Treasury of Christian Literature

Book: *The Crises of the Christ*, by G. Campbell Morgan

A crisis is a major turning point, a decisive moment, or a critical phase. As Morgan sees it, there were seven crises in the Lord's life as recorded in the gospels: His birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. If we have not seen each of these events as a crisis, then we are perhaps too common in our reading of the gospels. We have not seen them as Morgan saw them. Through our reading and class fellowship, we can expect to be enlarged in our understanding and to see our Lord as more wonderful than we have ever known Him before.

Each student is expected to obtain a copy of the book before the first class. It is available from Amazon in paperback form **HERE**, or in Kindle form **HERE**.

Day and Time: Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM ET

Teacher(s): Dave Shields **Class Size:** No limit

Syllabus (Week by Week):

- 1. Introductions, Goals, Class requirements, Homework blog, Questions
- 2. Chapters 1-3 (Preliminary) and 4-6 (Birth)
- 3. Chapters 7-9 (Baptism)
- 4. Chapters 10-14 (Temptation)
- 5. Chapters 15-19 (Transfiguration)
- 6. Chapters 20-24 (Crucifixion)
- 7. Chapters 25-27 (Resurrection)
- 8. Chapters 28-30 (Ascension)
- 9. Chapters 31-33 (Result)

Class Structure:

Most of the class time will be used for mutual discussion, led by the instructor, over the week's reading assignment. Everyone should come on time with their Zoom camera turned on, prepared to speak up and volunteer something profitable. Students who do not volunteer will be called on. No one will be left out.

Homework:

- **Reading:** Each student is expected to read the week's assigned chapters and attend class ready to discuss the material.
- **Blog Post:** This will be explained in the first class. Each student will post something about that week's reading assignment on the class blog located at

<u>Christian-Lit.mystrikingly.com</u>. Posts could be about what you especially enjoyed, how something changed your understanding, or how you applied or experienced something from the book.

- o Be specific. Do not post something general like, "I really liked it."
- o Feel free to read other's posts and, if inspired, give an encouraging reply or a thoughtful answer to a question.
- o All posts should be kept positive to maintain an atmosphere in which everyone can participate. The blog is intended to become an avenue of edifying fellowship among us between classes.