NOT 'WHY?' BUT 'WHERE?'

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If you happen to be wondering why I've not reviewed a book for a few weeks, it's mainly because I am ploughing through The New Testament in its World by NT Wright and Michael Bird. At 900+ pages in hardback, it will take me a while to finish it. However, while it is literally a heavy book, it is a pleasure to read. Here is a quote to keep you going till I get through the last 300 pages!

> *The church's unfinished task is to keep going out into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all people. Yes, we are to help the poor, speak up for the oppressed, visit those in prison, defend the defenceless, but all that is at best on part of the task. We are also to declare to people, locally and globally, that God has come to us in Jesus, Israel's messiah, to offer us the forgiveness of sins. Jesus sends us into the street corners, the slums, the sweatshops, the schools, the suburbs, to invite people to take the yoke of Jesus upon them, to discover that our master is good, and that his love endures for ever. When Jesus says 'Go!' we should not ask 'Why?' but 'Where, my lord?'*
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> *p. 602*

If you are wondering what I think about the book, it is absolutely excellent.