The most-read Taking Jesus Seriously posts

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Here are Drew Hart's most-read posts of the year:

- 1) We aren't playing the race card; we are analyzing the racialized deck. Rather than zooming in on one card, we have zoomed out to look at all the cards together. You begin to pick up patterns.
- **2)** Beyond a white privilege model. If I were white, and someone told me I had "white privilege," I don't think I would know what to do with that.
- **3)** The church and the kingdom of God. To have everything but Jesus is to be absent from the presence of the in-breaking reign of God.
- **4)** Navigating the waters of post-Christendom visions. I can imagine at least three different ways people use the term post-Christendom.
- **5)** <u>Ten books</u>. This isn't a perfect list, but it does represent books that have shaped me.
- **6)** Renouncing "the Magic Negro" urge. We must continue to creatively leverage these systems—but for the betterment of all marginalized people, not just ourselves.
- 7) <u>Black-on-black violence: Pastor Voddie Baucham's assault on black</u> <u>people</u>. No Christian organization should ever participate in dishonoring the image of God in black people, especially at a time when so many black Americans are in pain.
- **8)** <u>Hate crime</u>. In hegemonic imaginations, hate crimes could never be committed by everyday regular white American Christians.
- **9)** My new blogging home. Hello to *Century* readers that aren't familiar with me yet. And also, hey to all my old readers that (hopefully) made the jump with me to this new location.

- **10)** A book review of *Radical Jesus: A Graphic History of Faith*. This is a book for those that are seeking to embody the radical witness of Jesus for their own time.
- **11)** The time for justice is now. We cannot afford to merely remember the courageous actions and words of our heroes of the past.
- **12)** A Samaritan gives thanks #BlackLivesMatter. African American Christians have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord! For this I am thankful.
- **13)** <u>Unjust policies #BlackLivesMatter</u>. When you deprive the poor and oppressed of justice, just remember that there is a judge who stands with the vulnerable and will set things right.
- **14)** Jesus and the little ones. I have a three-year-old son, and it was impossible for me not to think of him as I heard about the violence inflicted on this small child's body.