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This book is the first study to focus on the reception of Paul's link between resurrection and salvation, revealing its profound effect on early Christian theology – not only eschatology, but also anthropology, pneumatology, ethics, and soteriology. Thomas D. McGlothlin traces the roots of the strong tension on the matter in ancient Judaism and then offers deep readings of the topic by key theologians of pre-Nicene Christianity, who argued on both sides of the issue of the fleshliness of the resurrected body. McGlothlin unravels the surprising continuities that emerge between Irenaeus, Origen, and the Valentinians, as well as deep disagreements between allies like Irenaeus and Tertullian.

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Abbreviations

AB	Anchor Bible
ACW	Ancient Christian Writers
AnBib	Analecta biblica
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung.</i> Part 2, <i>Principat</i> . Edited by Hildegard Temporini and Wolfgang Haase. Berlin: de Gruyter, 1972–
BHT	Beiträge zur historischen Theologie
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
<i>BLE</i>	<i>Bulletin de littérature ecclésiastique</i>
BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CCL	Corpus Christianorum, series latina
ConBNT	Coniectanea biblica, New Testament
Ebib	Études bibliques
FC	Fathers of the Church
GCS	Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten drei Jahrhunderte
<i>Greg</i>	<i>Gregorianum</i>
HNT	Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	Harvard Theological Studies
ICC	International Critical Commentary
<i>JAC</i>	<i>Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JR</i>	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
<i>JSTNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>

<i>JTS</i> (n.s.)	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i> (new series)
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
NHS	Nag Hammadi (and Manichaean) Studies
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NovTSup	Supplements to Novum Testamentum
<i>NRT</i>	<i>Nouvelle revue théologique</i>
NTAbh	Neutestamentliche Abhandlungen
NTL	New Testament Library
OECT	Oxford Early Christian Texts
<i>OTP</i>	Charlesworth, James H., ed. <i>Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i> . 2 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1983–1985
PMS	Patristic Monograph Series
PO	Patrologia Orientalis
RAM	<i>Revue d'ascétique et de mystique</i>
REG	<i>Revue des études grecques</i>
<i>ResQ</i>	<i>Restoration Quarterly</i>
SBS	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SC	Sources chrétiennes
<i>SCe</i>	<i>Second Century</i>
<i>SP</i>	<i>Studia Patristica</i>
TU	Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur
VC	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZAC	<i>Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche</i>