

# Jesus: The Only Way

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How  
would you  
respond?

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A word cloud centered around the word 'apologetics'. The word 'apologetics' is the largest and most prominent, written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Surrounding it are various other words in different colors and sizes, including: 'ethics' (pink), 'love' (teal), 'theology' (pink), 'cosmology' (purple), 'archeology' (purple), 'belief' (purple), 'history' (teal), 'religion' (teal), 'morals' (pink), 'answers' (blue), 'science' (purple), 'questions' (blue), 'philosophy' (pink), 'rational' (purple), 'psychology' (purple), 'worldview' (blue), 'respect' (purple), 'evidence' (purple), 'evangelism' (teal), 'reason' (purple), 'gentleness' (pink), 'biblical' (teal), 'doubt' (blue), and 'thinking' (blue). The words are scattered around the central word, with some overlapping.

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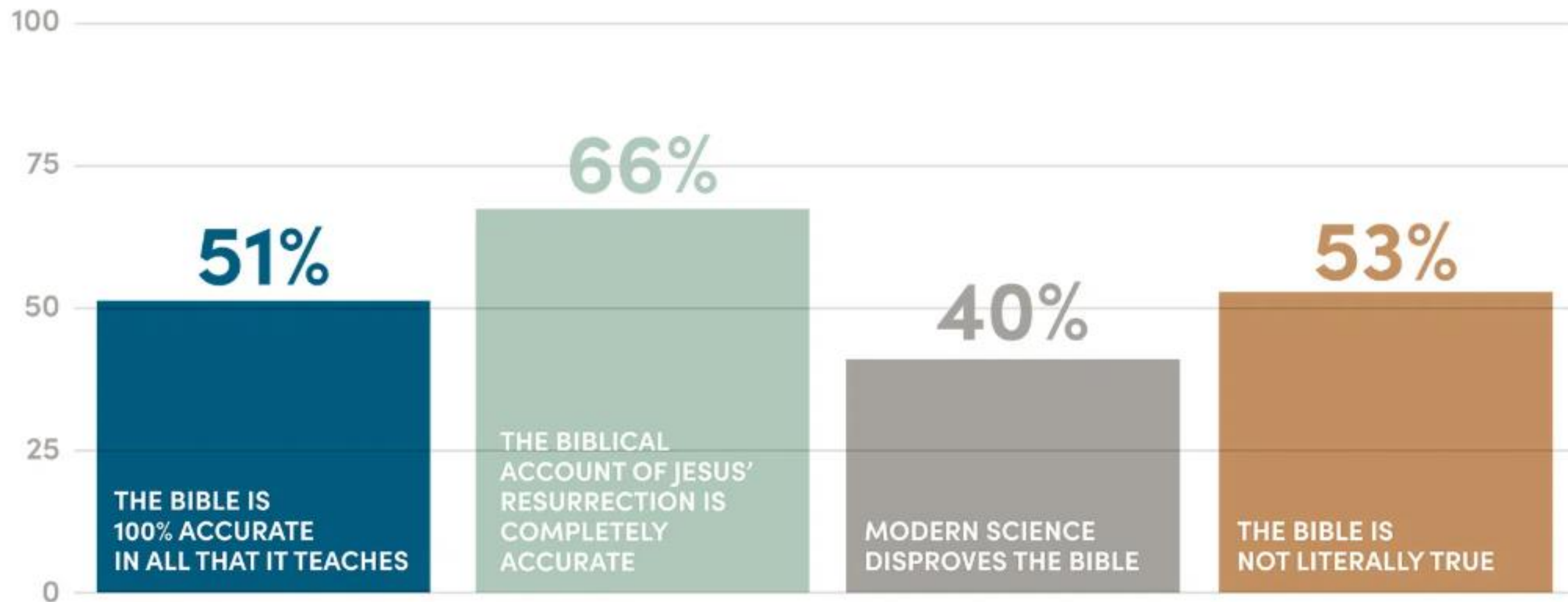
Greek:  
*apologia*

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord  
as holy, always being prepared to make  
a defense to anyone who asks you for a  
reason for the hope that is in you; yet  
do it with gentleness and respect.

**1 Peter 3:15**

# Biblical Balance

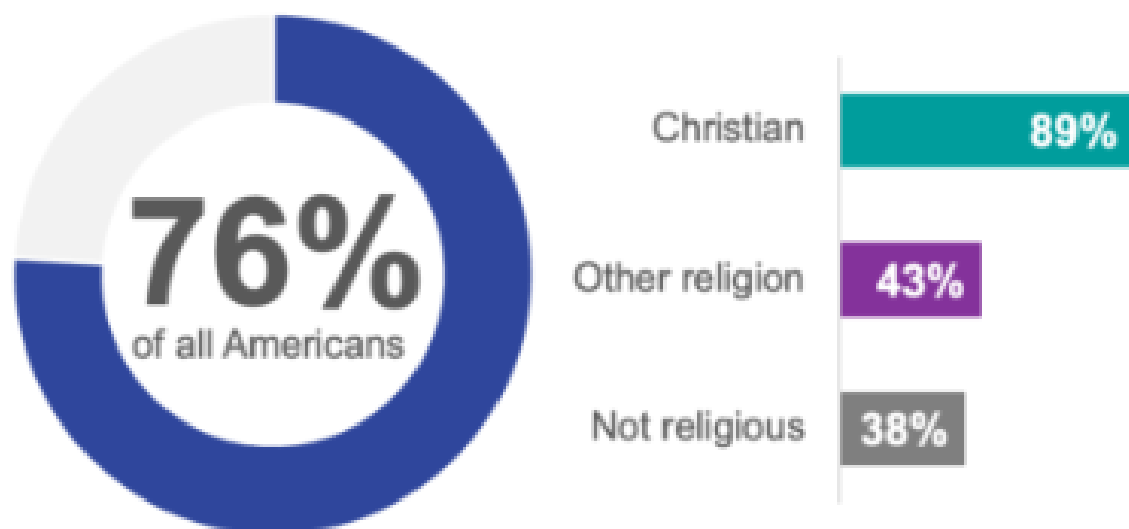
*Percentage of Americans who agree*



# Most Americans believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure, although, some question His historical existence

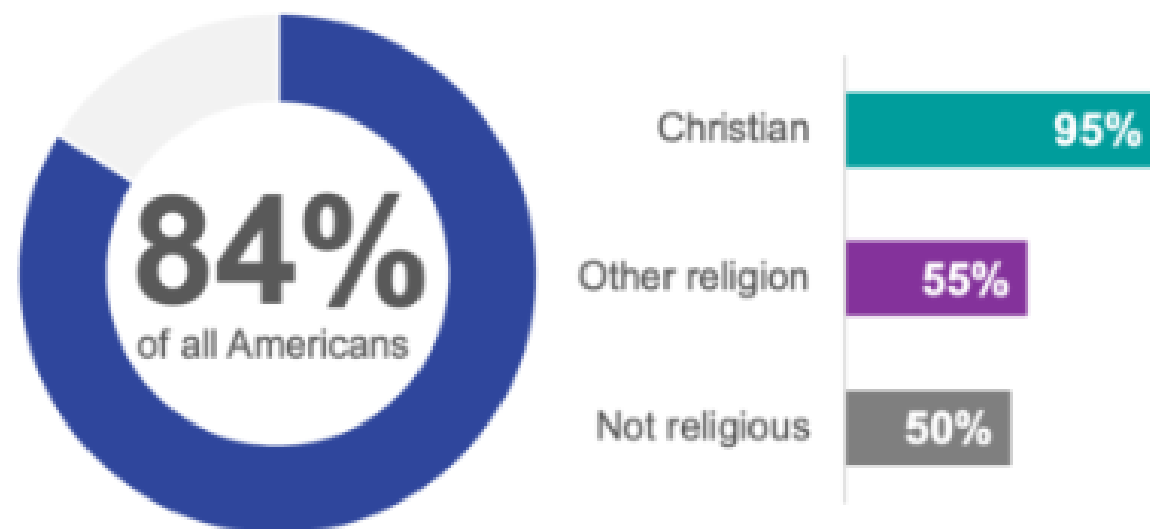
Do you believe in the historical existence of Jesus Christ or Jesus of Nazareth?

% Yes



Do you believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure?

% Yes



Q10. Do you believe in the historical existence of Jesus Christ or Jesus of Nazareth?

Q11. Do you believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure?

Base = All respondents (Total n=3119, Christian n=2113, Other Religion n=503, Not Religious n=503)



**68%**

of young people agree that  
***"There are many religions  
that I agree with."***

**58%**

of young people agree  
that ***"I do not feel like I  
need to be connected  
to one specific religion."***



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# Testing the Reliability of Scripture

## Internal Evidence

- Dating & Location
- Authorship
- Criteria of Authenticity

## External Evidence

- Archaeology
- Corroborating texts
- Other science



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# Hezekiah

Governor of Judea  
350-302 BC  
**half-ma-ahobol**  
333-302 BC

young man head  
owl



Inscription: "YHZQKYH"  
(Hezekiah)

Inscription: "HPHH"  
(governor)

Inscription: Rev:  [YHZQYH] "Hezekiah"  
 [ha-pehah] "Governor"

[www.bible.ca/coins](http://www.bible.ca/coins)

**M:22**  
**H:1069**



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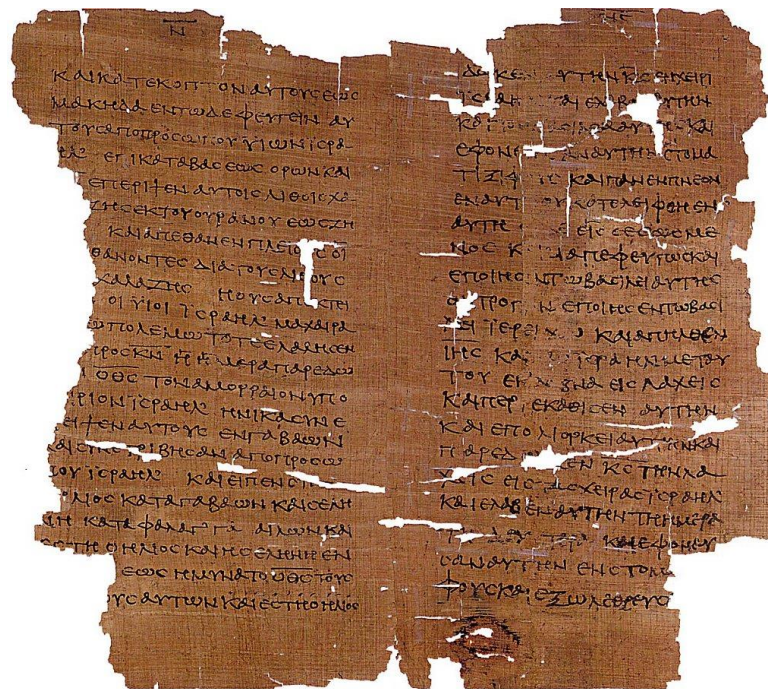
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- ▶ Accurate







MS 2600  
Bible: Matthew, Egypt, 4th/5th c.  
Unique form of the Gospel: 8 chapters are the earliest known of this part of the Bible



MS 2648  
Bible: Joshua, Egypt, late 2nd c. The oldest MS of this part of the Bible



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# Textual Criticism





# Let's test it...

Sit up 'f yu R AWSUM!

# Let's test it...

Sit       up   ' f   yu       R       AWSUM!  
and       i       y u       is       awesome!

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Stand up if you are owesame!





# Example from Scripture

John 7:53-8:11

# The Case for the Reliability of the Gospels

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- ▶ Places and People Exist
- ▶ Accurate
- ▶ Same basic message about Jesus
- ▶ Embarrassment
- ▶ Transformed Lives





What do the gospels say about  
Jesus?



“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

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JOHN 3:16 (ESV)

“Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

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JOHN 8:24 (NASB)

“But what about you?’ He asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the messiah.’”

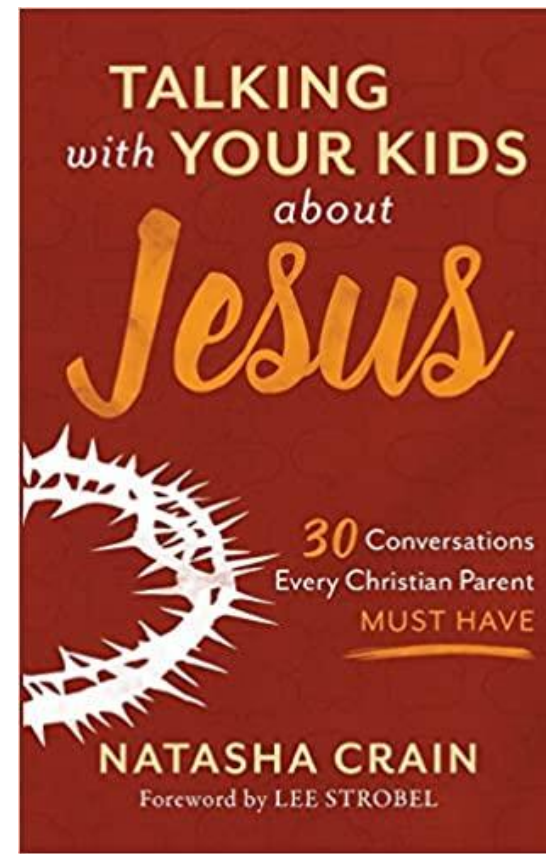
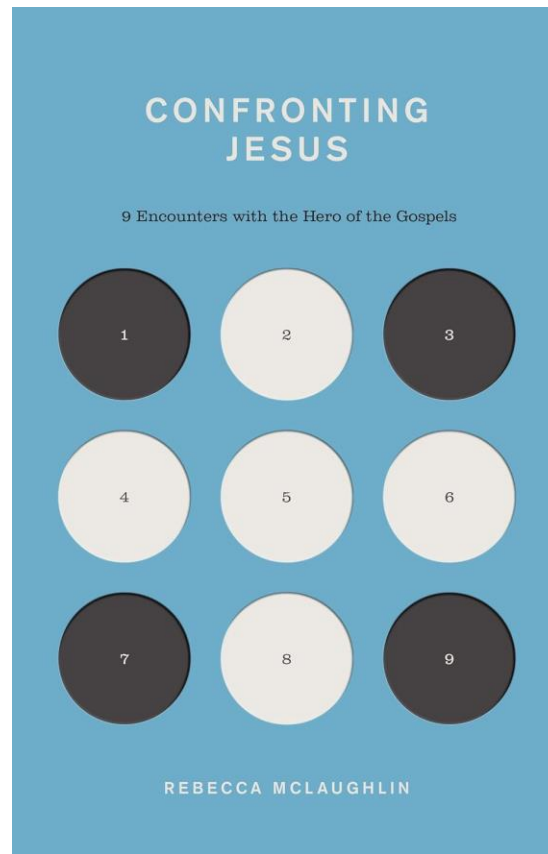
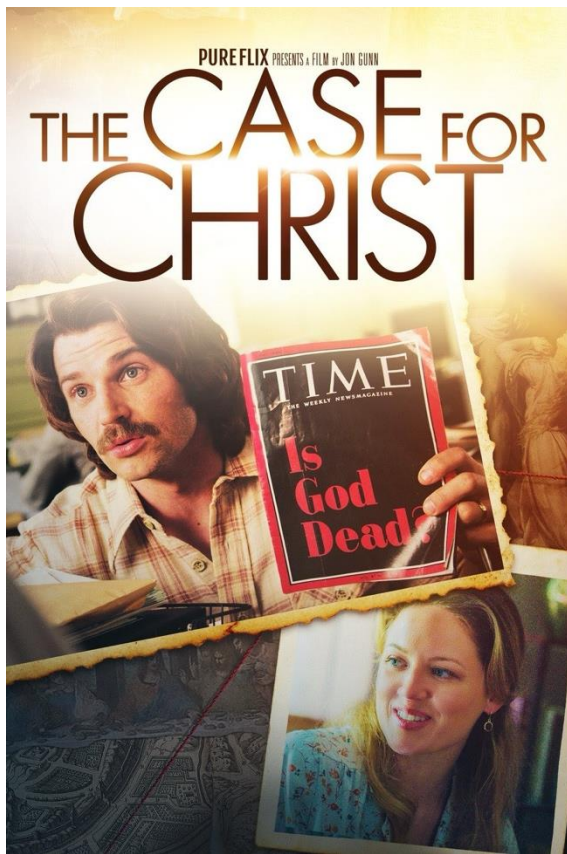
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MATTHEW 16:15-16 (NLT)

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

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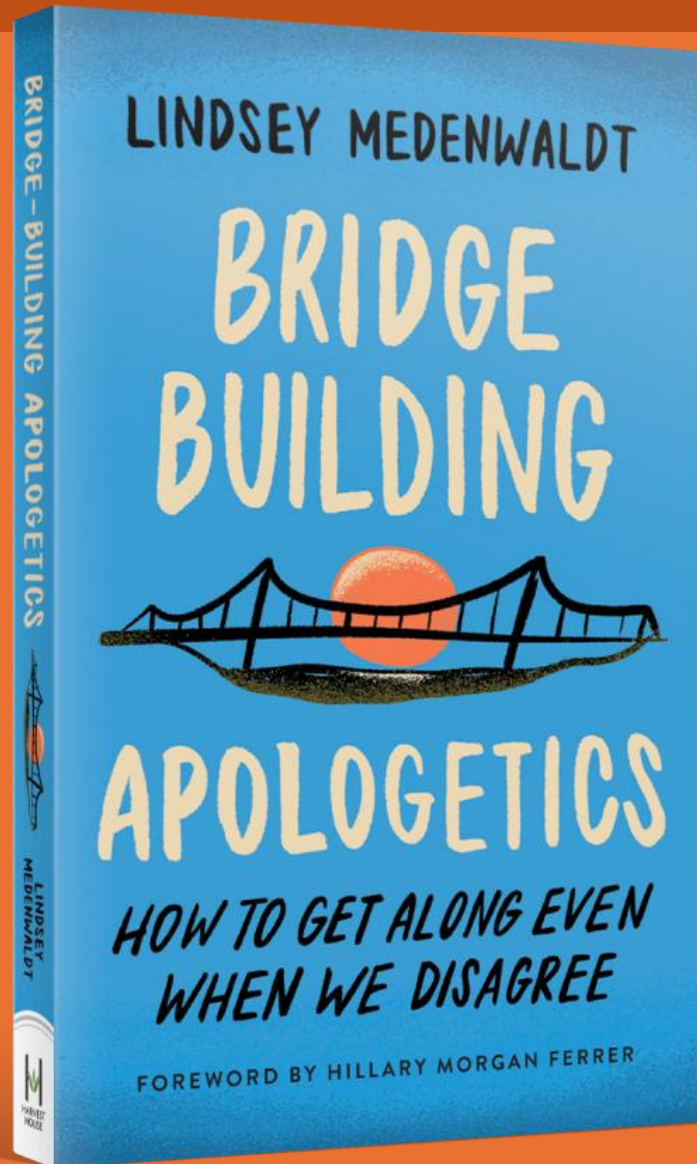
JOHN 14:6 (ESV)



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