

CHRISTOLOGY AND THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS FROM A LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE: AN APPROACH BASED ON CRUCIFIED PEOPLE THROUGH HISTORY by

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João Marinot Vedoato, a priest in the Colatina diocese, in the Brazilian state of Espírito Santo, who obtained his doctorate in theology at the St. Thomas Pontifical University in Rome, presents us a panoramic view of liberation theology, and this not just in a cursory manner or observed from the outside, but rather as seen and presented from within its profound dynamics. Thus described, liberation theology is revealed as 1) a way of communicating the Gospel in our present day to a people living in a determined social and cultural context and, 2) a prophetic voice speaking to theology as a whole, calling for a response to the gravest concrete social problems faced by humanity. This constitutes the only proper reply to the incisive question Jesus puts to his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?".