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Messianic Prison Ministries



As a Jew growing up in an Irish-Italian neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, I learned that there were only three career paths open to you: Become a priest, a cop or spend your life in prison. With the group of guys I grew up with, that seemed to pan out. Johnny was one of the best undercover Narc agents NYPD ever had. Many of the others went to prison, some for life. A few died in Vietnam and I joined the Air Force to get away. After retiring from 20 years in the Air Force and ending up in Omaha, Nebraska, I thought I was as far away as possible from that life I grew up in. After all, I never made it to prison.

Little did I know I was in a prison of my own. My life was spent wandering a spiritual desert after having rejected the G-d of my youth. I had no interest in him and so ended up creating my own god out of alcohol. It beat me to the ground and so, in 1988, I looked for a way out. I went to churches because I heard they had a god who loved them. I was saved and accepted Jesus as my Messiah. Maybe now I could be the priest. After three years in a gentile church, I discovered Jews for Jesus and was able to relate all the things I learned as a Jewish child and so Jesus became Yeshua to me and I was now Messianic.

We started our congregation in August, 1997, and I was asked to be the leader simply because I was Jewish. No prior experience was necessary—just be Jewish. What do I do now? I was almost the priest but with no training. After a few years of study and many Yeshiva classes, I was fully ordained as a Messianic rabbi—I guess that's about as close to a priest as I'll ever get.

In 2002, I went full time in ministry and eventually found myself wanting to do more for others. A friend suggested I also become a chaplain so I can help people outside of the congregation, and so I was ordained by the International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC). I thought I would be doing work with the elderly since I had a Masters in Gerontology and spent 16 years working in a nursing Home after the Air Force. As all our plans go, they usually go in a different direction.

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As a rabbi, I used to get lots of mail from prisoners because we advertised our congregation in a messianic magazine. The prisoners usually asked for things and so I usually ignored them but one caught my eye from California and I began corresponding with him. I would send him things he asked for and pray for him and gave him advice. Eventually he was released and is now in California working and going to school. I also got a letter from here in Nebraska and so I started helping that inmate also. The thing was he also wanted me to come and visit him. He was 58 miles away. I knew the penitentiary and I was somewhat scared about going in there to visit anybody. I was afraid they would keep me and not let me go home. So I didn't go.

He kept hammering at me though and eventually I talked to the Chaplain at the prison and he allowed me to start a Bible study group there. So now I made the 58 mile one-way trip each

Wednesday afternoon to do a Bible study with people I was scared of meeting. Getting through security was harder than meeting the inmates. I have artificial metal knees and so we went through a lot of body searches and that did not give me pleasure. Anyway the inmates were wonderful. We had an hour and half and about 22 inmates were coming regularly. Then after a year or so, there was a lockdown and I couldn't come for a while. When it was resolved, we were cut to an hour a week and so I didn't think it was reasonable to make the long drive for that amount of time so I decided I would begin a mailing ministry.

They decided to keep meeting under my cover and started their own Messianic congregation with my help. I gave them lots of materials and books, etc. The chaplain there was very supportive.

I had letters from all over the country and so began mailing out weekly envelopes to about 24 inmates in many different states. I would mail about six pages a week which was the price of a first class stamp. Usually I sent the weekly Torah portion materials or other Messianic items of interest. I also sent everyone a siddur (prayer book) that was actually made by an inmate in a South Dakota prison. It was for daily prayers. Some decided to start their own groups and some of these grew into congregations.


In South Dakota, the inmate there filed suit against the state because they would not recognize and allow Messianic Congregations in their prisons. It was a religious division they refused to recognize. Many states will say it is part of Judaism and that doesn't really work since we have Yeshua. Anyway, I helped him and there was precedent in Florida which allowed for messianic congregations and so we won over South Dakota and they now allow congregations. In fact we now have two in the state. We also have one in Nebraska and now one in Florida that has over 80 members.

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I was able to visit the congregation in Nebraska and I was able to a mikveh for three of its members including its leader (I am attaching his testimony which is posted on our website. He was a neo-Nazi and now wears a kippah in spite of the swastikas on his arm).

In prison, the only group witnessing and seeking new members these days is Islam and it is growing very rapidly in prison. No Christian groups are doing any outreach. I believe that we, as Messianics, need to take the lead and do as much outreach as possible. Many inmates spend all of their time studying the Bible and many are searching for the truth. We, of course, offer the truth and so we must try to win over as many as we can. Congregations need to be encouraged. Resources need to be provided. I have bought many menorahs and candles, Kiddush cups, tallits, etc. You must buy them from our Messianic sellers and they have to ship them to the prisons. You cannot mail packages yourself. Also Passover supplies need to be purchased and sent to prisons. I have even used Jewish sources to ship stuff to congregations. If there is a prison near you then you need to visit and make relationships. Many of the prison chaplains are anti-Messianic and that makes it hard but I did go over their heads once and wrote directly to a warden. These guys (and maybe you know some women) want to be part of all this. We need to encourage them and help them as much as we can. The movement does not have a centralized way of doing this. It would be great if someone were to start an organization that could do that. Most of the big denominations have that. I would start it but I really don't have all the expertise to do so. If any would like to help, please contact me. Like I said before I was in a prison of my own; my life for 40 years was a prison of sorts so we may not be physically locked up but we are all caught somewhere. Let's break out and meet our Messiah. He is really the only one that can set us free.

By the way, we did have a prisoner in Nebraska who had a life sentenced overturned and is now free. He attends our congregation weekly. Also our bass player was set free after serving 15 years. The guy in Florida, who leads the congregation, now wants to become a rabbi. We need a Yeshiva for him and a way to pay for it. There is so much need here and so much you can do. Please join up. 



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Currey Purvis' Testimony

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My name is Currey Purvis and this is my testimony and statement of faith. I was born November 22, 1987. I was 2nd of 3 sons. My mom raised me and my brothers because my dad was in and out of prison my whole life. So far, he has been in 6 times due to alcohol and drugs. My mom and dad have divorced since I was around 8 years old.

I was expelled from school at age 10. I started to smoke marijuana at this time. Then I got sent to a shelter until a foster home took me in. I was there from age 11-15 until I got kicked out. Then I got sent to move back with my mom. Around this time, I started getting into Neo-Nazism and White Supremacy. I fell victim to it due to one of my cousins, internet, movie, American history, and false propoganda. I started a group at this time. I would hand out hate literature to people and we would fight Mexicans.

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Then when I turned 16 years old, I stopped going to school and I went to a place called Job Corps in Chadron, Nebraska. I only stayed there 3 months until I got my GED and the state social services caseworker told me they were releasing me from their caseload. I was very happy. So I started to smoke pot again and decided to leave Job Corps.

I came back home to Hastings, Nebraska. I kept smoking pot every day and got a swastika tattoo and some other white power type hate tattoos when I was 16. My daughter was born when I was 17 years old in 2005. I thought it would be good to name her "Aryan" because of the supposed master race.

I started to use cocaine when I was 18, then meth at age 19 and started to inject it also. I've been in and out of jail in different states since I was 18. When I was 20, I got charged with selling meth. They sent me to work ethic camp in McCook when I was 21. I was also put on probation for 5 years. About the same time, I got to selling drugs and had burnt a trailer home down. I didn't get charged until almost 2 years later while on probation.

At this time, I was under a lot of stress and pressure. I crumbled and started using drugs again, selling, shooting up, and carrying a gun around.

I lost my job making \$16.35/hr. For the next 1½ years, I

kept using drugs. I ended up in the mental hospital 2 times and once in treatment. I would wake up in the mornings and cry because I couldn't stop shoving a needle in my arm even though it hurt and made me possessed by something evil. I remember praying for G-d to somehow help me even if I had to go away.

Well, He heard me and I ended up in a mental hospital to wait to go to long term treatment. While I was there, I had to go to court for 2nd degree arson and they had to resentence me because I had violated my probation. The judge sentenced me on March 26, 2012, to 10-15 years.


Wow, I thought G-d answered prayers but not always the way you may have thought or expected. G-d answers prayers even if you are a sinner and don't believe yet! I ended up in processing at DNE in Lincoln on March 28, 2012. I started reading the Holy Bible because a guy had talked about stories in it. So I read it like a book every day. I also read a book this guy wrote about Revelation and how he had visions. I remember telling G-d that would be really reassuring if I could have a vision in my sleep some time in my life. Well, I did that night and I woke up and I remembered my dream and went right back to sleep and I was right back with Yeshua! I only told a few people about it, but I really believed and I didn't expect for Him to answer right away my prayer. I kept reading the Bible and going to Catholic mass. I came to Tecumseh State Correctional Institute in May 2012. I finished reading the Bible front and back in 3½ months approximately around July 2012. I stopped going to Catholic services in July or August 2012 because I didn't agree with them.



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Well, I kept reading the Bible and my faith grew and as I read Leviticus, it was like G-d told me that I needed to start being obedient to Him and His Torah. I read a few Messianic books and reread the Petah Tikvah Rav Nate had given me.

I knew Yeshua was calling me to Messianic Judaism, but I didn't think what people are going to think about this. The L-rd had a sense of humor at this time and He had set before me life and death. I choose life. I may not be a Jew, but I am Jewish, that means Jew-like! I have been ridiculed here at prison due to my faith and because I choose to wear a kippah now (and because of my tattoos). I have even been told by a guard that other guards were making jokes about me.

I've given up my old ways and views because I choose glory from G-d over men. I have received salvation through Yeshua my Jewish Savior. He has shown me how I fall short and how satan has led me astray. I now proudly stand with Israel and proclaim faith in the G-d of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov. The G-d of Israel and the Messiah of Israel Yeshua! If G-d can do a thing like this for me, He can do it for anyone, if they just accept the faith and don't harden their hearts. I went from Neo-Nazi, White Supremist, satan worshiper, drug addict, to being a believer in Yeshua and a practitioner of Messianic Judaism. 

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How to Become A Missionary

by Rods Bobavich

When people ask how I became a missionary to India I answer simply, "I sold my car and bought a plane ticket to India." I'm not trying to be cute. That is really how I got to India. All it takes is enough money for a plane ticket and lodging once you arrive. But becoming a missionary is much less difficult than selling your car or learning to eat and do other essentials with your bare hands.

I remember a conversation in Vijayawada, India, where I overheard some Telugu friends discussing my bathing habits. I found myself explaining how I use less soap because I have sensitive skin. Later, I asked one of my Telugu friends why they had been talking about my bathing habits. He responded by asking me why I brought it up. Suddenly, I realize that when they were talking about *snaanum* (Telugu for "bath") they were really talking about baptism. I was focused on the world revolving around me instead of what God was doing in their lives.

That moment humbled me. It made me realize how many miles I had travelled to gratify my own search for attention. I wasn't a missionary. I was simply looking for someone to tell me how great I was. I wasn't ready to serve the world around me. I just wanted to be seen as someone worth worshipping. In that moment, I was pretty useless to God. But he used that moment to teach me.

It's easy to be pious and self serving. Face it. We do that most of our lives. From the time we are babies we cry out for our own needs. But sharing the love of God is focused on

servicing His people and meeting their needs. It is jumping to do the weightier matters of Torah out of the abundance of love that He has put in our hearts to share. The real work of missions is sharing the Love of God with the world around us, wherever we are. The heart of a missionary is service to the everyone by living the Torah as best as they can.

The weightier matters of Torah sneak up on you on some idle Tuesday. It's the opportunity when someone spills coffee on your shoe in the subway. It's smiling and freely giving to the stinking homeless woman who reeks of day old alcohol and urine. It's the love that flows when the baby is screaming all night and all day because teething really hurts. It's responding in joyful service to a boss who just cussed you out for no reason at all. Evangelism is the question that God puts before you every time you get stuck in a traffic jam late for who-knows-what: *Will you try to keep your life for yourself or will you give it away to the world around you for My sake so you can fully mirror the love of Yeshua?*


Please understand, I'm not saying don't go to the other side of the world to preach the Gospel. If God is calling you to move to another place, then by all means, sell your car or whatever else is holding you back from making the move and get on with it! I was focused on the world revolving around me instead of what God was doing in their lives.



But don't wait to be a missionary until a monkey is sneaking in your back door to steal your lunch! Don't wait

until natives do weird rituals on the street in front of your house. You can live as a missionary now wherever you are. Missions simply means serving the people that God puts in front of you — giving until you have nothing left to give and then giving some more.

Now I live in Denver and try to bring the love in Torah to people God puts around me. It's really not much different from being a missionary in India except that I know the culture and language a little more precisely. The biggest lesson I learned from India is that I can either get upset at the way life wait is treating me or I can give what I have left of my life to someone who needs it more than I do.

Many times I don't give my life away but squander it instead. Those moments are gone. I can never take them back. But I still have a few moments of life left. I pray that I find the courage to give each of them for His glory to the people that need Him most. — After all, that is the life of a missionary. 

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Serving in Costa Rica

The Montañez family

Shalom Mishpacha! We are Jesús, Tammy, Christian and Christopher Montañez. Currently we are serving the Creator of the Universe, Heaven and Earth in Valle de la Estrella, south Costa Rica.

We left Florida in 2009 to meet friends at a Sukkot gathering in Central, Texas. After a couple of years of attending Pesach seders in central Florida, we met people during this Sukkot that were different and the Spirit of Elohim spoke to us through them. We came back home with a need to seek, ask and knock and either prove them wrong or stand corrected in our conviction. We had been serving Christian churches for some years and a couple of years earlier we left the church as full-time missionaries to Hispanic Churches, first through international children ministries and later on our own as independent missionaries. This new Truth brought us to *shema* (“hear and obey”) and *shuv* (“repent”) from our unbiblical ways to follow YHWH's Ways. We had two choices: either stop our journey or “*lech lecha*” and go further, bringing this “unpopular message of Truth”. We knew that we may be the “planters” and others would “harvest”. We had to leave our full time ministry positions in the church to walk in this “new” (to us) Messianic Hebrew Roots Way of our Jewish Messiah, and many said that we were “wrong, crazy, or had lost our way”. The Truth of His Way of Torah shows us how to live Life.

We searched Abba's face and heart seeking what to do next. We had been always thinking about Central America



since, for many years, we had served these beautiful people that came to the USA from these countries seeking a better life. One morning I (Jesús) was studying Ezekiel 20:46 and the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) impacted me and we started to seek guidance into moving south. We already knew people in El Salvador. We met someone in Texas that asked us if we ever thought about Costa Rica, to which we said, “Well no, not exactly.” Someone had invited us to come to Panama but we didn't know anyone in Costa Rica.

Months later we returned to Florida and we went through the emergency of an ectopic pregnancy that left us with much to think about concerning how we were going to live from that point on. Soon, an email came from a family that had moved to Costa Rica asking us to come and help them with building and with the language. We prayed and asked Abba YHWH to provide if He wanted us to go to reach these people with the Good News of the Living Torah. He did and we said “Here we are!” We did not know what, where, or how. We allowed Him to lead and we just followed. Our hosts bought some land in the south of the country, and after spending some months in the north living in a very different community leaving the Testimony of the Hebrew/Jewish Messiah Y'shua, we were now coming to a place of greater wilderness experience.

There are very few Messianic Believers in this area and we think we were the third family to move here. We did not

know what to expect but we heard of other ministries that came by and left but did not water or harvest. The local churches accepted us thinking we had wealth to share with them, but once we shared the Truth and they saw how we lived by faith alone with very little support we started to get rejected. The Torah was being mocked and given a false witness. After much pain, rejection and persecution we decided that we were going to change the way we approached sharing Messiah and the Truth. We wanted to show our belief by our actions and live out the Torah, while giving an answer to those who asked about the hope that is in us. In this way we have seen the Ruach Elohim do it alone and not our might. We prayed to Abba YHWH to bring those whom He had prepared.

Soon after there was a healing of a lady returning from church. She was walking up the muddy hill and we saw her struggling and in pain. Immediately we asked her if we could pray and we laid hands on her in YHWH and Y'shua's Names. She later came and gave witness of her healing and said she wanted to join us during Sabbath and the feasts. She not only was healed in her leg but scales came off from her eyes. Later we prayed for her nephew who was in a coma after a truck hit his motorcycle, and we got news that he opened his eyes! HalleluYah!

We use Isaiah 58 as the guide to our doing of the Word. The poor, widows and fatherless are a priority in our walk and offerings are shared with them. They are told that YHWH loves them and that He sends them food, clothing or fills their needs and wants them to know His Truth that sets them free. Society has become very promiscuous, and girls are being married from 13-14 years old. Tammy carries pregnancy tests with her many times and

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we counsel these young women to keep the precious life in their wombs. Since then we have added two families to the *mishpacha* that join us for Shabbat. Others have come and gone with seeds planted in their hearts. We have done *mikvah* immersions and shared with many. The local churches have become hostile to those who meet with us. They respond either through anti-Semitic comments or by mocking the Name of YHWH. It is hard because we are few in number, but our Master is El Shaddai who is our Defense and Shield. Please keep our servant family in your prayers.

Isa 58:6-10 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loosen the tight cords of wrongness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to exempt the oppressed, and to break off every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not hide yourself from your own

flesh? Then your light would break forth like the morning, your healing spring forth speedily. And your righteousness



A local Shabbat gathering

shall go before you, the esteem of YHVH would be your rear guard. Then, when you call, YHVH would answer; when you cry, He would say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and the speaking of unrighteousness, if you extend your being to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted being, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness be as noon."

We have many open doors but have not been able to receive support to reach them. Our host family from Texas allowed us to use their house, farm and car to reach these people. However, these people have been hardened by their religious leaders against us. But these that we share Shabbat with and teach are very precious. Last week a man told me that he and his wife are seriously considering keeping the Sabbath like we do (7th day Shabbat), not because I convinced him but because he has seen our family and "the Sabbath was made for man". We see a greater opportunity to reach them with Messiah's Scriptural Love in recent days. Times were foretold by the Prophets of these days. We are about to see great signs and wonders, great healings and transformed lives for YAH.

We seek to serve families and one life at a time. We are also examples to others and teachers of instructions for living. Tammy has a calling to reach out to young women before they fall prey to the standards of the society we live in. We cannot change anyone, but we can invest so Abba can abide in them. Tit 2:3-5 says, "The older women likewise are to be set apart in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of what is good, in order for them to train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, blameless, workers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, in order that the word of Elohim is not evil spoken of."

We do not have urgent needs for ourselves. While we seek to humbly serve Elohim we could either receive more funds to spend on gas to reach these families, or audio/video

resources like we have been requesting from other ministries which produce teachings in Spanish on CD and DVD, so that we can double the effort in delivering Truth to these families that have no internet or computers to learn. We live in a remote area with roads that become un-




Home with replaced roof (formerly just plastic)

drivable when it rains. We constantly pray that the Government paves these roads so we can go out when it rains. We also have a Project called Brother’s Keepers Building Project (and Home Improvement.) A humble home can be built with \$3,000 to \$4,000 if land and wood is provided, like our current project helping a family new to

Torah. Some people we meet either have no homes or their roof and floors are in very bad shape. Others have outhouses in very bad condition, while with just a little we could help

them to have a toilet, like we take for granted. We are also gathering seeds to help families plant food for themselves. There is also our offering for the poor, widows and fatherless. We seek to have others know what a righteous King we serve that cares for the least of these. You can find donation buttons at our blog www.lchaimpuravida.blogspot.com

Other ways to help are through our help-meet website www.mcinspirations.weebly.com through which Tammy and other ladies do crocheting, sewing and embroidery products to support these able hands in exchange for a donation. Shipping charges are very high here so we consider every cent a blessing.

If you are interested in coming and enjoying the wilderness of *L’chaim Pura Vida*, we have a couple of rooms. Also, through Messiah to the Nations you can ask more about us and know that we are real servants not seeking wealth but to be an extension of you in these foreign lands. We are here for no reason other than that our Abba brought us here to serve Him. Please keep us in your prayers and consider supporting the least of these in South Costa Rica. 

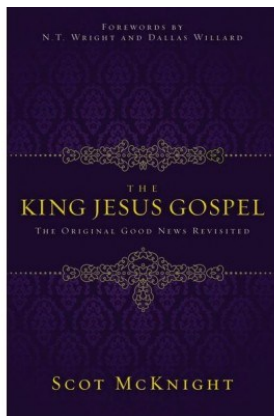
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*The Montañez Mishpacha,
servants of Messiah Y’shua to South Costa Rica.*

A Book Review

The King Jesus Gospel

by Ben Frostad



Available at Zondervan, Amazon and Indigo

What is the Gospel? This is a question that is of fundamental importance for us as believers. And this is a question tackled in the book, *The King Jesus Gospel: The Original Good News Revisited*. Author Scot McKnight is professor in religious studies at North Park University in Chicago. His book makes a startling claim: The Gospel message that we see in conventional Christianity today is not the original Gospel message of Yeshua and the apostles.

Evangelism today usually

focusses on getting people to believe in Jesus (as a mental decision) so that they can go to Heaven when they die. This is what is usually defined as “the Gospel.” But McKnight contends that this is not the true Gospel as given in the Scriptures. Several times throughout the book, McKnight references this quote from N. T. Wright: “I am perfectly comfortable with what people normally *mean* when they say ‘the Gos-

pel.’ I just don’t think it is what Paul means. In other words, I am not denying that the usual meanings are things that people ought to say, to preach about, to believe. I simply wouldn’t use the word ‘Gospel’ to denote those things.”¹

McKnight argues that evangelicals today have confused soteriology (the mechanisms and workings of salvation) with the Gospel. The message of salvation is an essential part of the Gospel. But it is not the full Gospel. The Gospel is about much more than just getting into Heaven. It is also about how we live life here on earth. “Most of evangelism today is obsessed with getting someone to make a *decision*; the apostles, however, were obsessed with making *disciples*.”² In other words, the modern popular “gospel” message often omits the life-changing radical call to submit our lives in obedience to Yeshua and follow Him in discipleship. Leaving that out gives us a “gospel” that has lost its potency.


McKnight also contends that the true Gospel cannot be divorced from its context: the story of Israel. “We can frame the ‘Gospel’ with other stories or categories, but there is only one holy and apostolic story, and it is the Story of Israel. That is the apostolic framing story for the Gospel.”³ Central to the Gospel message is the proclamation of Yeshua as *Messiah* (“Anointed One”), which is a synonym for “King.” Yeshua is

the long-awaited, promised King of Israel. The story of Yeshua can only be understood within the context of the story of Israel. The Gospel is all about acknowledging Yeshua as King of Israel and accepting Him as King over one's own life.

Modern evangelical techniques often present the "Gospel" without even mentioning Israel's history or the need to submit to Yeshua's lordship. These are considered irrelevant details when it comes to "getting someone saved." The well-known Four Spiritual Laws and other methods of persuasion have no need for the Tanakh (OT), Israel, or Messiah's Kingship, and don't offer much direction on how one is to live *after* being saved. As McKnight says, "One reason why so many Christians today don't know the Old Testament is because their "gospel" doesn't need it!"⁴ It's not that the Four Spiritual Laws are wrong, it's just that that is not the Gospel. The Gospel is much more than that.

McKnight looks to 1 Corinthians 15 as the "apostolic gospel tradition". *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve..."* (1Cor 15:4-5,

ESV) McKnight notes that rather than presenting Four Spiritual Laws, Paul presents the Gospel as historical events. He also makes note of the repeated phrase, "According to the Scriptures." The story of Yeshua can only be appreciated in how it fulfills and completes the story of Israel. The Gospel cannot be divorced from the Tanakh (OT).

Scot McKnight is not a Messianic author. There are some opinions that Messianic readers may differ with him on, such as his appreciation for the early church creeds and his lack of emphasis on the future restoration of Israel. Yet his book touches on some important points and accurately addresses some of the problems with conventional approaches to the Gospel and evangelism. It is certainly an invaluable contribution to the subject. 

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