



All Things NEW:  
A Study of the Gospel of MARK

“Interpreting the FACTS”  
(Mark 3:7-35)

No one lives by the facts ...  
We live by how we interpret the facts.

- Paul David Tripp



MARK 1:1 ... the beginning of the Good  
News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God ...

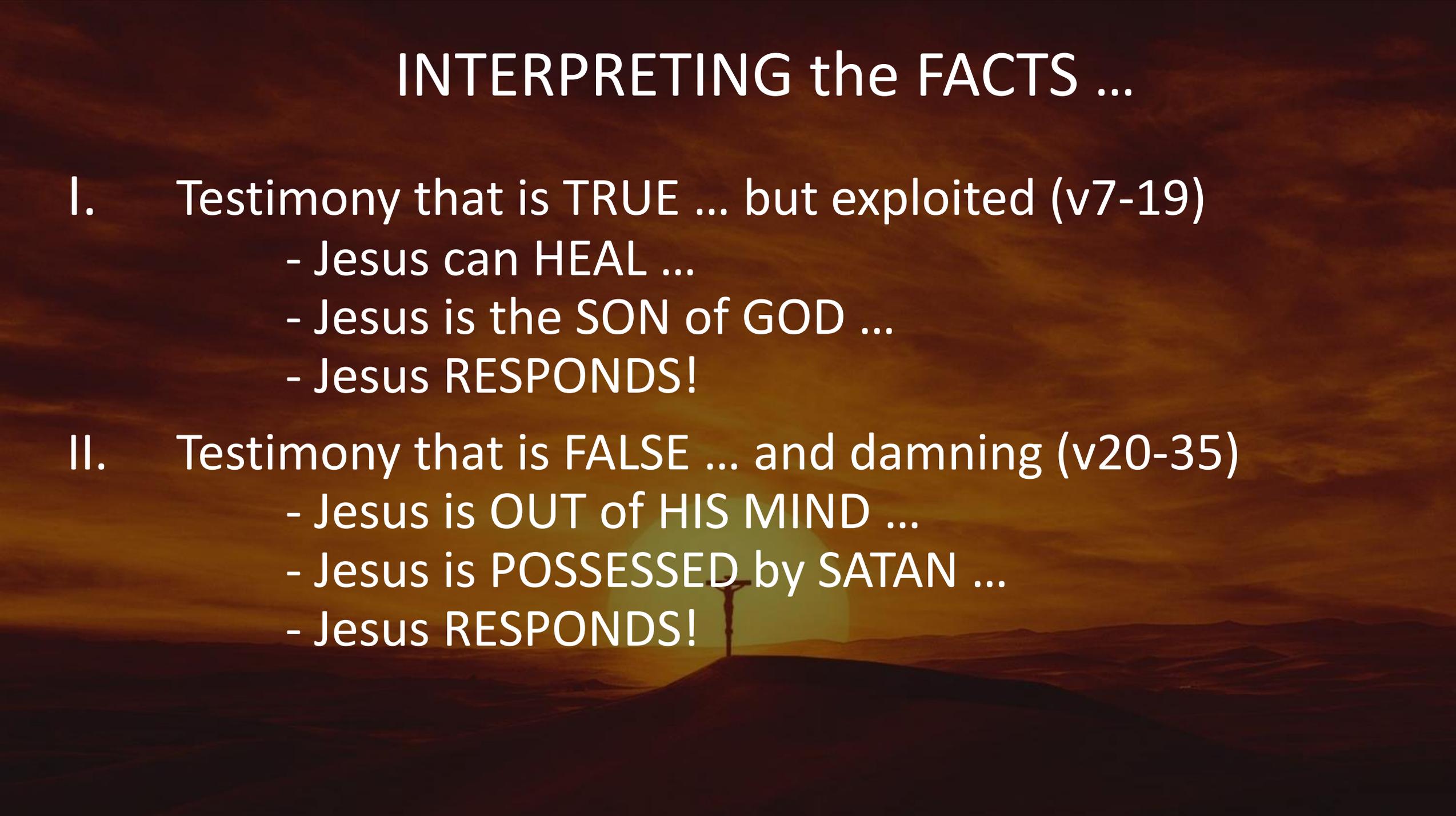


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**MARK 3:7-8** ... Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all he was doing, they came to him.



TRUE ... but EXPLOITED

Jesus Heals!

(Mark 3:7-19 )



**MARK 3:9-10** ... and he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him ...

Do they seek temporary or permanent healing?

TRUE ... but EXPLOITED  
Jesus is the Son of God!  
(Mark 3:7-19 )



**MARK 3:11-12** ... and whenever the unclean spirits saw Jesus, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” And Jesus strictly ordered them not to make him known ...

SON of GOD ... EXCITE or INCITE?

TRUE ... but EXPLOITED

Jesus Responds!

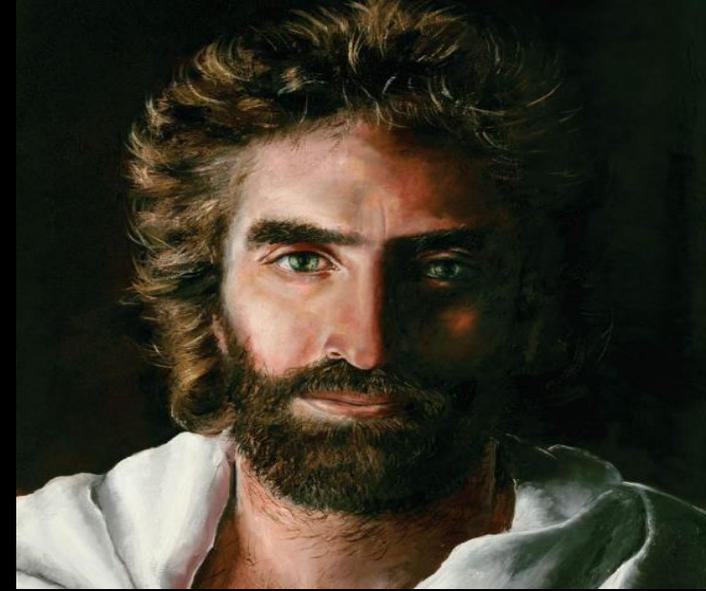
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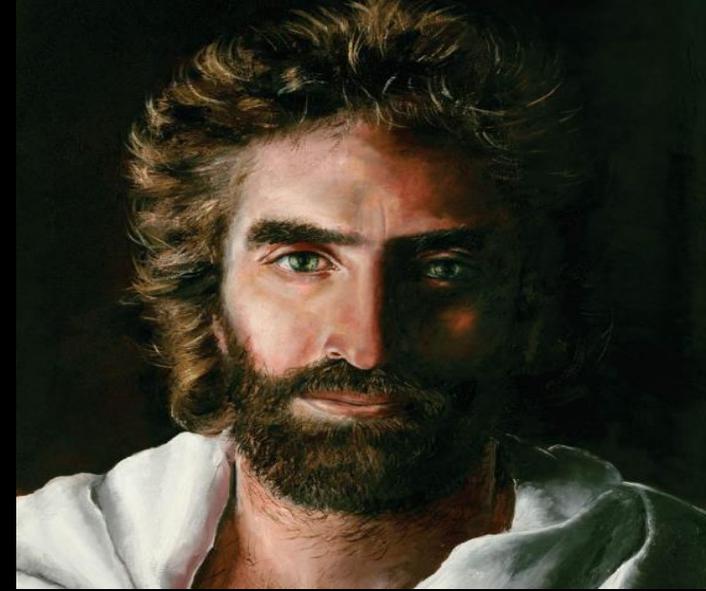
**MARK 3:14-19** ... he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him, and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

He appointed the 12: Simon (whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (whom he gave the name Boa-ner-ges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, Philip, and Bartholomew, Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him ...

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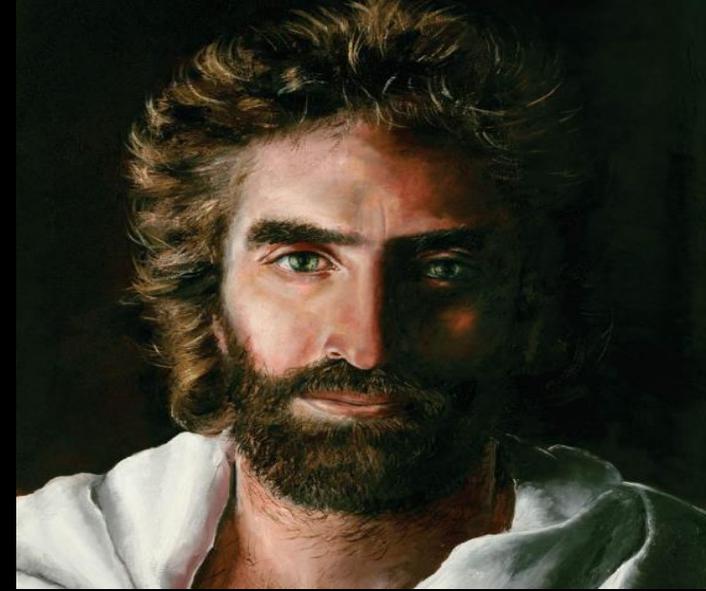
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*MARK 13:12 ... brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death ... but the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

NOT TRUE ... and DAMNING  
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(Mark 3:20-35)

MARK 3:22 ... and the Scribes who  
came down from Jerusalem were  
saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,”  
and “by the prince of demons he casts  
out the demons” ...

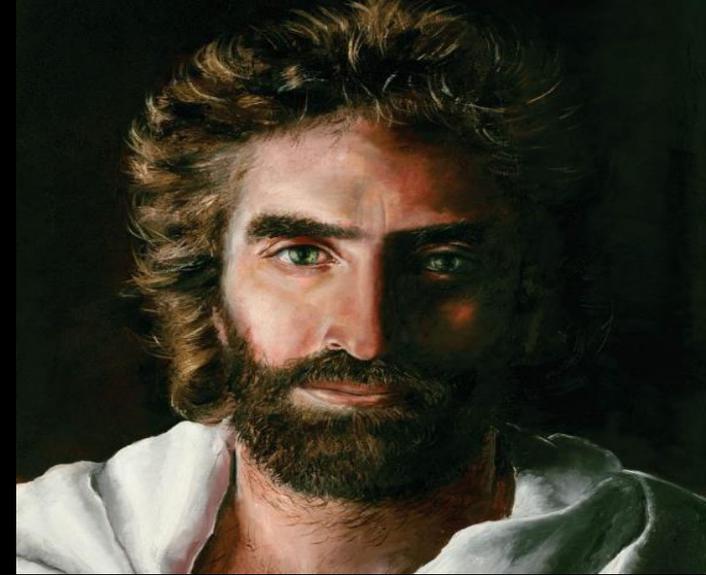
He is “Lord of the Flies”



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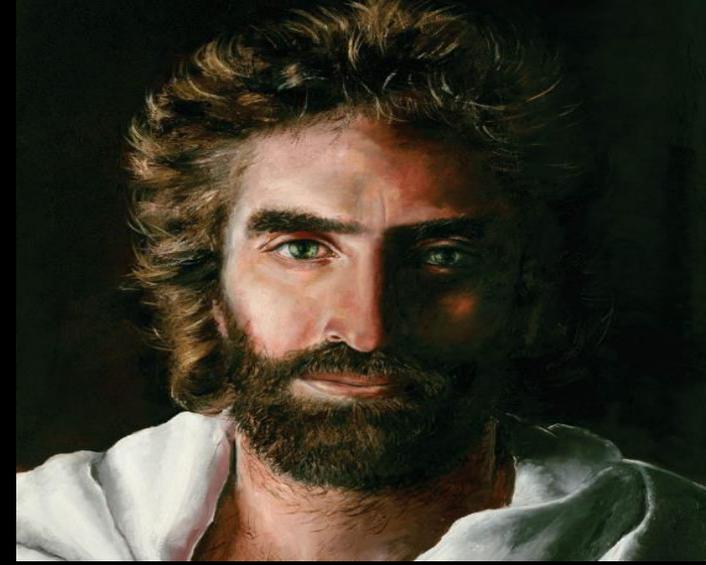
**MARK 3:23-27**... and Jesus called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then he may plunder his house ...”

“Pulverized” by logic!

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**MARK 3:28-30** ...“truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit” ...

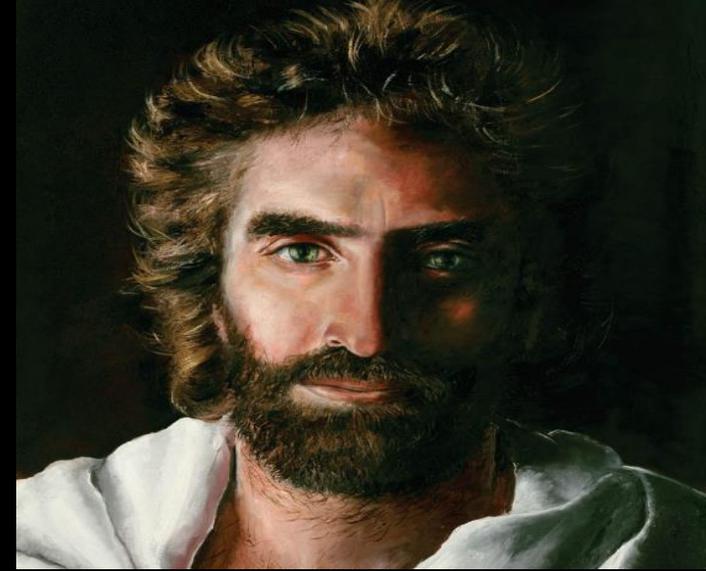
They are willfully assigning the work/words of the Spirit to Satan!

Mocking ... scoffing at the words/work of Jesus?

NOT TRUE ... and DAMNING

Jesus responds!

(Mark 3:20-35 )



**MARK 3:31-35** ... his mother and brothers came and standing outside they sent to him ... a crowd was sitting around him, and they said, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother” ..

Not a REJECTION but an EXPANSION of His family !

# How are we interpreting the FACTS about Jesus?

A young boy with light hair, wearing a grey sweater over a plaid shirt, is pointing his right index finger upwards. He has a surprised or curious expression on his face. The background is a green chalkboard. To the right of the boy, there is a white chalk drawing of a glowing lightbulb with radiating lines. Below the lightbulb, there is white text. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'THE PBH NETWORK'.

THE AVERAGE FOUR  
YEAR-OLD CHILD ASKS  
OVER FOUR HUNDRED  
QUESTIONS A DAY.



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Are these “FACTS” true?

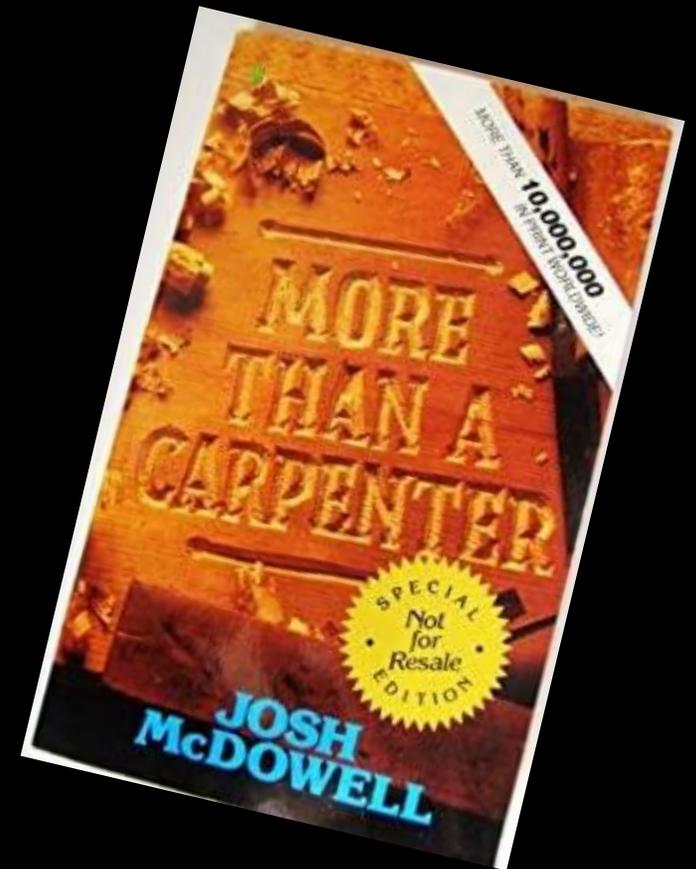
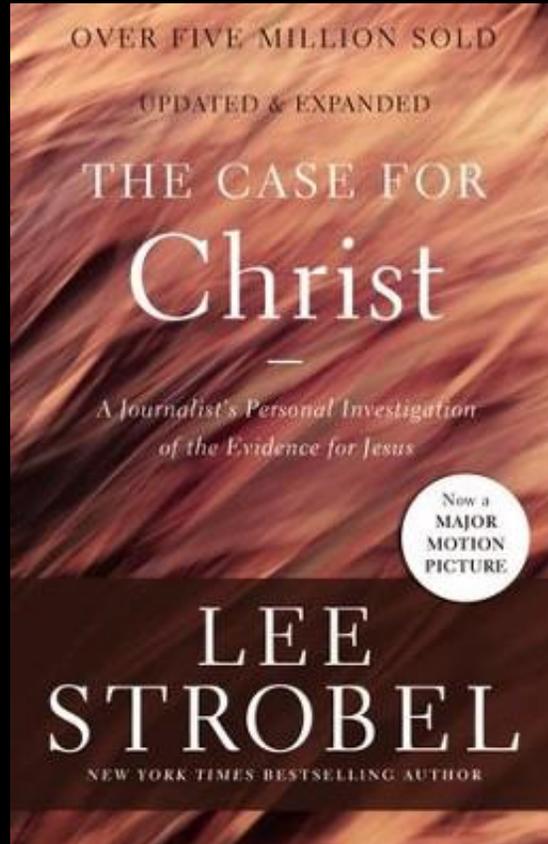
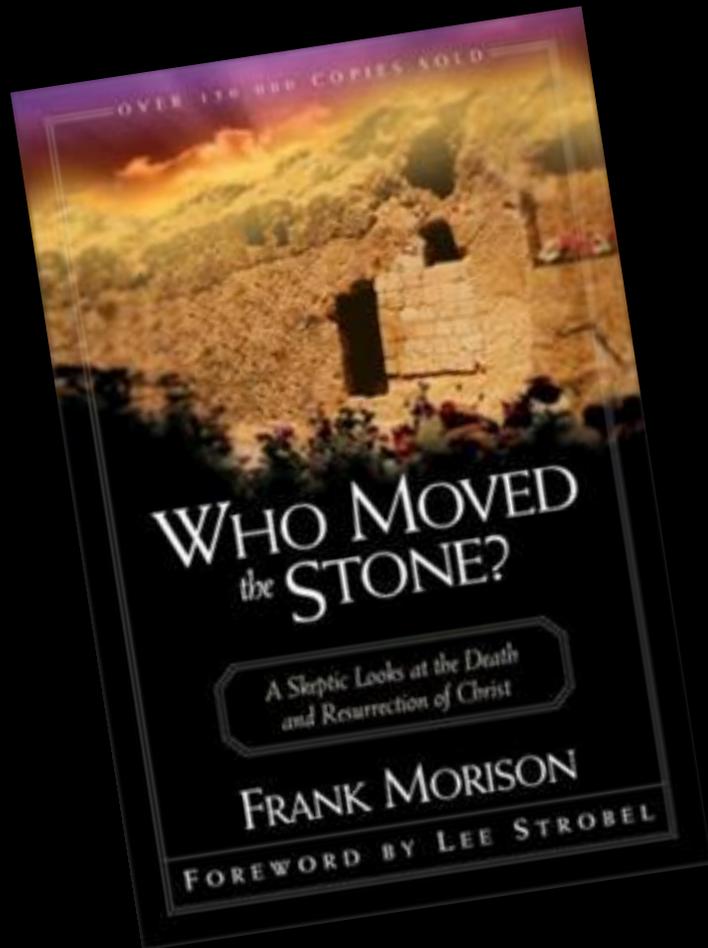
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Jesus’ brother or sister!



# Is Jesus the Son of God?



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*... my kingdom come*

*... my will be done*

*... on earth as I trust it will be done  
in heaven*



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Am I hardening myself against all that  
invades my beliefs/being?



# How are we interpreting the FACTS about Jesus?

3) Am I HUMBLED by the facts,  
allowing them to change my  
beliefs that I may become  
someone new ... daily?

Hungry to know him!  
Prepared to follow him!



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