leading scholar of evangelical background, seeks to describe the setting in which the earliest Christian worship arose and certain of its features, and then to reflect on issues for contemporary Christian worship."

### About the Author

Larry W. Hurtado is professor emeritus of New Testament language, literature, and theology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Lynda Wright:**

The particular book At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion will bring that you the new experience of reading any book. The author style to clarify the idea is very unique. In the event you try to find new book to read, this book very suited to you. The book At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book from your official web site, so you can quickly to read the book.

**Gordon Rollins:**

It is possible to spend your free time to study this book this e-book. This At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion is simple to develop you can read it in the park your car, in the beach, train along with soon. If you did not possess much space to bring the actual printed book, you can buy typically the e-book. It is make you simpler to read it. You can save often the book in your smart phone. So there are a lot of benefits that you will get when one buys this book.

**Edward Carroll:**

You will get this At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion by look at the bookstore or Mall. Simply viewing or reviewing it might to be your solve trouble if you get difficulties for the knowledge. Kinds of this reserve are various. Not only through written or printed but can you enjoy this book simply by e-book. In the modern era like now, you just looking of your mobile phone and searching what your problem. Right now, choose your current ways to get more information about your publication. It is most important to arrange yourself to make your knowledge are still revise. Let's try to choose appropriate ways for you.

**Laura Dumas:**

Reserve is one of source of understanding. We can add our understanding from it. Not only for students and also native or citizen require book to know the upgrade information of year for you to year. As we know those ebooks have many advantages. Beside most of us add our knowledge, may also bring us to around the world. With the book At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion we can get more advantage. Don't you to definitely be creative people? For being creative person must like to read a book. Merely choose the best book that ideal with your aim. Don't possibly be doubt to change your life with that book At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion. You can more inviting than now.

**Download and Read Online At the Origins of Christian Worship:  
The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry  
W. Hurtado #BALJZD165T2**

# **Read At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado for online ebook**

At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado books to read online.

## **Online At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado ebook PDF download**

### **At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado Doc**

**At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado MobiPocket**

**At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado EPub**

**BALJZD165T2: At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion By Larry W. Hurtado**