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"History of the Christian Church" is an eight volume account of Christian history which covers the history of Christianity from the time of the apostles to the Reformation period. The book deals with seven periods in the history of the church: The First Period of Church History - Apostolic Christianity; The Second Period of Church History - Ante-Nicene Christianity; The Third Period of Church History - The Church in Union with the Roman Empire; The Fourth Period of Church History - The Church among the Barbarians; The Fifth Period of Church

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History - From Gregory VII to Boniface VIII A. D. 1049-1294; The Sixth Period of Church History - From Boniface VIII to Martin Luther ; The Seventh Period of Church History - The Reformation.

Christian Zionism influences global politics, especially U.S. foreign policy, and has deeply affected Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian relations. With a fair-minded, longitudinal study of this dynamic yet controversial movement, Donald M. Lewis traces its lineage from biblical sources through the Reformation to various movements of today. Anti-Judaism and the Fourth Gospel Westminster John Knox Press
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Early Christianity, 3

Christian Register

Jewish Responses to Early
Christian

A Short History of Christian
Zionism

Principles and Practice in
Defense of Our Faith

Religious Conflict from Early
Christianity to the Rise of Islam

The Christian Pioneer

How can people taking
diametrically opposing
positions on contemporary
issues--dividing both
religious communities and
society--quote the Bible in
support of their views? What
does it mean to make a claim
that the Bible says or
teaches something? Why
appeal to the Bible at all?

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Whose interpretation is the right one? If you've felt confused about the Bible's role or authority in such controversies, this book may help. The author draws upon his more than forty years of pastoral ministry and seminary teaching experience as he examines the Bible--what it is (and isn't), how it came to be a sacred text for Jews and Christians, what kind of authority it has, and how that authority is used or misused. He does not attempt to take a position on the controversial issues themselves, but argues for understanding the Bible as a community product, arising

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out of the historical life of communities of faith, that then exerts a shaping or normative power in those communities through time, and asks how the Bible and the "Word of God" may be related in constructive ways.

Conflict has been an inescapable facet of religion from its very beginnings. This volume offers insight into the mechanisms at play in the centuries from the Jesus-movement's first attempts to define itself over and against Judaism to the beginnings of Islam. Profiling research by scholars of the Centre for

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Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University, the essays document inter- and intra-religious conflict from a variety of angles. Topics relevant to the early centuries range from religious conflict between different parts of the Christian canon, types of conflict, the origins of conflict, strategies for winning, for conflict resolution, and the emergence of a language of conflict. For the fourth to seventh centuries case studies from Asia Minor, Syria, Constantinople, Gaul, Arabia and Egypt are presented. The volume closes

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with examinations of the Christian and Jewish response to Islam, and of Islam's response to Christianity. Given the political and religious tensions in the world today, this volume is well positioned to find relevance and meaning in societies still grappling with the monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Defending the faith can be daunting, and a well-reasoned and biblically grounded apologetic is essential for the challenge. Following in the footsteps of groundbreaking apologist Cornelius Van Til, Scott

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Oliphint presents us with an introduction to Reformed apologetics as he sets forth the principles behind a distinctly "covenantal" approach. This book clearly explains the theological foundations of covenantal apologetics and illustrates its application in real-world conversations with unbelievers—helping Christians to boldly, knowledgeably, and winsomely proclaim the gospel.

A Review of Greek

Inscriptions and Papyri

Published in 1978

Covenantal Apologetics

Jews and Christians Together

The Big Picture

Christianity in Suriname

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Religious Freedom and Mass Conversion in India
Perpetua of Carthage
Hinduism is the largest religion in India, encompassing roughly 80 percent of the population, while 14 percent of the population practices Islam and the remaining 6 percent adheres to other religions. The right to "freely profess, practice, and propagate religion" in India's constitution is one of the most comprehensive articulations of the right to religious freedom. Yet from the late colonial era to the present, mass conversions to minority religions have inflamed majority-minority relations in India and complicated the exercise of this right. In *Religious Freedom and Mass Conversion in India*, Laura Dudley Jenkins examines three mass conversion movements in India: among Christians in the 1930s, Dalit Buddhists in the 1950s,

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and Mizo Jews in the 2000s. Critics of these movements claimed mass converts were victims of overzealous proselytizers promising material benefits, but defenders insisted the converts were individuals choosing to convert for spiritual reasons. Jenkins traces the origins of these opposing arguments to the 1930s and 1940s, when emerging human rights frameworks and early social scientific studies of religion posited an ideal convert: an individual making a purely spiritual choice. However, she observes that India's mass conversions did not adhere to this model and therefore sparked scrutiny of mass converts' individual agency and spiritual sincerity. Jenkins demonstrates that the preoccupation with converts' agency and sincerity has resulted in significant challenges to religious freedom. One is the proliferation of legislation limiting induced conversions.

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Another is the restriction of affirmative action rights of low caste people who choose to practice Islam or Christianity. Last, incendiary rumors are intentionally spread of women being converted to Islam via seduction. *Religious Freedom and Mass Conversion in India* illuminates the ways in which these tactics immobilize potential converts, reinforce damaging assumptions about women, lower castes, and religious minorities, and continue to restrict religious freedom in India today. Drawing on the critical and theoretical concepts of sovereignty, biopolitics, and necropolitics, this book examines how a normative liberal and secular understanding of India's religious identity is translatable by Hindu nationalists into discrimination and violence against minoritized religious communities. Extending these concepts to an analysis of historical, political and legal genealogies

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of conversion, the author demonstrates how a concern for sovereignty links past and present anti-conversion campaigns and laws. The book illustrates how sovereignty informs the making of secularism as well as religious difference. The focus on sovereignty sheds light on the manner in which religious difference becomes a point of reference for the religio-secular idioms of Bombay cinema, for legal judgements on communal violence, for human rights organizations, and those seeking justice for communal violence. This wide-ranging examination and discussion of the trajectories of (anti) conversion politics through historical, legal, philosophical, popular cultural, archival and ethnographic material offers a cogent argument for shifting the stakes and rethinking the relationship between sovereignty and religious freedom. The book is a timely contribution to broader

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theoretical and political discussions of (post) secularism and human rights, and is of interest to students and scholars of postcolonial studies, cultural studies, law, and religious studies.

What did it take to cause the Roman aristocracy to turn to Christianity, changing centuries-old beliefs and religious traditions? Michele Salzman takes a fresh approach to this much-debated question. Focusing on a sampling of individual aristocratic men and women as well as on writings and archeological evidence, she brings new understanding to the process by which pagan aristocrats became Christian, and Christianity became aristocratic. Roman aristocrats would seem to be unlikely candidates for conversion to Christianity. Pagan and civic traditions were deeply entrenched among the educated and politically well-connected. Indeed, men who held state offices often

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were also esteemed priests in the pagan state cults: these priesthoods were traditionally sought as a way to reinforce one's social position. Moreover, a religion whose texts taught love for one's neighbor and humility, with strictures on wealth and notions of equality, would not have obvious appeal for those at the top of a hierarchical society. Yet somehow in the course of the fourth and early fifth centuries Christianity and the Roman aristocracy met and merged. Examining the world of the ruling class--its institutions and resources, its values and style of life--Salzman paints a fascinating picture, especially of aristocratic women. Her study yields new insight into the religious revolution that transformed the late Roman Empire.

An Overview of its History, Theologians
and Sources

A General History of the Christian Era

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The Bible Says . . .

The Christian Union Quarterly

Anti-Judaism and the Fourth Gospel

The Making of a Christian Aristocracy

Religious Freedom in India

Men and women throughout history have learned to shape their lives around Christian ideas, attitudes, and values in many different ways. They have been helped by liturgies, sermons, visual imagery, religious drama, and hymns. But perhaps the most important sources were the classic devotional manuals, like *The Imitation of Christ* and *The Pilgrim's Progress*, many of which are still in use today. In this book, Margaret Miles subjects these devotional manuals to a detailed critique. Miles speaks as a scholar,

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as a Christian living in the modern world, and as a woman, and she ends by discussing the relevance of her findings to Christian life today. The Republic of Suriname, located in northern South America has a rich and diverse history going back several centuries. This has seen the introduction of Christianity and the establishment and creation of many church denominations. To date, major theological works have failed to provide correct, balanced and informative dialogue on the history of Christianity and its developments in Suriname. In response to the lack of information available to the academic world this publication aims to provide a survey of the history, a summary of the

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works of theologians and a guide to reliable sources about Christianity in Suriname. Through overviewing the history of the major denominations in Suriname and focusing on some major issues surrounding Christianity the author delivers a unique single volume for both the general reader and a starting point for further research. This comprehensive second edition inspires therapists to utilize clinical work to pragmatically address intersectional oppressions, lessen the burden of minority stress, and implement effective LGBTQ affirmative therapy. A unique and important contribution to LGBTQ literature, this handbook includes both new and updated chapters

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reflecting cutting-edge intersectional themes like race, ethnicity, polyamory, and monosexual normativity. A host of expert contributors outline the best practices in affirmative therapy, inspiring therapists to guide LGBTQ clients into deconstructing the heteronormative power imbalances that undermine LGBTQ relationships and families. There is also an increased focus on clinical application, with fresh vignettes included throughout to highlight effective treatment strategies. Couple and family therapists and clinicians working with LGBTQ clients, and those interested in implementing affirmative therapy in their practice, will find this updated

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handbook essential.

Evangelicals and Israel

Account of the Christianity from the
Apostles to the Reformation

Sovereignty and (anti) Conversion

Ancient Jewish and Christian Texts
as Crisis Management Literature
Soldiers of Christ - Advanced Bible
Studies

The Sermon on the Mount and the
Puritan Piety of William Perkins
William H. Willimon, one of the most
respected voices in the pulpit today,
has been inspiring congregations and
their leaders for decades. This
marvelous collection of sermons-
mined from Willimon's earliest
pastorates, through his time as Dean
of the Chapel at Duke University, to
his current calling as a Presiding

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Bishop of the United Methodist Church provides a fascinating and inspiring look at this master preacher. Ordered chronologically and with an index of scriptural references, this collection will be a source of inspiration and education for decades to come.

Rabbi Gordon Fuller and Dr. Christian van Gorder are committed to helping people of both faith traditions gain, as far as is possible, a participant's appreciation of those from the other community. This means addressing misconceptions and misrepresentations as well as challenging widely held assumptions. *Jews and Christians Together* delves into the strained relationship between these two faith communities and exposes why these communities need to come to a better understanding and appreciation of the other. Events such

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as the attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania demonstrate why society must address and foil anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism wherever and whenever such views appear. The efforts of Fuller and van Gorder to explore these issues with their own faith communities can provide a helpful starting-point to confront trends of increasing hate and bigotry towards Jews today. Fuller and van Gorder ask us to acknowledge the marred history of Christianity and anti-Semitism, so that we can explore healthy Jewish-Christian dialogue and gain a shared and constructive mutual respect. This volume demonstrates how many religious texts are tailored to the specific requirements of an Ancient audience, and may focus on specific events or crises.

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Christ in Christian Tradition

Critical Perspectives for an Embodied
Spirituality

An Invitation to Mutual Respect

From Christ to Christianity

Thematic Studies from the Centre for
Early Christian Studies

Practicing Christianity

The Collected Sermons of William H.
Willimon

Designed to empower preachers as they lead their congregations to connect their lives to Scripture, Connections features a broad set of interpretive tools that provide commentary and worship aids on the Revised Common Lectionary. For each worship day within the three-year lectionary cycle, the commentaries in Connections link the individual lection reading with

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Scripture as a whole as well as to the larger world. In addition, Connections places each Psalm reading in conversation with the other lections for the day to highlight the themes of the liturgical season. Finally, sidebars offer additional connections to Scripture for each Sunday or worship day. This nine-volume series is a practical, constructive, and valuable resource for preachers who seek to help congregations connect more closely with Scripture. This eBook set contains Year C, volumes 1, 2, and 3.

Although over eighty percent of the country is Muslim, Indonesia is marked by an extraordinary diversity in language, ancestry,

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culture, religion and ways of life. This book focuses on the Christian Dani of West Papua, providing a social and ethnographic history of the most important indigenous population in the troubled province. It presents a fascinating overview of the Dani's conversion to Christianity, examining the social, religious and political uses to which they have put their new religion. Based on independent research carried out over many years among the Dani people, the book provides an abundance of new material on religious and political events in West Papua. Underlining the heart of Christian-Muslim rivalries, the book questions the fate of religion in late-modern times.

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What does Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition really want? What secret agenda lies behind radio counselor James Dobson's Focus on the Family? Who are the Promise Keepers and what are their ultimate goals? Why do so many leaders of the religious right engage in gay bashing? What would these groups do to our public school system, or to our government, if they were in power? Close Encounters with the Religious Right takes you behind the scenes to answer these questions and gives the reader a rare glimpse of a world the average American may not even realize exists. Author Robert Boston, of Americans United for Separation of

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Church and State, has spent the past twelve years doggedly tracking the religious right. As a permanent resident alien he has attended their meetings, read their publications, watched their videos, and debated their leaders in the national media. Boston contends that despite claims to the contrary, the religious right is not dead as a political force and may be stronger than ever. Backed by millions of dollars, powerful television and radio ministries that reach every corner of the nation, and slick magazines, zealous right-wing groups are still very much involved in politics and are determined to convert America into a fundamentalist Christian nation that conforms to their narrow

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definition of Christianity. The next few years, says Boston, could determine the fate of traditional American liberties like separation of church and state and freedom of the press. *Close Encounters with the Religious Right* is an eye-opening expose, revealing a sometimes funny but more often disturbing world of fanaticism and extremism. Robert Boston, assistant director of communications for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, is the author of *The Most Dangerous Man in America?: Pat Robertson and the Rise of the Christian Coalition and Why the Religious Right Is Wrong about Separation of Church and State*.

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From the Reformation to the
Twenty-First Century
The Christian Advocate
How Good Is the Good Book?
The Complete 8 Volume Edition of
Schaff's Church History & The
Eusebius' History of the Early
Christianity
Portrait of a Third-Century Martyr
Still Christian
A Lectionary Commentary for
Preaching and Worship
What were Jews saying and doing
about the followers of Jesus in the first
two centuries? In this provocative and
comprehensive study, Claudia Setzer
argues persuasively that Jews saw the
early followers of Jesus as Jews for some
time after the Christians viewed
themselves as separate from the larger

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Jewish communities. This book provides historical context and nuanced exegesis of texts that continue to be "trouble spots" in Jewish-Christian relations. It illuminates the diverse strands of early anti-Judaism while providing the reader with some surprises.

Seminal essays by Martin Hengel and C.K. Barrett that focus on the interface between Judaism and Christianity in the New Testament.

William Perkins described God 's all-sufficiency as His blessedness. This view of God shaped his understanding of Christian piety, leading him to define theology as the science of living blessedly forever. For Perkins, godliness flows from the enjoyment of God. In *Living Blessedly Forever*, J. Stephen

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Yuille demonstrates how Perkins practically taught about God, joy, and the Christian life through his preaching on the Sermon on the Mount. Yuille begins with a brief account of Perkins ' s life and ministry, considering several factors that shaped Perkins ' s interpretation and application of the Sermon on the Mount. He then examines Perkins ' s exposition of Matthew 5 – 7, identifying six marks of godliness (blessedness, repentance, righteousness, sincerity, contentment, and faithfulness) and concluding with a challenge to join practice with knowledge of the word of Christ. Yuille ' s work is more than a simple look at a sermon series given by a Puritan. While you will learn much about Perkins ' s approach to the

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Sermon on the Mount, you will also be challenged to live blessedly forever.

The Story of American Christian Zionism

Close Encounters with the Religious Right

Connections: Year C, Three-Volume Set

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A General History of the Christian Era:

The papacy and the empire

Following Jesus Out of American Evangelicalism

How the Jesus Movement Became the Church in Less Than a Century

This is a book for folks whose commitment to Jesus has put them at odds with American evangelicalism. —Shane

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Claiborne So many Americans today love their faith but have found their church doesn't love them back. They then leave, seeking community elsewhere. Of all those personal stories, few have ever been told by someone so far inside the powerful places of white evangelical Christianity. In this provocative tell-all, David Gushee opens the door to the frictions and schisms of evangelicalism, tells his own story of leaving, and shows that you, too, can find a Christianity that is worth following. Gushee's experiences begin with becoming a born-again Southern Baptist in 1978 and end with being kicked out of evangelicalism in 2014 for his principled stance on full LGBTQ inclusion. But his religious

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pilgrimage proves even broader than that, as he leads his doctoral studies at Union Seminary in New York, his dismay when the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary expelled female professors and fellow colleagues, to his days as every evangelical's least-favorite liberal, and more. In telling his story, Gushee speaks to those who have been disillusioned by American Christianity. As he describes his own struggles to find the right path at different stages of his journey, he highlights the turning points and decisions that we all face. When do we compromise, and when do we stand our ground? Is holding to moral conviction worth sacrificing friendship, jobs, and security? As

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he takes us through his sometimes-amusing, sometimes-heartbreaking, and always-stirring journey, Gushee shows us that we can retain our faith in Christ even when Christians disappoint us.

Did Adam and Eve populate the entire Earth? What is the truth about Adam's rib? Do people go to heaven when they die? These are just some of the questions people ask in life, but don't always get a straight answer. Or worse yet, you get conflicting answers. Different religions and different denominations have entirely different ideas on these subjects. The truth is, God doesn't have a religion. God doesn't have a denomination. God has his Word, embodied in Jesus Christ.

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Christian means "little Christ" and is not a religion. These advanced bible studies explore the truth of God's Word without religiosity or denominational doctrine. Leave your preconceived notions at the door as you begin this in-depth study of God's Word. "And you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free.". (Jn. 8:32)

How did the movement founded by Jesus transform more in the first seventy-five years after his death than it has in the two thousand years since? This book tells the story of how the Christian movement, which began as relatively informal, rural, Hebrew and Aramaic speaking, and closely anchored to the Jewish synagogue, became primarily urban, Greek speaking,

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and gentile by the early second century, spreading through the Greco-Roman world with a mission agenda and church organization distinct from its roots in Jewish Galilee. It also shows how the early church's witness can encourage the church today.

Handbook of LGBTQ-Affirmative
Couple and Family Therapy
Feeding a World Hungry for God's
Love

Christian Advocate

The family feud, by Adam
Hornbook

Christianity, Islam and
Nationalism in Indonesia

The Tract Magazine, Or, Christian
Miscellany

Jewish History

"History of the Christian Church" is

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an eight volume account of Christian history written by Philip Schaff. In this great work Schaff covers the history of Christianity from the time of the apostles to the Reformation period. "Ecclesiastical History" of Eusebius, the bishop of Caesarea, was a 4th-century pioneer work giving a chronological account of the development of Early Christianity from the 1st century to the 4th century. The result was the first full-length historical narrative written from a Christian point of view. It was written in Koine Greek, and survives also in Latin, Syriac and Armenian manuscripts. Most observers explain evangelical Christians' bedrock support for

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Israel as stemming from the apocalyptic belief that the Jews must return to the Holy Land as a precondition for the second coming of Christ. But the real reasons, argues Stephen Spector, are far more complicated. In *Evangelicals and Israel*, Spector delves deeply into the Christian Zionist movement, mining information from original interviews, web sites, publications, news reports, survey research, worship services, and interfaith conferences, to provide a surprising look at the sources of evangelical support for Israel. Israel is God's prophetic clock for many evangelicals - irrefutable proof that prophecy is true and coming to pass

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in our lifetime. But Spector goes beyond end-times theology to find a complex set of motivations behind Israel-evangelical relations. These include the promise of God's blessing for those who bless the Jews; gratitude to Jews for establishing the foundations of Christianity; remorse for the Church. This series seeks to keep New Testament and early church researchers, teachers, and students abreast of emerging documentary evidence by reproducing and reviewing recently published Greek inscriptions and papyri that illumine the context in which the Christian church developed. Produced by the Ancient History Documentary

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Research Centre at Macquarie University, the New Docs volumes broaden the context of biblical studies and other related fields and provide a better understanding of the historical and social milieus of early Christianity.

Living Blessedly Forever

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8th and 9th ed. 1913

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This is a study of the life and times of Saint Perpetua, Saint Felicity and their companions, all martyred at Carthage in A.D. 203. Unlike most early Christian saints, whose lives are often shrouded in legend and myth, Perpetua left an authentic prison diary, later completed by an anonymous eyewitness to her execution, that is now considered a classic of Christian, Latin and feminist literature. Perpetua was also unusual in that she was wealthy, educated, married, and a young mother. The book includes the first English translations of French archaeological scholarship covering the discovery of the martyrs' tombs. A selection of essays from the Leuven Conference on the anti-Judaism of the fourth gospel, this volume includes essays from the world's best

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Johannine scholars.