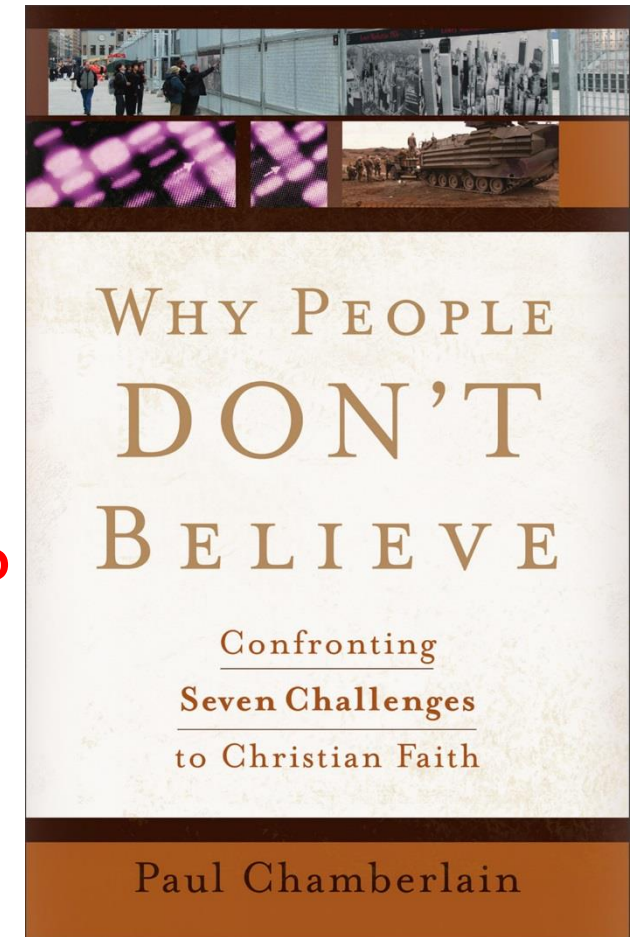


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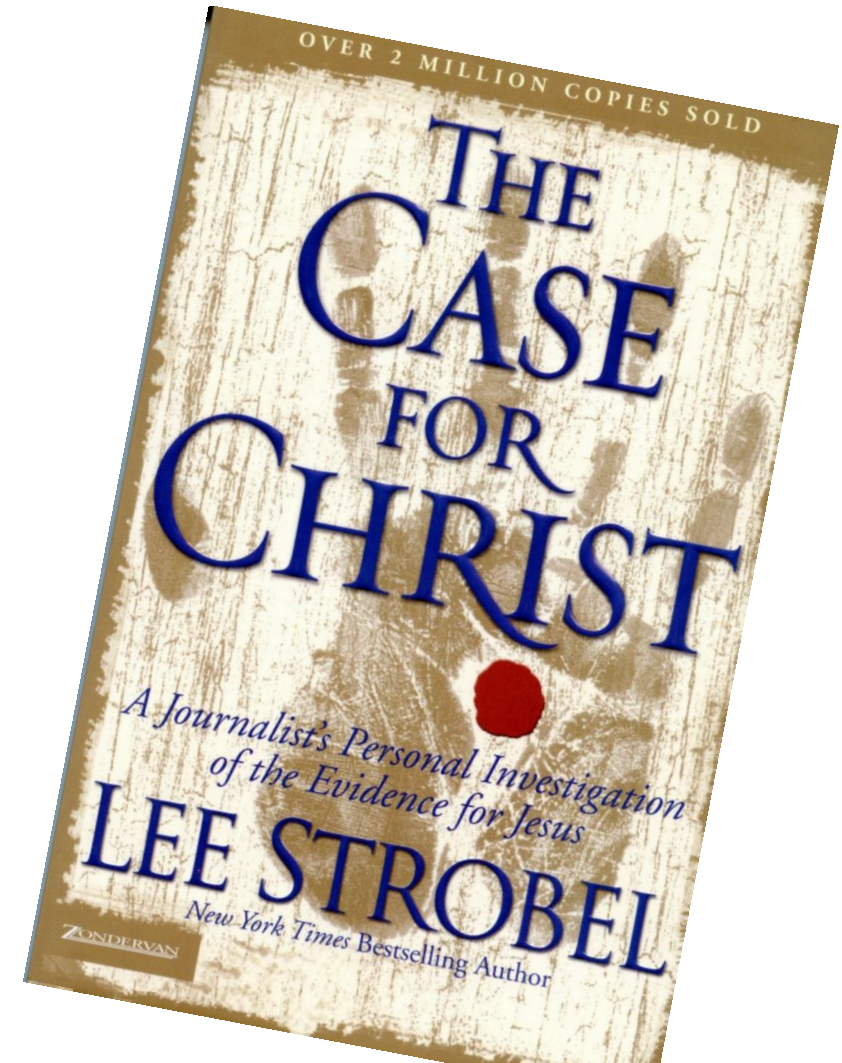
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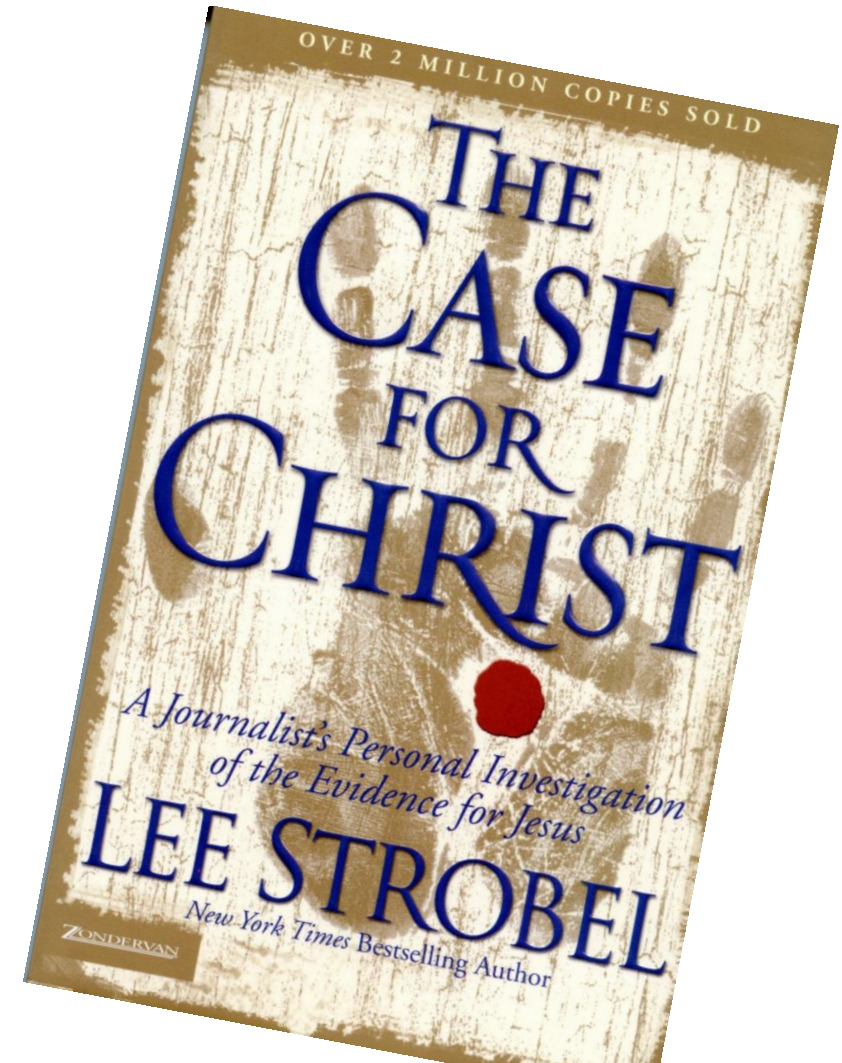
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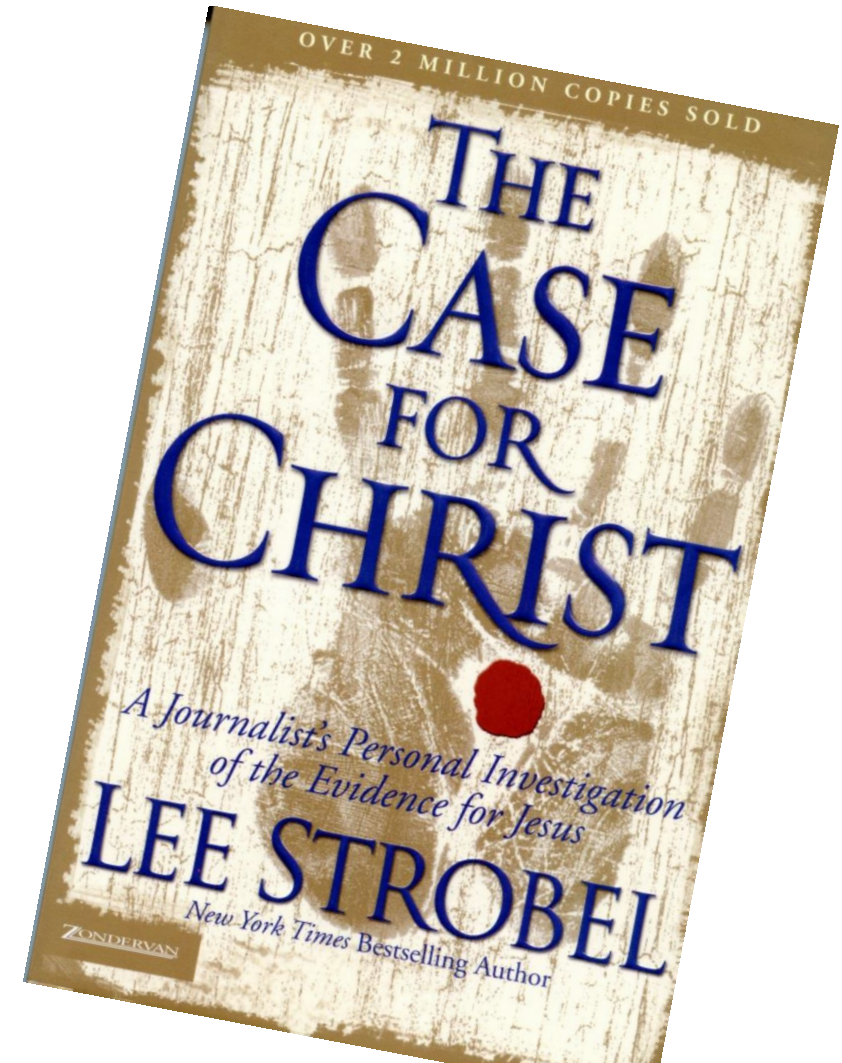
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Is it possible to be an intelligent, critically thinking person and still believe that the four gospels were written by the people whose names have been attached to them?

How uniform was the belief that they were the authors?

Would anyone have had a motivation to lie by claiming these people wrote these gospels, when they really didn't?

What about John?

Scholars talk about "Q". What is Q?

Can you clarify the differences between the synoptic gospels and John's gospel?

What accounts for the differences?

Do these *theological distinctives* deserve to be called contradictions?

Does the theological agenda of the writers prompt them to color and twist the history they recorded?

Was the direct and indirect witness testimony reliably preserved until it was finally written down years later?

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How early can we date the fundamental beliefs in Jesus' atonement, his resurrection, and his unique association with God?

to within two years of that very event!

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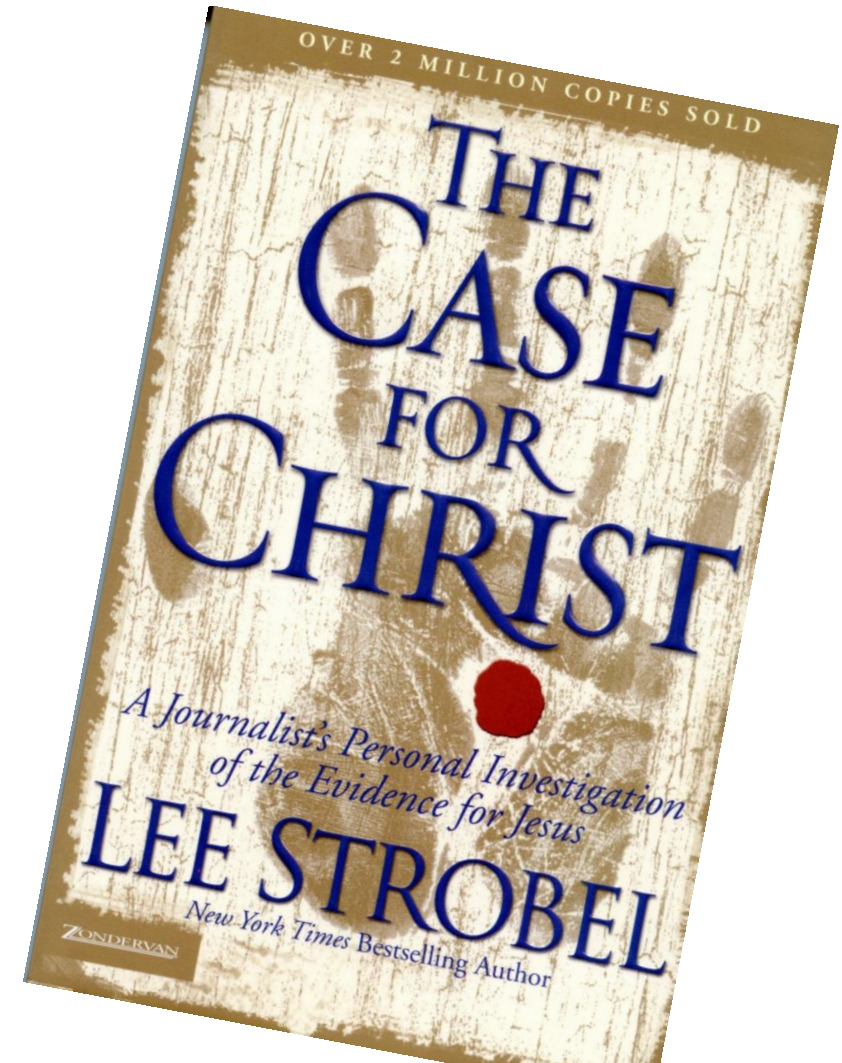
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- 1) The Intention Test- seeks to determine whether it was the stated or implied intent of the gospel writers to accurately preserve history

Luke 1:1-3 ¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled^[a] among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since **I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning**, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ **so that you may know the certainty** of the things you have been taught.”

John 20:30 “But **these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

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2) The Ability Test- Even if the writers intended to reliably record history, were they able to do so? Isn't it possible that faulty memories, wishful thinking and the development of legend would have contaminated the Jesus tradition before it was written down 30 years later?

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- 3) The Character Test- whether it was in the character of these writers to be truthful

