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Yoder, John Howard. *The Politics of Jesus*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; Carlisle, Cumbria: The Paternoster Press, 1994. First Family Christian Stores edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Family Christian Press.

The late Yoder was a Christian ethicist. This book challenges the assumptions that the Gospels don't give a clear "Jesus ethic" to be followed (as opposed to other NT writers such as Paul). Yoder traces this ethic not only through the Gospels, but through the Pauline epistles as well as a brief look into Revelation. The book challenges the church in how she relates to the political, economic, and social structures of society. While the reader may not agree with everything in the book, it provides a different perspective when reading certain Gospel texts that give much food for thought.

Level: Semi-technical/Slower read

Theological Stance: Mennonite; evangelical

Rating: 7

Recommend? Yes