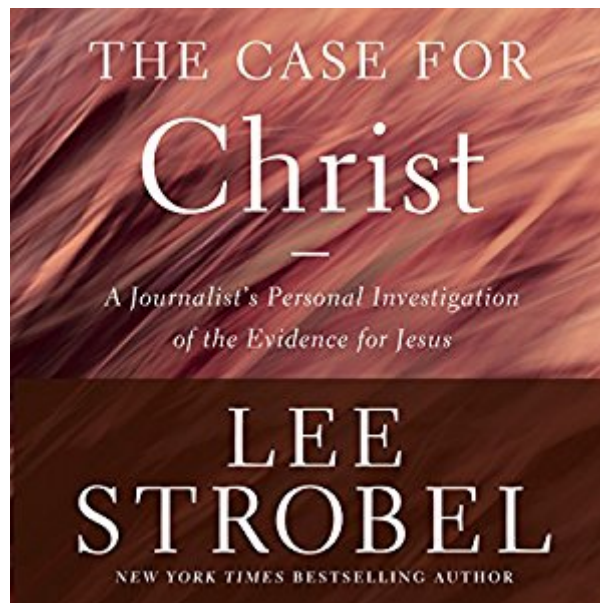




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Case For Christ, Revised & Updated: A Journalist's Personal Investigation Of The Evidence For Jesus



Synopsis

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the son of God? Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event? In this winner of the Gold Medallion Book Award and two-time nominee for the Christian Book of the Year Award, Strobel's tough, point-blank questions play like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure. The new edition includes scores of revisions and additions, including updated material on archaeological and manuscript discoveries, fresh recommendations for further study, and an interview with the author that tells dramatic stories about the book's impact, provides behind-the-scenes information, and responds to critiques of the book by skeptics. This updated edition will prove even more valuable to contemporary listeners.

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Customer Reviews

It's hard to rate this book with only 5 stars. I was raised a Mormon. After leaving the cult due to the Mormon inconsistencies and contradictions I found myself in a state of limbo. I didn't know what to believe. I knew that a God existed but wasn't sure if it was the Christian God, the many many Hindu gods or maybe some deity that was unknown and impersonal. The Case for Christ was a critical look

at Christianity from the perspective of an atheist. Lee Strobel left no stone unturned. He tackled the historicity of the person Jesus, the resurrection account, miracles and every objection to which I wanted answers.

Well written and logical. A must for anyone investigating the validity of the claims of the Gospel.

Author Lee Strobel makes the statement quoted above at the end of this book. To him, the witness of the Spirit to us through an encounter with Christ is the ultimate confirmation of the truths proposed and taught by Christianity. Before this, he spends 14 chapters in the book looking at common objections some people present for why they do not believe that Jesus is truly God as Christians believe. Strobel--who was once himself a nonbeliever/atheist--refutes the objections and is convinced that the objections are baseless. His arguments convinced me, too, but not all of the chapters were as important to me as the others. We all come to acceptance or rejection of Jesus as God from different places, and unless we are set in our thinking against the truth of Christian revelation, it seems to me that at least some of Strobel's reasons should prove to be persuasive. I have known people, however, who are so set in their opposition to accepting the divinity of Christ that I doubt this book (or any others) will make a difference. (I had a friend in college who was so wounded by life while a child that he turned against God in anger and identified as an atheist. He refused to consider any arguments for Christ and the Church and had built up a wealth of reasons why he was correct.) This book should also be helpful to those who already believe in Christ because it presents many arguments and reservations by those opposed to belief in Christ. Knowing the arguments and sensible reasons against them can help Christians understand those opposing Christ and gives believers understanding of how to counter those arguments. I agree with Strobel about the importance of the Spirit revealing the truth to us. While I was somewhat catechized and taught about Christian truths as a child (as much as a post-Vatican II child could be!) and didn't have great objections to belief, my faith was not deep and wasn't really important to me. Confirmation of my belief came to me as I encountered Christ through Scripture, prayer, the Church and sacraments (especially the Eucharist), and the community of believers. My now long pilgrimage in seeking to know Christ and understand him has led to deeper faith and a more joyful experience of it. Over time, indifference and questions I once had melted away. At times the "melting" was quite rapid; at other times, quite slow. But I persevered and my pilgrimage continues and enriches my life more as time passes. And I think that through me, my faith is also enriching the lives of others too. As Sister Pat says, "Thank you, Jesus."

Mr. Strobel offers us a great resource here. I have referred to it several times to deal with reasonable doubts, etc. about the faith. My only reason for not giving it 5 stars is due to style: it reads like a dime store novel at times. Descriptive notations about the personal demeanor of an expert being interviewed doesn't impress me. In fact it detracts from the focus of the book, which is the facts that ground our faith in Christ. As "Dragnet" Joe Friday often intoned: "Just the facts, ma'am." Also the Kindle version is worthless as a "reference." There are no page numbers in the Table of Contents (at least in the one that I have). What good is it, if I can't scroll to the topic I need information about? Please. Get organized or get a real book; which I did. I would buy another Kindle version if it were fixed.

Amazing book for the defense of Christ. Really helped solidify my faith back in the day, and would recommend to anyone, believer or skeptic or atheist. Great book to come back to for some apologetics learning.

This is an excellent book and very well researched! It helped solidify even more details about my Christian faith. I recommend it highly!

Fantastic book!! Written with all supporting evidence and facts. I recommend this book to all. Next I will see the movie based on this book.

A friend recommended the book to me. I had already seen the movie so I had an idea what it was about. The book goes into so much more detail about the facts of Jesus and his life. Highly recommend for anyone to read.

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