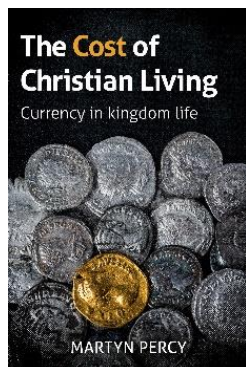


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The Cost of Christian Living Currency in kingdom life

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But the gospels are full of stories about money, coins, tax, debt, spending, thrift, consumption, investment, profligacy and meanness, and one of the reasons he wrote *The Cost of Christian Living* was to help readers explore the different meanings of money, value and currency in the gospels. ‘Through these lenses,’ he says, ‘I introduce readers to some more alert political theology for our times.’

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