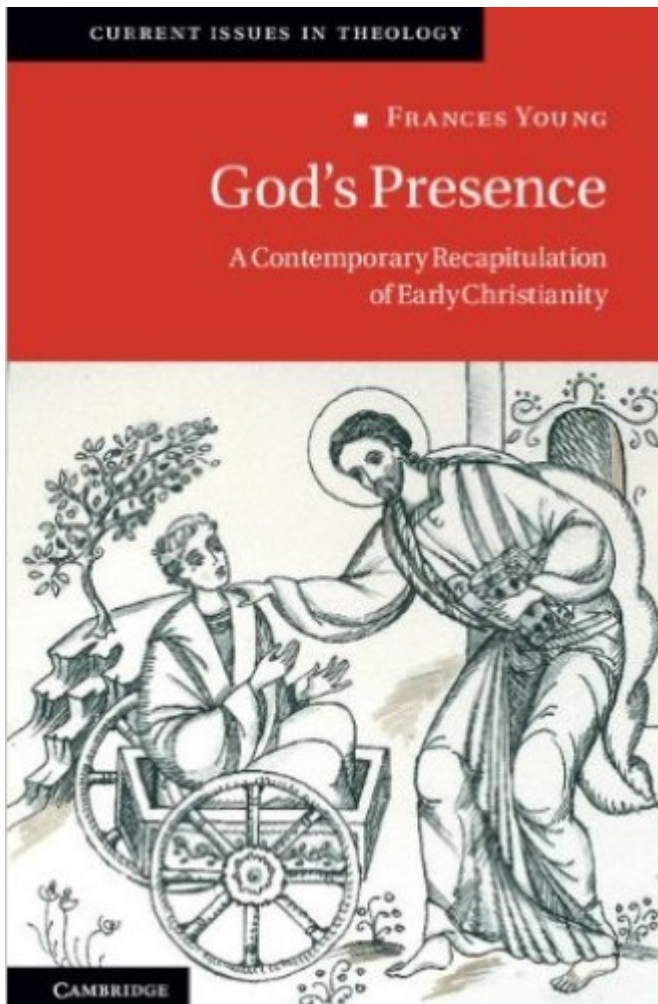


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In Review



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In this work based on the Bampton Lectures given at Oxford, Young covers key topics in the Christian faith, including creation, anthropology, Christology, soteriology, spirituality, ecclesiology, and Mariology. She connects early church

theologians to our context, providing an excellent model for how to retrieve wisdom from the ancients responsibly. She also engages biblical theology and draws out the contemporary implications of Christian doctrines. Young, professor emeritus at the University of Birmingham, includes some of her own poetry and some sermonic material with each chapter. She also injects her personal experience into her expositions, including that of raising a son with profound disabilities. The book serves as an excellent course in systematic theology.