The author takes you on a literal journey where you visit place after place relevant to Paul's life, sadly without images in the Kindle version, to make his point about his vision of Paul as a revolutionary and a mystic, with justice at the center of his message, and not a misogynist or a religious bigot. This work approaches Paul from an aspect of how he and his message fit into Roman and Jewish society, so it is also a book about cultures, rituals, philosophies, customs and archaeology. It paints him in a more radical light than I imagined. However, this is a very interesting read.

In Search of Paul: How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom

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The undertitle of the book is quite helpful: ‘How Jesus’ Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom’. I wasn't as interested in the architectural histories but found the analysis of Paul's letters to fit well with the cultural background presented.
His new book is In Search of Paul: How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom. Crossan looks at the life of Paul, and describes how the most important Christian value is justice. Crossan is professor emeritus of De Paul University, and is considered by some to be the foremost scholar of historical Jesus. His The Historical Jesus is an alternative and fact-based look at the life of Christ. Facebook. Twitter.