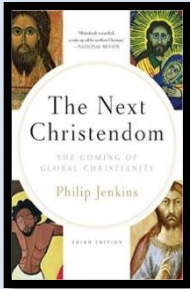


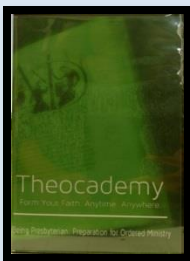
**“The Visual Bible: Matthew”** Video produced by GNN & Visual Bible.

Here is the Gospel of Matthew dramatized word-for-word from the New International Translation. A middle-aged and mature Matthew tells his story from memory to two scribes and a young boy. The dramatization moves back and forth from Matthew to Jesus with actors speaking scripture as appropriate. This is beautifully done and moving. The portrayal of Jesus is a joyous one.



**“The Next Christendom”** by Philip Jenkins (Oxford University Press)

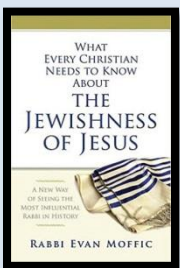
If you read our General Presbyter, Ed Thompson’s daily updates then you may remember that he heard Jenkins speak at General Assembly. Here is the substantially expanded 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of **The Next Christendom**. Jenkins describes the recent expansion of Christianity in the southern hemisphere. He explains that the most devoted converts have come from among the poor. Jenkins reflects on the political, socio-economic and other implications of these conversions and how it will affect us all as well as what we may learn from the phenomena.



**“Theocademy: Form Your Faith. Anytime”** Produced by SOMA (The Synod of Mid-America)

We currently have two of these DVDs with lesson guides. While they are available online for free you and/or your group may be better served by these DVD versions. One CD covers *Being Presbyterian: Foundations of Presbyterian Discipleship* done in three lessons. 1) the Rev. Dr. James Ayers lectures on *A People of Grace/Wicked Bad*. 2) the Rev. Laura Frazey lectures on *Who Do They Say That I am?* And 3) the Rev. Theresa Cho speaks on *Update Your Faith System/Blessed to Be a Blessing*.

The next **Theocademy** offering is **Being Presbyterian: Preparation for Ordered Ministry**. Here is a three disc set good for church officer training. In 13 lessons it explains just what it means to be a deacon or ruling elder of Christ’s church. For more information or to see these lessons online you may go to <http://www.theocademy.com>



**“What Every Christian Needs to Know About the Jewishness of Jesus”** Written by Rabbi Evan Moffic, (Abingdon Press)

Moffic answers questions such as What was first-century Judaism like? How did Jews of that time help people approach God and draw holiness into their lives. What sort of things was Jesus thinking about when he thought of God and Scripture and prayer. Rabbi Moffic provides a look at Jesus’ life and ministry from the standpoint of his Jewishness, the single characteristic that shaped his birth, childhood and death.

