

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



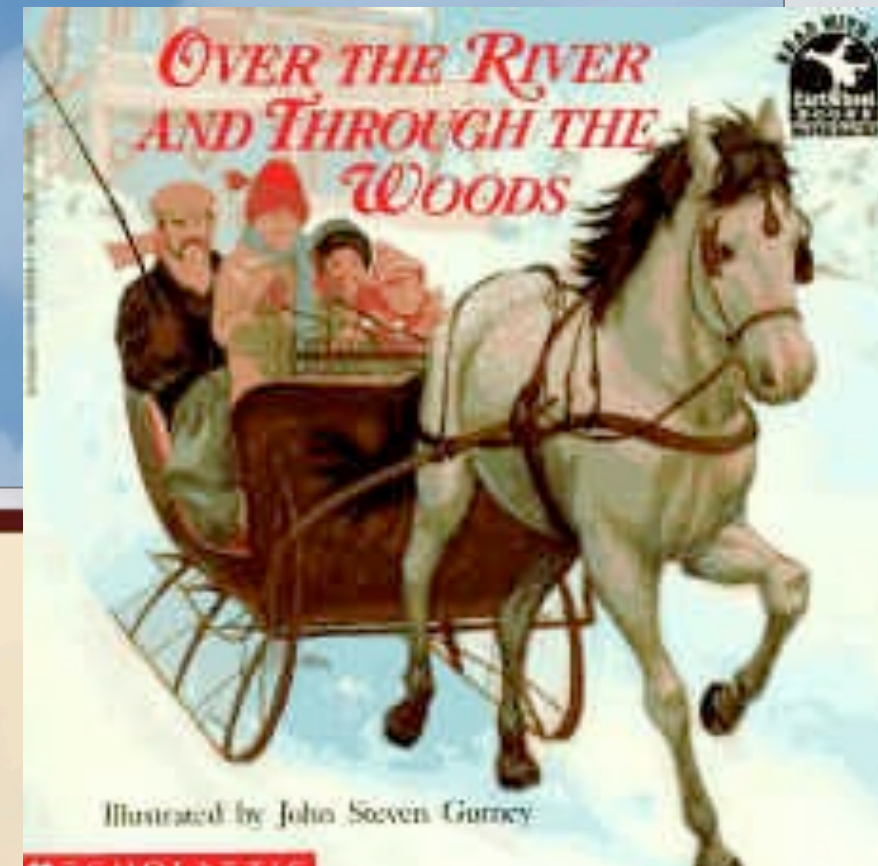
Lesson 22: Truth or Consequences



2 Corinthians 10:4

The weapons we fight with
are not the weapons of the world,
On the contrary they have divine power
to demolish strongholds.

To the tune of Over the River
and Through the Woods



The Battle for the Mind Continues

- **False Apostles**
- **False Teaching**
- **False Gospels**

The Stronghold of the Mind



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False Apostles: the Super Apostles

- Offering a more showy kind of leadership --
Chapter 10
- Offering a different gospel, a different Jesus--
Chapter 11

False Teaching

So there is
nothing
new under the
sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9



BUT.....

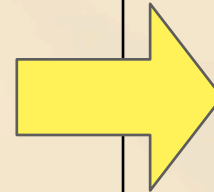
The cat came back,
She couldn't stay no longer.
The cat came back,
'Cause she couldn't stay away.
The cat came back,
We thought she was a goner,
But the cat came back
ON THE VERY NEXT DAY!



ANCIENT HERESY

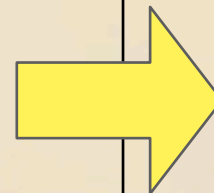
MODERN VERSION

ARIANISM: Jesus Christ is not equal to God the Father but is the first creation of God.



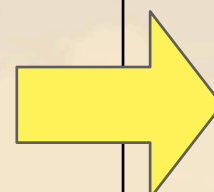
Jesus Christ was a good teacher, a wise rabbi, a martyr for a noble cause-- but he was not God.

MARCIONISM: Message of the gospel is love and grace and the God of Jesus Christ is not the God of the Old Testament.

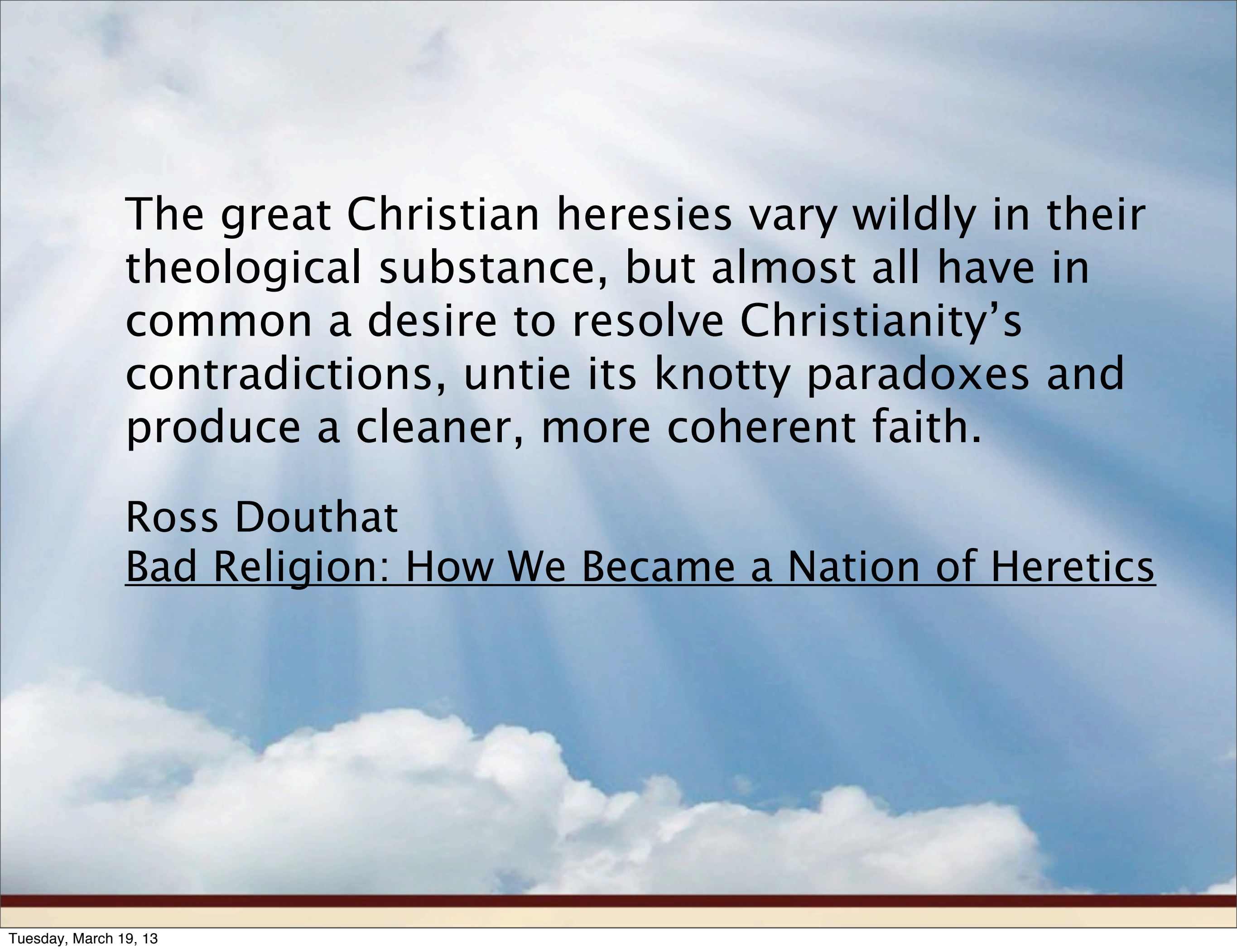


God is not a God of judgment, He is a God of love and acceptance. Salvation is offered to everyone.

PELAGIANISM: denied original sin, believed man can fulfill the law of God without the aid of grace.



We can be good and please God if we try hard enough.



The great Christian heresies vary wildly in their theological substance, but almost all have in common a desire to resolve Christianity's contradictions, untie its knotty paradoxes and produce a cleaner, more coherent faith.

Ross Douthat

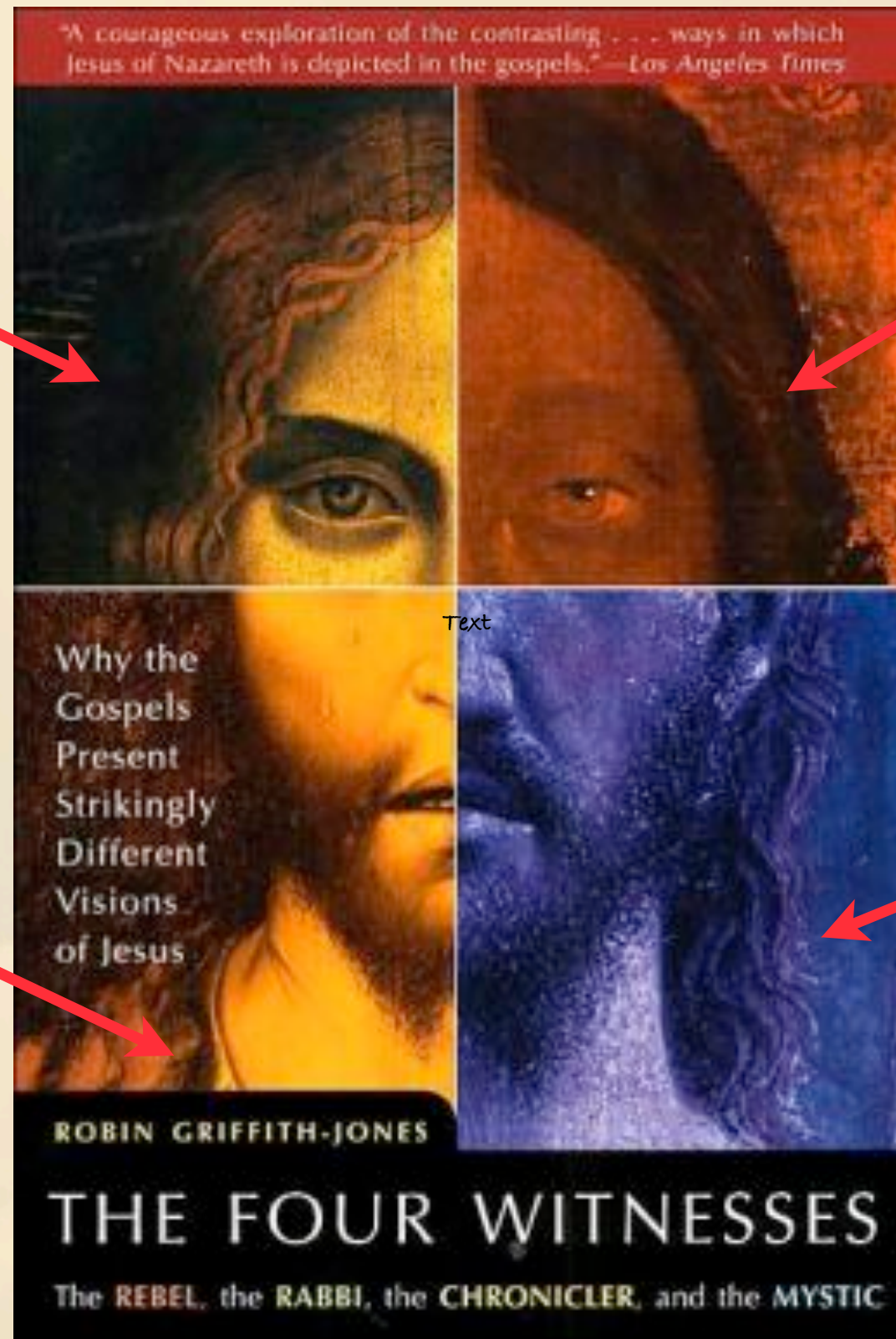
Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics

Mark: The Rebel

Matthew: The Rabbi

Luke: The Chronicler

John: The Mystic



For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2



For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3



The background of the slide is a photograph of a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. Several distinct sunbeams or crepuscular rays are visible, radiating from the upper left towards the bottom right, creating a dramatic and ethereal atmosphere.

Modern False Gospels

The Prosperity Gospel

God blesses those God favors most
with material wealth.

But....

What about Moses? The Prophets?
The Apostles? Paul?

And Jesus said:

**“In this world you will have
trouble, but take heart! I have
overcome the world.”**

John 16:33

The Gospel of the God Within: Creating God in Our Own Image

- Organized religions offer only a glimpse of God
 - God is everywhere and within everything
 - All be eventually be reconciled with God
 - The good life, peace, salvation is available now.
- as described by Scott McKnight

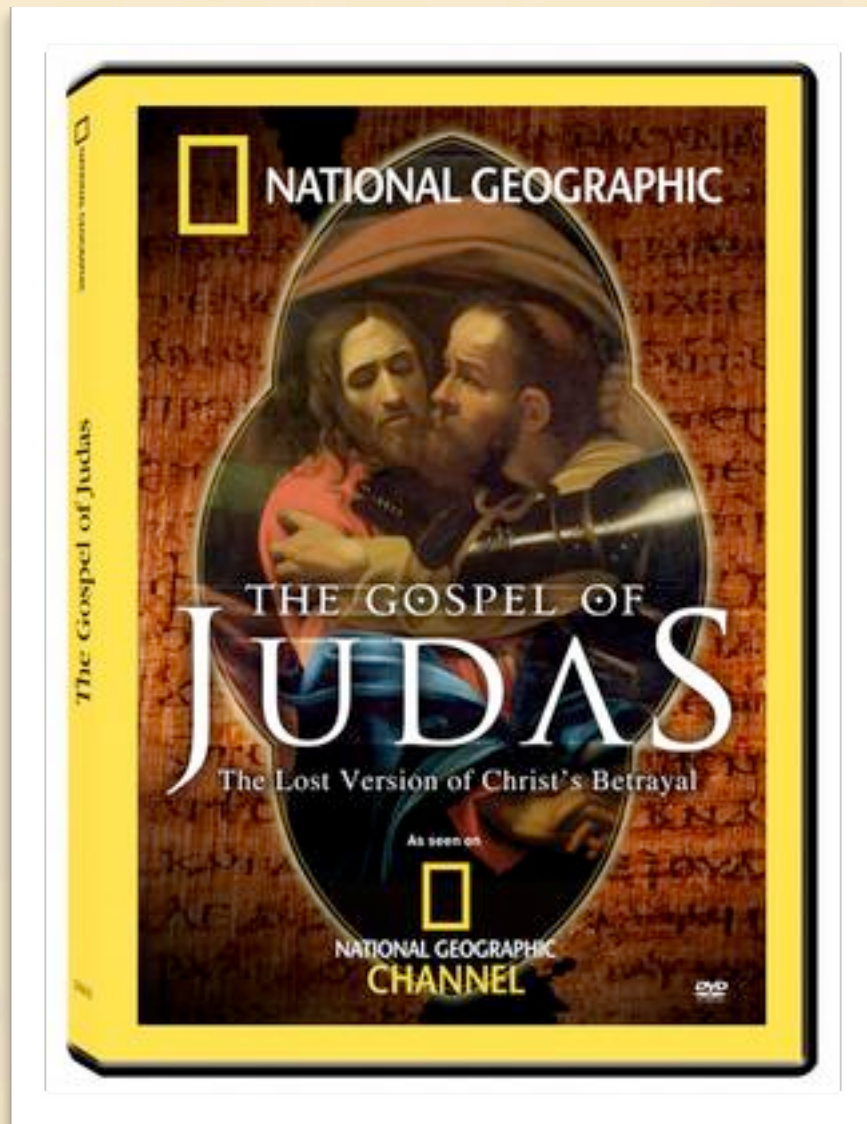


False Gospels in the Media

THE DA VINCI CODE HERESY:

**A Jesus Who Fits the Modern World
Better than the Jesus of the Gospels**

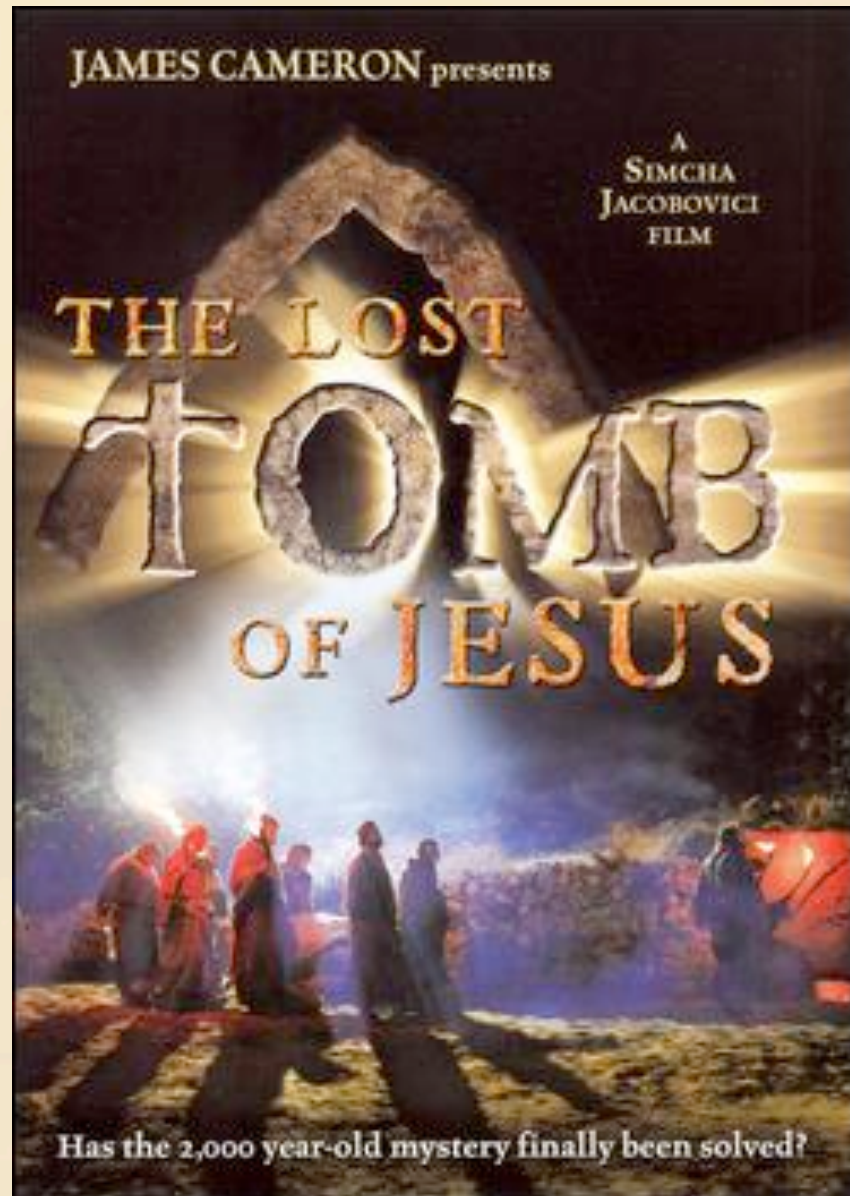
The “Lost” Gospel of Judas--2006



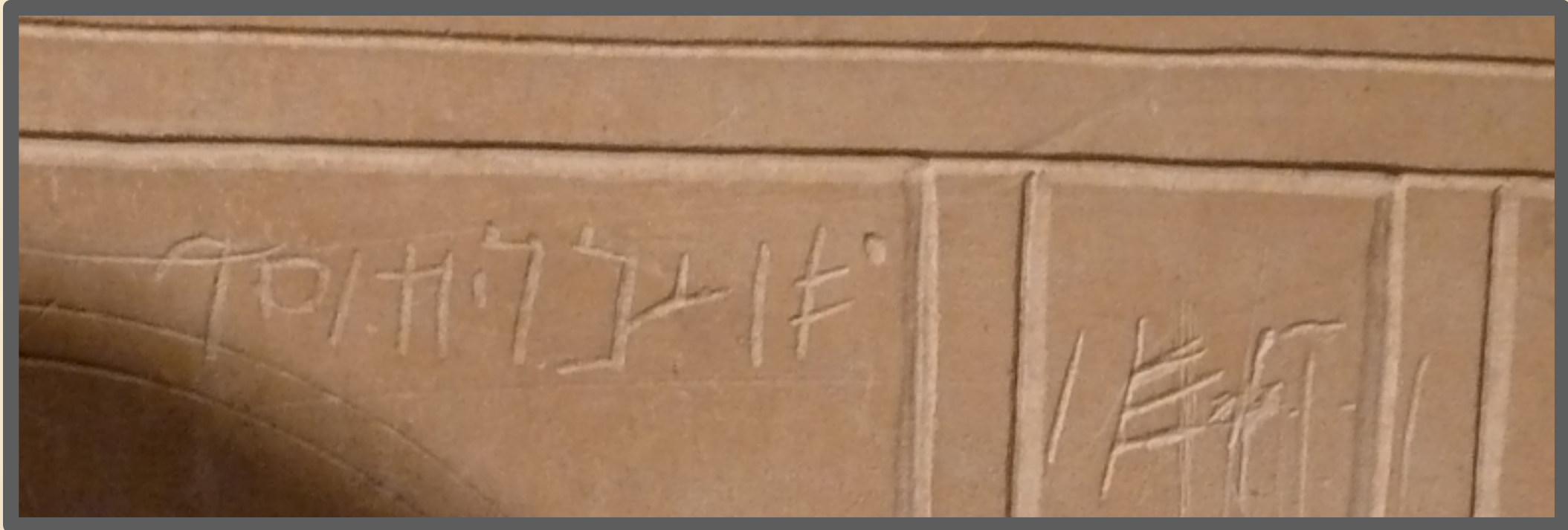
- Not new--this book was part of the discovery of ancient texts at Nag Hammadi in Egypt in 1945 and was well known by scholars.
- Written by an early Christian sect around 180 AD.
- A new translation of the restored text was released with great fanfare during Lent in 2006 by the National Geographic which had a cover article in its magazine and a documentary on its cable channel.
- This book contradicts the Gospel accounts of Jesus' betrayal and portrays Judas as a hero who betrayed Jesus because Jesus asked him to.

The “Lost Tomb of Jesus”--2007

A Derivative of The Da Vinci Code



- Discovery Channel documentary, Lent 2007, claimed Jesus' remains had been found in a family tomb in east Jerusalem.
- The tomb contained 10 ossuaries that included the names Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.
- Tomb contained remains of a woman named “Mariamne” speculated to be Mary Magdalene and Jesus' wife and the remains of “Jude, son of Jesus”



Ossuary with inscription 'JESUS, SON OF JOSEPH'

- Archaeologist William Dever said that he and others have known about these ossuaries for many years and thought it meant nothing because the names were so common. He called the “discovery” a publicity stunt.

Bad theology always hurts people.

Rev. Dr. John Leith

Good theology always takes Jesus at His Word rather than extends a wet finger to the prevailing winds of culture.

Rev. Dr. Ron Scates

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhxURmVI0IQ&feature=youtu.be>

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APPLYING THE LESSON IN YOUR LIFE

Peter tells us “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

Consider the video scene we just viewed.

How do you think the chaplain should have responded to the dying man?