

Rodney Schofield. *Jesus. The Man For Others* (Mzuzu, Malawi: Liviri Press, 2018)
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Jesus, the man for others is a short introduction to the life and teachings of Jesus written for the larger public. The booklet, which features topics such as Jesus' vocation, social legacy, mission, cultural embrace and his political challenges, draws mainly on the New Testament and materials from the early church (e.g. Jerome, Augustine, the Letters of Barnabas and of Diognetus) to discuss the significance of Jesus' life and teachings for people today. Apart from Jesus' teachings on Christian living, the book also touches upon more controversial issues such as the role of women in the church and gender inclusive imagery of God. While the book includes a chapter on contemporary challenges, discussing among other issues, topics such as hedonism, consumerism and human rights, references to the African context are rare, apart from a cursory reference to *ubuntu* thinking. Therefore it is somewhat puzzling why the book was published with Liviri Press in Malawi; being a local publication one would have expected some references to African theologies (and christologies in particular); this proves not to be the case. On a more positive note, the book is beautifully illustrated, among which are 18 representations of Jesus from the church of all times and all ages, including a *via crucis* (artist not mentioned) from Malawi.

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