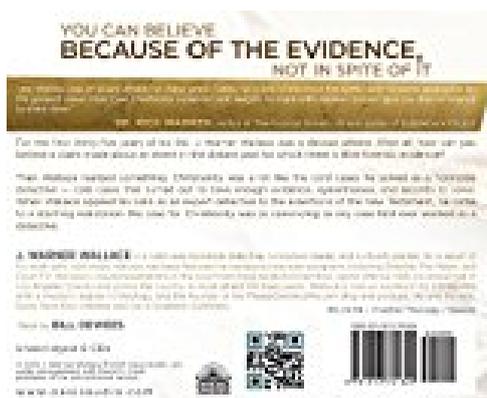


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Description:

Review "Cold-Case Christianity is a fantastic book. I wish I had this resource when I first examined

the Christian faith. It would have answered many of my questions and helped set me on the track to truth." (Josh McDowell, Speaker and author of *Evidence that Demands A Verdict*)

"Cold Case Christianity is simply the most clever and compelling defense I've ever read for the reliability of the New Testament record. Case closed." (Gregory Koukl, President Stand to Reason, Speaker and author of *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing your Christian Convictions*)

"It's a fascinating process, with Jim drawing on his quarter century of police experience to explain how and why the evidence of history decisively tips the scales in favor of Christianity." (Lee Strobel, Author of *The Case for Christ* and *The Case For Faith*)

"The moment I heard of J. Warner Wallace's idea for a book, I thought it was one of the freshest ideas I'd heard in a long time. And now seeing the book in hand, he totally delivers." (Craig J. Hazen, Founder and Director of the Christian Apologetics Program, Biola University, author of the novel *Five Sacred Crossings*)

"My friend Jim Wallace was an angry atheist for 35 years until he walked through the doors of Saddleback Church. There his life was radically changed by Jesus. Today, Jim is one of the most thoughtful and winsome apologists for the Gospel I know. *Cold Case Christianity* is literally packed with insights to share with the skeptics in your life and this book will give you the confidence to share it!"

Dr. Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose-Driven Life* and pastor of Saddleback Church

--This text refers to the edition.

From the Author I wrote *Cold-Case Christianity* because the historic truth claims of Christianity are under attack from every direction. If ever there was a time to study the case for the eyewitness reliability of the gospels, the time is now:

- **Anti-Christian Books Are Increasingly Influential:** Books like Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion*, Christopher Hitchens' *God is Not Great*, Sam Harris' *Letter To A Christian Nation*, and Bart Ehrman's *Forged: Writing in the Name of God - Why the Bible's Authors Are Not Who We Think They Are* have influenced millions of readers and challenged the essential truth claims of the gospel accounts.
- **Fewer People Identify Themselves As Christians:** The number of people who identify themselves as Christians in America, for example, has decreased by over 10% in the past 20 years (*American Religious Identification Survey 1990-2008*)
- **Young People Are Leaving the Church in Record Numbers:** As many as 70% of those who identify themselves as Christians entering college will walk away from their faith by the time they are seniors and only about a third of these young people will ever return to the Church (*LifeWay Research Study 2007*)
- **Intellectual Skepticism Is a Growing Problem:** When young ex-Christians are asked about their reasons for leaving, the largest percentage identify intellectual skepticism or doubt as the culprit (*Smith and Denton, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers, 2005*)
- **The Claims of the Gospels Are Under Attack:** When surveyed, young members of the church are less and less convinced that the gospel accounts are reliable. 63% don't believe that Jesus is the Son of the one true God. 51% don't believe that Jesus rose from the dead (*Josh McDowell, The Last Christian Generation, 2006*)

It's time for a "Cold-Case" approach to the Gospels. Cold-Case Detectives investigate specific types

of criminal events:

1. Events that occurred in the distant past
2. For which there are typically no living eyewitnesses
3. And little or no direct physical evidence

These cases are made by examining the nature of circumstantial evidence and assembling a convincing, cumulative circumstantial case. The claims of the New Testament Gospels can be similarly investigated:

4. The gospels record events that occurred in the distant past
5. For which there are no living eyewitnesses
6. And no direct physical evidence

The tools used by Cold-Case Investigators can be applied to the New Testament gospels to determine if the facts they represent are a true record of the life of Jesus.

I want to teach you how to be a good detective. Cold-Case Christianity will:

- Provide you with ten principles of cold-case investigations and equip you to use these concepts as you consider the claims of the New Testament gospel authors. These simple principles will give you new insight into the historic evidence for Christianity.
- Provide you with a four step template to evaluate the claims of the gospel writers. Cold-Case Christianity will teach you how to evaluate eyewitnesses to determine if they are reliable. You'll then be able to employ this template as you examine the claims of the gospel eyewitnesses.
- Provide you with the confidence and encouragement necessary to make an impact on your world. As your evidential certainty grows, so too will your desire to share the truth with others. Cold-Case Christianity will equip you to reach others with the truth.

Cold-Case Christianity will help you understand the power of circumstantial evidence, drawing on 25 years of law enforcement experience (15 years spent working Cold-Case Homicides). I'll share my personal journey from atheism to Christian certainty while describing the essential components of eyewitness reliability, abductive reasoning and the rules of evidence. You'll come away with fresh insight and the ability to articulate what you already intuitively understand from your cultural familiarity with homicide investigations. You'll also be able to apply this renewed understanding to the case for Christianity. --This text refers to the edition.

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