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Divine Sabbath Work

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Eisenbrauns. Hardcover/Hardback. Book Condition: New. With eight cryptic words by Jesus in John 5:17, an enigma surfaces regarding God's activity in his ministry that is not easy for us to solve. Jesus, in defending his actions in healing the lame man at the pool of Bethzatha (Bethesda), makes a comparison that is simple enough on the surface: Jesus' activity finds its basis in the Father's current activity; thus, Jesus is not legally or spiritually culpable for breaking the Sabbath. What creates the enigma is the assumption that lies beneath the argument: the Father is working, and even more importantly, he is working on the Sabbath. Investigation of this assumption is the purpose of this book. Burer contributes to the discussion surrounding Jesus' Sabbath activity by augmenting current research on Sabbath work, which focuses primarily on rabbinic rules and interpretation of Torah. Burer tests the hypothesis that Jesus' actions on the Sabbath are best understood in light of the concept of divine Sabbath work and that in light of this concept Jesus' actions imply a claim to deity or a close association with God's divine plan and work. Burer does this by searching the Hebrew Scriptures, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Septuagint,...



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