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communities with particular systems of formation, this book explores the differences between the gospels, while providing four windows on the development of primitive Christianity.