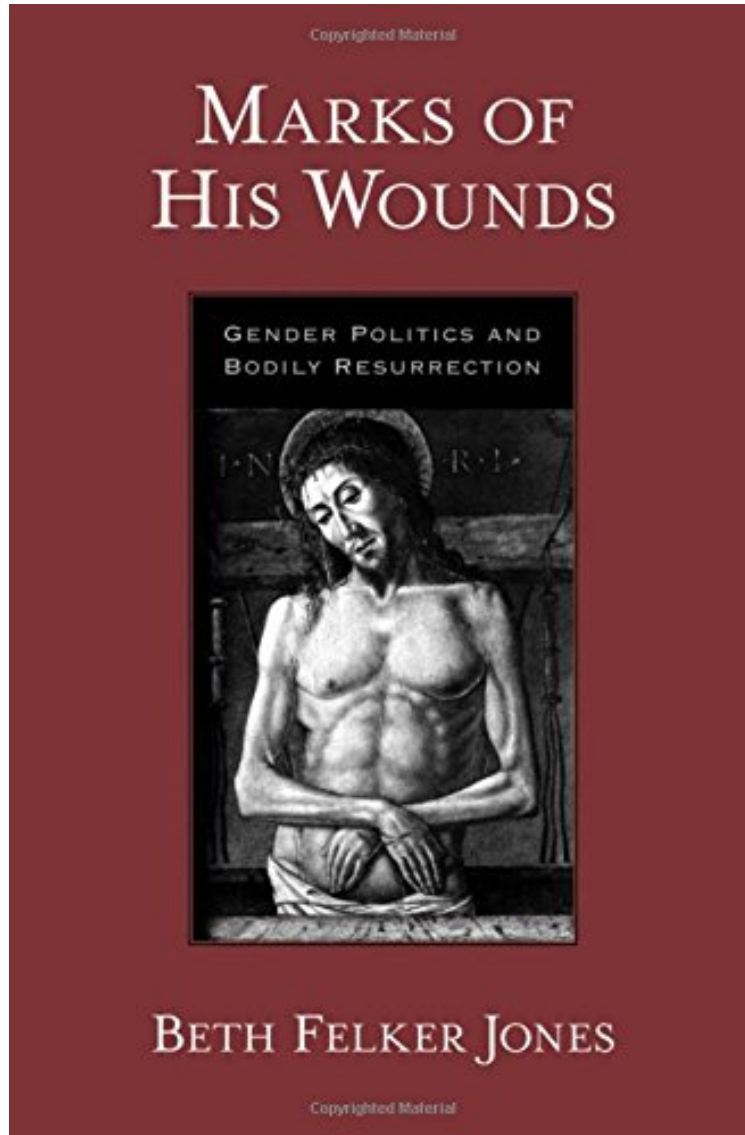


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theology of the body is both thoughtful and thought-provoking. I would be interested in taking a university course that used this book as one of its key texts.

It is a central tenet of Christian theology that we will be resurrected in our bodies at the last day. But we have been conditioned, writes Beth Felker Jones, to think of salvation as being about anything but the body. We think that what God wants for us has to do with our thoughts, our hearts, or our interior relationships. In popular piety and academic theology alike, strong spiritualizing tendencies influence our perception of the body. Historically, some theologians have denigrated the body as an obstacle to sanctification. This notion is deeply problematic for feminist ethics, which centers on embodiment. Jones's purpose is to devise a theology of the body that is compatible with feminist politics. Human creatures must be understood as psychosomatic unities, she says, on analogy with the union of Christ's human and divine natures. She offers close readings of Augustine and Calvin to find a better way of speaking about body and soul that is consonant with the doctrine of bodily resurrection. She addresses several important questions: What does human psychosomatic unity imply for the theological conceptualization of embodied difference, especially gendered difference? How does embodied hope transform our present bodily practices? How does God's momentous "yes" to the body, in the Incarnation, both judge and destroy the corrupt ways we have thought, produced, constructed, and even broken bodies in our culture, especially bodies marked by race and gender? Jones's book articulates a theology of human embodiment in light of resurrection doctrine and feminist political concerns. Through reading Augustine and Calvin, she points to resources for understanding the body in a way that coheres with the doctrine of the resurrection of the flesh. Jones proposes a grammar in which human psychosomatic unity becomes the conceptual basis for sanctification. Using gender as an illustration, she interrogates the difference resurrection doctrine makes for holiness. Because death has been overcome in Christ's resurrected body, human embodiment can bear witness to the Triune God. The bodily resurrection makes sense of our bodies, of what they are and what they are for.

"Jones, writing with clarity and passion, grounds her theology of the body in the doctrine of the physical resurrection. This is a compelling book that has reshaped my theology of the body and the physical resurrection." --Rebekah Miles, author of *The Bonds of Freedom: Feminist Theology and Christian Realism* "Jones retrieves by way of a creative reconsideration of bodily resurrection the body's, indeed the gendered body's, centrality for human life before and with God. A timely, if not urgent book, eloquently argued!" --Reinhard Hutter, Professor of Christian Theology, Duke University Divinity School "This book is a must read for both confessional Christians suspicious of feminism, and feminists suspicious of creedal Christianity. Jones convincingly brings together theology grounded in the Church's creedal confessions with a substantive feminist politics. She brings forth something truly new precisely because it takes so seriously what was ancient. It is an illuminating work." --D. Stephen Long, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary About the Author Beth Felker Jones is Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion, Huntington University