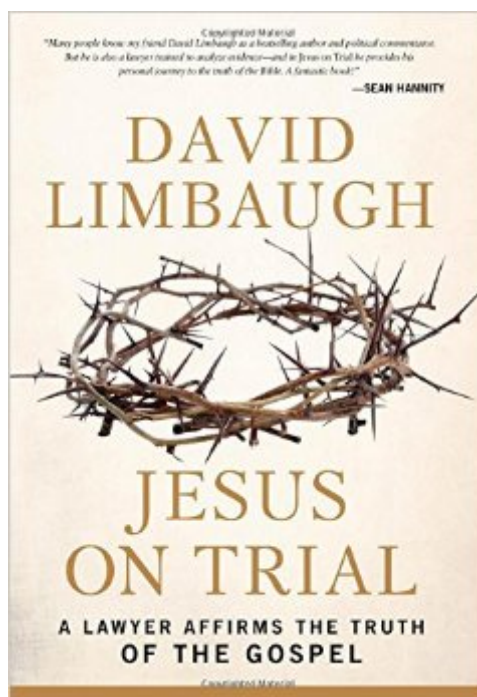


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Jesus On Trial: A Lawyer Affirms The Truth Of The Gospel



Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller! In *Jesus on Trial*, David Limbaugh applies his lifetime of legal experience to a unique new undertaking: making a case for the gospels as hard evidence of the life and work of Jesus Christ. Limbaugh, a practicing attorney and former professor of law, approaches the canonical gospels with the same level of scrutiny he would apply to any legal document and asks all the necessary questions about the story of Jesus told through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. His analysis of the texts becomes profoundly personal as he reflects on his own spiritual and intellectual odyssey from determined skeptic to devout Christian. Ultimately, Limbaugh concludes that the words Christians have treasured for centuries stand up to his exhaustive inquiry—including his examination of historical and religious evidence beyond the gospels—and thereby affirms Christian faith, spirituality, and tradition.

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Customer Reviews

When David Limbaugh let his friend Steve know that he had doubts about Christianity, he was surprised by Steve's response. Instead of a blast of arrogant judgmentalism, Steve responded like a Christian should—with grace and evidence. What has happened since that time is told in this excellent new book. Limbaugh artfully tells his journey from skepticism about Christ to skepticism about skepticism and ultimately to trust in Christ. David is a lawyer, but he doesn't write like a lawyer. While he's intellectually precise, he writes as if he's sitting across the table from you, anticipating your questions and objections. This is rare for a book of Christian evidences (often

called Christian apologetics). Such books often read like technical manuals, but not *Jesus on Trial*. Limbaugh not only does a masterful job of highlighting the abundant evidence that supports Christianity, his insights into what the scriptures actually say will have you marveling at the tapestry of scripture and the Savior who wove it. From the very beginning, Limbaugh bares his soul, holding nothing back about how his previous doubts were shielded by an embarrassing lack of knowledge. He writes, "I knew, after all, that I hadn't really given the Bible itself a hearing, much less a fair one. To my surprise" and this is embarrassing to admit "Steve showed me how verses of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, were tied to others in content and theme with remarkable frequency. Amazingly, I had never looked at a reference Bible before, and I was blown away. My ignorance was on display, but Steve wasn't remotely judgmental" to help me learn more, he even gave me that Bible.

I wasn't sure what to make of this book until I understood the audience that David Limbaugh was writing it for. He's NOT writing it for people who have already made their minds up: If you're into middle age or beyond and are a confirmed agnostic you're very likely going to say, "David Limbaugh is a deep-thinking author who masters his points and writes them with clarity. But he didn't convince me that there is a God." If you're already deep into your life's walk through the Christian Faith you're likely going to say: "David Limbaugh reaffirmed my faith. He educated me to details that will help me to understand my faith more deeply, but on a fundamental plane he didn't tell me anything that I wasn't already convinced of." Thus, if your mind is already made up, this book won't change it. Those who will find this book revealing are most likely to be in their late teens through their late 20's --- young people trying to judge for themselves whether the Bible, and its central tenet that Jesus is the Son of God who died to give us salvation from our sins, is fact or fiction. David Limbaugh talks to people who have *Jesus on Trial* in their minds by making these points: 1. The Bible has a self-reinforcing tapestry that is unlikely to have been invented by Man. When considered as a whole it is perceived to be God's blueprint for Creation and Man's role in it. If one reads the Bible carefully, the answers are all there. Mr. Limbaugh demonstrates some specific Bible passages that make this point clear. 2. That our lives are a tapestry of self-reinforcing faith. Believers perceive that when our lives are aligned with faith-based principles then Divine guidance will help us see the optimal path.

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