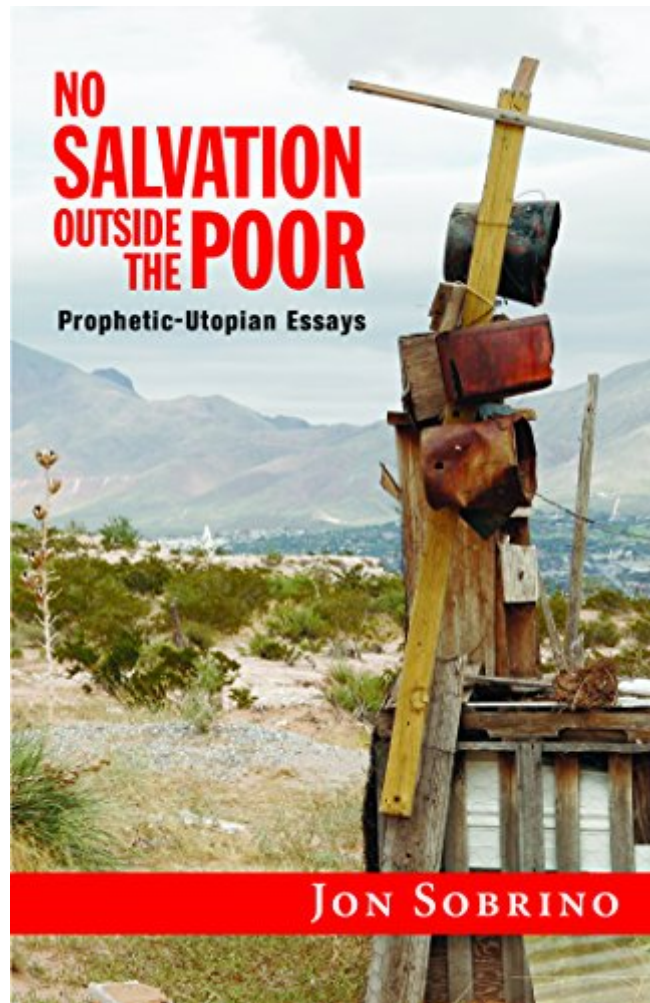




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Synopsis

The provocative title of these essays plays on a traditional Catholic slogan: "No salvation outside the church." But as Fr. Sobrino notes, salvation has many dimensions, both personal and social, historical and transcendent. Insofar as it implies God's response to a world marked by suffering and injustice, then the poor represent an indispensable test, a key to the healing of a sick society. Drawing on the radical hope of Christian faith--the promise of the Kingdom of God and the resurrection of the dead--Sobrino presents a bold counter-cultural challenge to a "civilization of wealth" that lives off the blood of the poor. Inspired by the witness of Oscar Romero and Ignacio Ellacuría, and the church's preferential option for the poor, Sobrino offers these "prophetic-utopian" reflections on faith and the meaning of discipleship in our time.

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I thought the progressive view of Christology was very refreshing . His challenge to the traditional view of the Catholic Church was particularly interesting. He states that Christomonism is dangerous

and argues that a Christ taking down from the cross is a better approach . The downfall of the book, is that sometimes the translation makes the text hard to read.

A transformative approach to understanding salvation through solidarity with the crucified people. A wonderful primer for Catholics who wish to deepen their faith during the Year of Mercy.

This book brings to mind the hidden suffering of the poor which we so frequently forget about .

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Jon Sobrino writes what the first world is unwilling to read. He gives the USA a gentle painting of our society. If our consciousness is up to date it will be a hard reading for us of the USA. He paints a beautiful picture of the poor in Central, South America, and Africa. A poor that we do not experience here in the USA. Even the Churches of the First World have a very difficult time understanding the place of the poor in reference to Jesus. A must read. Fr. William Forst Author of "If Aristotle Ran the Catholic Church".

I think Jon Sobrino is one of the few modern writers who truly understand the gospel. This is probably his best book. It lays out a challenge for us first world rich Christians, but probably one we cannot meet. It gives us a glimpse of where we need to go, and encouragement to take a few steps along that path. David Lowe

The author shares a lifetime of experience in Latin America, and brings together solid theology plus the lived experience of Father Ellacuria and Archbishop Romero in a memorable series of essays. One of the values is that although the author thoroughly deals with values, the product of his writing is not seen as a political diatribe.

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