

## **Jesus And Nonviolence A Third Way Facets**

**Jesus the Rebel explores the radical life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth and shows how his witness speaks directly to our own contemporary world of violence, war, poverty, and nuclear weaponry. As John Dear ponders Jesus' call to discipleship, he shares his own journey of Gospel peacemaking. In jails, soup kitchens, shelters, and warzones, Jesus the bearer of God's Peace and Justice is reborn and invites us to be transformed in our homes, workplaces, churches, communities, and hearts.**

**Argues that the Christian tradition of nonviolence is needed as an alternative to the dominant and death-dealing "powers" of our consumerist culture and fractured world, in a book that covers the relation of Jesus and his message to politics and nonviolence, the history of nonviolent efforts and how nonviolence can win the day. Original.**

**We are caught up in the cycle of so-called "holy wars." In The Jihad of Jesus, Dave Andrews argues that while this inter-communal conflict is endemic, it is not inevitable. Depending on our understanding, our religions can be either a source of escalating conflict or a resource for overcoming inter-communal conflict; and for our religions to be a resource for overcoming conflict, we need to understand the heart of all true religion as open-hearted compassionate spirituality. In the light of an open-hearted compassionate spirituality, we can reclaim the word "jihad" from extremists who have (mis)appropriated it as a call to "holy war," and reframe it, in truly Qur'anic terms, as a "sacred nonviolent struggle for justice"; and we can reconsider Jesus, as he is in the Gospels, not as a poster boy for Christians fighting crusades against Muslims, but as "a strong-but-gentle Messianic figure" who can bring Christians and Muslims together. As this book shows, many Christians and Muslims have found Isa (Jesus) and the Bismillah (celebrating the mercy, grace, and compassion of God) as common ground upon which they can stand and work for the common good. The Jihad of Jesus is a handbook for reconciliation and action: a do-it-yourself guide for all Christians and Muslims who want to move beyond the "clash of civilizations," join the jihad of Jesus, and struggle for justice and peace nonviolently side by side. Draws on a reinterpretation of the Sermon on the Mount to postulate a systematic and strategic "Third Way" of nonviolent resistance and applies it to the political situation**

**Nonviolence**

**War, Peace, and the Christian Tradition**

**The Nonviolence Handbook**

## **Toward a Radical Ecclesiology**

## **Living Gospel Nonviolence in the Nuclear Age**

## **Writings on Nonviolence from the Fellowship of Reconciliation**

## **My Struggle to Become Human**

## **Homosexuality and Christian Faith**

Here for the first time in print is the story of a small group who dared to confront Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich with the love of Jesus Christ. Avoiding covert resistance on the one hand and complicity and compromise on the other, the Rhon Bruderhof, under the courageous leadership of Eberhard Arnold, boldly witnessed to the politics of the Kingdom of God in Nazi Germany. Although "less than a gnat to an elephant," in Arnold's words, they believed that as God's ambassadors love could overcome hatred-even of Adolf Hitler himself. This is an amazing account of a community who stayed true to the nonviolent way of the Cross, and how, despite relentless Nazi opposition, God protected and victoriously led them along the way.

Philosopher Robert Brimlow struggles with questions like Must Christians always turn the other cheek and resist violence? and Is it ever justifiable for Christians to retaliate in the face of evil?

Until his death in 2012, Walter Wink was one of the most influential Christian intellectuals of our time. He was a pastor and theologian, a political activist and a writer. He first became a practitioner of active nonviolence during the Civil Rights Movement in Selma Alabama, and continued to seek social justice for all under dictatorships in Chile and the apartheid in South Africa. Always through the lens of Jesus, Wink's life and work demonstrate just how important the need to understand "the Son of the Man" is in today's modern world. Wink shows us that inspiration and insight can come from any source: a Pentecostal Church in Oklahoma, dreams, Buddhist meditation centers, childhood traumas, an empty forest, illness, and the Gospels. Wink's work in social justice and his life as a theologian are inextricably entwined, finding evidence for nonviolent resistance in the Bible and seeing the need for Jesus in daily struggles. "An autobiography of my interest in Jesus, perhaps that is too ambitious," writes Wink. "What I have done here is far less grand. I have simply written down vignettes, or excerpts of my life's story that I find interesting. These autobiographical reflections are in no way exceptional. Everyone has a life story. My story may, at the very least, show why I theologically think the way that I do." Just Jesus is the jubilant autobiography of the man who sought justice in all walks of life, including his own.

Jesus' preaching was first and foremost about simple living, pacifism, and vegetarianism; he never intended to create a new religion separate from Judaism. Moreover, Jesus' radical Jewish ethics, rather than a new theology, distinguished him and his followers from other Jews. It was the earliest followers of Jesus, the Jewish Christians, who understood Jesus better than any of the gentile Christian groups, which are the spiritual ancestors of modern

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Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches. In this detailed and accessible study, Keith Akers uncovers the history of Jewish Christianity from its origins in the Essenes and John the Baptist, through Jesus, until its disappearance into Islamic mysticism sometime in the seventh or eighth century. Akers argues that only by really understanding this mysterious and much misunderstood strand of early Christianity can we get to the heart of the radical message of Jesus of Nazareth.

If Jesus Is Lord

Jesus the Rebel

How the Nonviolent God Saves us through the Cross of Christ

The Story of a Christian Community in Nazi Germany

The Secret Message of Jesus

Fight

What about Hitler?

Jesus and the Disinherited

The classic collection of Dr. King's sermons that fuse his Christian teachings with his radical ideas of love and nonviolence as a means to end oppression. As Martin Luther King, Jr., prepared for the Birmingham campaign in early 1963, he drafted the final sermons for Strength to Love, one of his most well known homilies. King had begun working on the sermons during a fortnight in jail in July 1962. While behind bars, he spent his time preparing the drafts for works such as "Loving Your Enemies" and "Shattered Dreams," and he continued to edit the volume after his release. Strength to Love includes these classic sermons selected by Dr. King. Collectively they present King's fusion of Christian teachings and social consciousness and promote his prescient vision of love as a social and political force for change.

When Brian McLaren began offering an alternative vision of Christian faith and life in books such as A New Kind of Christian and A General Theory of Discipleship, he ignited a firestorm of praise and condemnation that continues to spread across the religious landscape. To some religious conservatives, McLaren is a dangerous rebel without a doctrinally-correct cause. Some fundamentalist websites have even claimed he's in league with the devil and is headed to flames. To others though, Brian is a fresh voice, a welcome antidote to the staleness, superficiality, and negativity of the religious status quo. An array of people from Evangelical, Catholic, and Mainline Protestant backgrounds claim that through his books they have begun to rediscover the faith they'd lost or rejected. And around the world, many readers say that he has helped them find-for the first time in their lives-a faith that rings true. For many, he articulates the promise of what is being called "emerging Christianity." In The Secret Message of Jesus you'll find the center of Brian's critique of conventional Christianity, and what's at the heart of his expanding vision. In the process, you'll meet a Jesus who is altogether new to you, a Jesus who is... Not the crusading conqueror of religious broadcasting; Not the religious mascot of partisan religion; Not a ticket-checker, whose words have been commandeered by the church to include and exclude, judge and stigmatize, pacify and domesticate. You'll discover afresh the transforming message of Jesus-an open invitation to radical change, an enlightening revelation that exposes the truth, offers hope, an epic story that is good news for everyone, whatever their gender, race, class, politics, or religion. "Pastor and best-selling author Brian McLaren revisits the gospel material from a fresh-and at times radical-perspective . . . He does an excellent job of capturing Jesus' quiet, revolutionary

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--Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Here McLaren shares his own ferocious journey in pondering the teachings and actions of Jesus. lack of salesmanship or agenda that creates a refreshing picture of the man from Galilee who changed history." --Donald Miller, Author "In this critical book, Brian challenges us to ask what it would mean to truly live the message of Jesus today, and thus to risk turning e down." --Jim Wallis, Author of God's Politics and editor of Sojourners "Compelling, crucial and liberating: a book for those who seek to e blessed heat of Christianity at its source." --Anne Rice, Author of Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt

Famously known as the text that Martin Luther King Jr. sought inspiration from in the days leading up to the Montgomery bus boycott Jesus and the Disinherited helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation's history forever. In this classic theological t acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resis and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail.

You've heard about the child sacrifice, forced cannibalism, and mass murder. Now get the rest of the story. Fleischer explains the Old T before, cutting through the popular misperceptions to provide a compelling, scripturally based, and highly readable case for a good, just one who hates violence--and always has. This book will strengthen your faith and equip you to defend it at the same time. End your str the God of the Old Testament today. Discover a deity who is more beautiful than you have ever imagined. "In the first six pages of his r Curtis Fleischer describes the problem of divine violence in the Old Testament as well as anyone ever has. In the following 200-plus pag Christians committed to biblical authority an intelligent and humane way of interpreting those passages, leading humanity from violence the way of Jesus. Fleischer is an attorney, and he makes his case with clarity that would win over any unbiased jury." - Brian D. McLaren

Great Spiritual Migration--Amazon.prime.

Gandhi and Jesus

The Saving Power of Nonviolence

Bearer of God's Peace and Justice

Jesus for President

The Language of Power in the New Testament

A Guide for Practical Action

The Revolutionary Way of Jesus

***Christian nonviolence is not a settled position but a vibrant and living tradition. This book offers a concise introduction to diverse approaches to, proponents of, and resources for this tradition. It explores the myriad biblical, theological, and practical dimensions of Christian nonviolence as represented by a variety of twentieth- and twenty-first-century thinkers and movements, including previously underrepresented voices. The authors invite readers to explore this tradition and discover how they might live out the gospel in our modern world.***

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***Before there were worshippers of Jesus, there were followers of Jesus. Before there were organized churches with creeds and doctrines, there were small communities of love, equality, and sharing dedicated to the practice of Jesus' teachings and committed***

***to a wholly new way of living. Today, the churches of the Global North are in decline and younger generations no longer seek meaning there. Traditional "church Christianity" is gradually giving way to some new way of faithful living. From a Nazi prison cell, German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer imagined a future "religionless Christianity" consisting of contemplative prayer and righteous action in the secular world. A Conspiracy of Love presents the contours of such a faith based on the "way" of Jesus. It calls us to become troublemakers, revolutionaries, seekers of change, and agents of transformation engaged in conspiracies of love to establish justice and peace in a postmodern world. It offers many different people--those who remain in the church, those who have left, and those who have never ventured near--with a life of faith that is meaningful, intelligent, and passionate. The author describes the Way of Christ through Nonviolent Communication (NVC). The teachings of Jesus exemplify values of love, mutual respect, responsibility and compassion. This text is a guide showing how NVC facilitates living in integrity with these values. Many personal stories demonstrate how a Christ follower can use NVC to turn troubled relationships into joy-filled connections. This book is an invitation for the reader to rediscover Christian principles and apply them in everyday communication--to experience the treasures Jesus taught us by transforming our relationships with compassionate connecting, ultimately partaking in the spirit-filled life.***

***Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything***

***The Christ We Cannot Ignore***

***Following Jesus in a Postmodern World***

***The Joy of Compassionate Connecting***

***A Third Way [book Review]***

***The Jihad of Jesus***

***Simple Living and Nonviolence in Early Christianity***

***Theology for a New Millennium***

In a world of violence, how can Christians live out Jesus' command to "love our enemies"? New York Times bestselling author Preston Sprinkle challenges us to consider a biblical response to violence.

A concise, provocative look at the continuum of approaches to war and peace within the Christian tradition and beyond: pacifism, holy war, and just war. In *Who Would Jesus Kill? War, Peace, and the Christian Tradition*, Dr. Mark J. Allman asks a provocative, timely, and timeless question. Readable and thought-provoking, *Who Would Jesus Kill?* Provides an overview of approaches to war and peace within the Christian tradition. The author invites students to reflect on their own views as he examines in detail the topics of holy war, just war, and pacifism. An appendix further explores the issues of war and peace from Jewish and Muslim perspectives. In the video below, Allman gives a lecture called "Gods of War." The lecture is broken into nine videos. View the rest of the lecture at [http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=265E4A598BE60A61](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=265E4A598BE60A61)

Offers a Christian proposal for radical social transformation. / Daniel Izuzquiza here proposes a vibrant interdisciplinary theology from the unique perspective of the "least of these" the poor and extends an invitation to mystical, political, and

ecclesial engagement. / In *Rooted in Jesus Christ* Izuzquiza analyzes the language of theology, the role of social sciences, the transformation of culture, and the church's approach to politics. To that end he dialogues with some of the main theological proposals of the late twentieth century, from Latin American liberation theology to radical theology in the English-speaking world to European political theology. He also offers a more systematic development of radical ecclesiology, analyzing the sources of the proposal as alternative Christian practices. The result is a groundbreaking call to action and change for the entire church. / In this groundbreaking book Daniel Izuzquiza offers a vibrant Christian proposal for radical social transformation. His wide-ranging study explores the relationship between church and society by dialoguing critically and constructively with major theological currents of our day. Izuzquiza's interdisciplinary theology from the perspective of the poor is truly radical at once in a political, ecclesial, and mystical sense. / We need a way forward beyond our well-worn and tired debates. Daniel Izuzquiza offers just that. His splendid book engages and assesses postliberalism, radical orthodoxy, Anabaptist witness, liberation theology, and the role of the Jesuits in Christianity in order to show the need for a radical ecclesiology that is unapologetically Christocentric, socially attuned, and ecumenically generous. For anyone not invested in the current structures of power in the church, university, or nation-state, this book offers wisdom. For those of us so invested, this book shows a viable alternative preserving the good and challenging the rest. We should all pay attention.

D. Stephen Long / author of *Speaking of God: Theology, Language, and Truth* / I am happy to recommend Daniel Izuzquiza's *Rooted in Jesus Christ: Toward a Radical Ecclesiology* to serious readers in the English-speaking world who may have dared to wonder if the traditional church of our time is what Jesus really had in mind. And if not, what might a church rooted in the Christ of the Incarnation look like? . . . Rather than superficially inspiring his readers, Izuzquiza brings us face-to-face with what the body of Christ could be by responding more fully to the truly amazing grace of God that has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth. Traditional Catholics and conservative Protestants alike as well as revolutionaries and political activists for that matter will be confronted and challenged here. . . . And, rather than concerning ourselves so exclusively with tactics and strategies, Izuzquiza reminds us of the importance of simply being the church, radically rooted in Jesus Christ.

John Driver / author of *Radical Faith: An Alternative History of the Christian Church*

*The Kingdom of God Is Within You*, is a non-fiction book written by Leo Tolstoy. A philosophical treatise, the book was first published in Germany in 1894 after being banned in his home country of Russia. It is the culmination of thirty years of Tolstoy's thinking, and lays out a new organization for society based on a literal Christian interpretation. *The Kingdom of God is Within You* is a key text for Tolstoyan, nonviolent resistance, and Christian anarchist movements.

Politics for Ordinary Radicals

Jesus and Nonviolence

A Third Way

The Lost Religion of Jesus

Peace is the Way

An Embassy Besieged

The Third Jesus

Love, Violence, and the Cross

***Drawing on the philosophy of nonviolence, the American pragmatist tradition, and recent empirical research, Pragmatic Nonviolence demonstrates that, rather than being merely theoretical, nonviolence is a truly practical approach toward personal and community well-being.***

***Who is Jesus Christ? In The Third Jesus, bestselling author and spiritual leader Deepak Chopra provides an answer to this question that is both a challenge to current systems of belief and a fresh perspective on what Jesus can teach us all, regardless of our religious background. There is not one Jesus, Chopra writes, but three. First, there is the historical Jesus, the man who lived more than two thousand years ago and whose teachings are the foundation of Christian theology and thought. Next there is Jesus the Son of God, who has come to embody an institutional religion with specific dogma, a priesthood, and devout believers. And finally, there is the third Jesus, the cosmic Christ, the spiritual guide whose teaching embraces all humanity, not just the church built in his name. He speaks to the individual who wants to find God as a personal experience, to attain what some might call grace, or God-consciousness, or enlightenment. When we take Jesus literally, we are faced with the impossible. How can we truly "love thy neighbor as thyself"? But when we see the exhortations of Jesus as invitations to join him on a higher spiritual plane, his words suddenly make sense. Ultimately, Chopra argues, Christianity needs to overcome its tendency to be exclusionary and refocus on being a religion of personal insight and spiritual growth. In this way Jesus can be seen for the universal teacher he truly is—someone whose teachings of compassion, tolerance, and understanding can embrace and be embraced by all of us.***

***This book is driven by forty years of study on 1700 years of Christian violence. The historical section, Part 1, opens with, "Christianity is the most homicidal religion in the history of the***

**world...Half a Billion men, women, children, infants, elderly, sick, and disabled slain." You read how Christians were and are taught to obey their governments more than Jesus Christ, whether killing as soldiers, torturing for governments, or harming innocent citizens as police. You read the words of Christian European Kings, Queens, and Popes to their Christian explorers sent into world, "Discover, subdue, and conquer."**

**"Nonviolence is not the recourse of the weak but actually calls for an uncommon kind of strength; it is not a refraining from something but the engaging of a positive force," renowned peace activist Michael Nagler writes. Here he offers a step-by-step guide to creatively using nonviolence to confront any problem and to build change movements capable of restructuring the very bedrock of society. Nagler identifies some specific tactical mistakes made by unsuccessful nonviolent actions such as the Tiananmen Square demonstrations and the Occupy protests and includes stories of successful nonviolent resistance from around the world, including an example from Nazi Germany. And he shows that nonviolence is more than a tactic—it is a way of living that will enrich every area of our lives.**

**Addressing Commonly Asked Questions about Christian Nonviolence**

**Loving Our Enemies in an Age of Violence**

**How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week**

**The Risk of the Cross**

**Pragmatic Nonviolence: Working toward a Better World**

**The Sacred Nonviolent Struggle for Justice**

**Christianity Not as a Mystic Religion But as a New Theory of Life**

**Who Would Jesus Kill?**

In a unique narrative approach, Sprinkle begins by looking at how the story of God as a whole portrays violence and war, drawing conclusions that guide the reader through the rest of the book. With urgency and precision, he navigates hard questions and examines key approaches to violence, driving every answer back to Scripture. Ultimately, Sprinkle challenges the church to "walk in a manner worthy of our calling" and shape our lives on the example of Christ. Nonviolence: The Revolutionary Way of Jesus is biblically rooted, theologically coherent, and prophetically challenging. It is a defining work that will stir discussions for years to come.

Does God use violence to redeem us? What is the relationship between divine love and violence in regard to the



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saving significance of the cross of Christ? In *Love, Violence, and the Cross*, Gregory Love dialogues with two responses to this question, while presenting a third alternative in which Jesus's death is simultaneously a crime and an element of God's saving actions. Through familiar stories in history, literature, and film, Love presents five constructive models that cumulatively affirm God's saving act in the person and work of Christ while letting go the myth of redemptive violence. They affirm redemption, but one with a different shape: Instead of exacting the absolute punishment, God redeems by "making good" God's promise to humanity to secure human life. Love argues that God is nonviolent, while retaining the core idea presented in the New Testament witnesses: that reconciliation occurs in the work of Christ, and that the cross plays a role in that divine work.

What does Jesus have to say about violence, just war, and killing? Does Jesus ever want his disciples to kill in order to resist evil and promote peace and justice? This book by noted theologian and bestselling author Ronald J. Sider provides a career capstone statement on biblical peacemaking. Sider makes a strong case for the view that Jesus calls his disciples to love, and never kill, their enemies. He explains that there are never only two options: to kill or to do nothing in the face of tyranny and brutality. There is always a third possibility: vigorous, nonviolent resistance. If we believe that Jesus is Lord, then we disobey him when we set aside what he taught about killing and ignore his command to love our enemies. This thorough, comprehensive treatment of a topic of perennial concern vigorously engages with the just war tradition and issues a challenge to all Christians, especially evangelicals, to engage in biblical peacemaking. The book includes a foreword by Stanley Hauerwas.

In our fast-paced secular world, God and theology are second-class citizens. Money, politics, sports, and science seem better suited to the hard realities of our world. As the church steeple has been eclipsed by the skyscraper as the centerpiece of the urban landscape, so has the divine realm been set aside in favor of more immediate human experience. One sad consequence of this shift is the loss of spiritual and theological bearings, most clearly evident in our inability to understand or speak about such things. If the old way of viewing the universe no longer works, something else has to replace it. *The Powers That Be* reclaims the divine realm as central to human existence by offering new ways of understanding our world in theological terms. Walter Wink reformulates ancient concepts, such as God and the devil, heaven and hell, angels and demons, principalities and powers, in light of our modern experience. He helps us see heaven and hell, sin and salvation, and the powers that shape our lives as tangible parts of our day-to-day experience, rather than as mysterious phantoms. Based on his reading of the Bible and analysis of the world around him, Wink creates a whole new language for talking about and to God. Equipped with this fresh world view, we can embark on a new relationship with God and our world into the next millennium.

A Christian Case for Non-Violence

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The Old Testament Case for Nonviolence

25th Anniversary Edition

"The Kingdom of God is Within You"

Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship

A Conspiracy of Love

The Powers That Be

A collection of 55 essays related to all aspects of peace, non-violence and peace studies.

In *A Faith Not Worth Fighting For*, editors Justin Bronson Barringer and Tripp York have assembled a number of essays by pastors, activists, and scholars in order to address the common questions and objections leveled against the Christian practice of nonviolence. Assuming that the command to love one's enemies is at the heart of the Gospel, these writers carefully, faithfully--and no doubt provocatively--attempt to explain why the nonviolent path of Jesus is an integral aspect of Christian discipleship. By addressing misconceptions about Christian pacifism, as well as real-life violent situations, this book will surely challenge the reader's basic understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

In this brilliant culmination of his seminal *Powers Trilogy*, now reissued in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition, Walter Wink explores the problem of evil today and how it relates to the New Testament concept of principalities and powers. He asks the question, "How can we oppose evil without creating new evils and being made evil ourselves?" Winner of the Pax Christi Award, the Academy of Parish Clergy Book of the Year, and the Midwest Book Achievement Award for Best Religious Book. *Jesus for President* is a radical manifesto to awaken the Christian political imagination, reminding us that our ultimate hope lies not in partisan political options but in Jesus and the incarnation of the peculiar politic of the church as a people 'set apart' from this world. In what can be termed lyrical theology, *Jesus for President* poetically weaves together words and images to sing (rather than dictate) its message. It is a collaboration of Shane Claiborne's writing and stories, Chris Haw's reflections and research, and Chico Fajardo-Heflin's art and design. Drawing upon the work of biblical theologians, the lessons of church history, and the examples of modern-day saints and ordinary radicals, *Jesus for President* stirs the imagination of what the Church could look like if it placed its faith in Jesus instead of Caesar. A fresh look at Christianity and empire, *Jesus for President* transcends questions of 'Should I vote or not?' and 'Which candidate?' by thinking creatively about the fundamental issues of faith and allegiance. It's written for those who seek to follow Jesus, rediscover the spirit of the early church, and incarnate the kingdom of God.

Questions of Conscience for the Churches

Wrestling with Jesus's Call to Nonviolence in an Evil World

Jesus and the Nonviolent Revolution

Just Jesus

Rooted in Jesus Christ

A Faith Not Worth Fighting For

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Our Violent World and the Ethics of Jesus

Key Thinkers, Activists, and Movements for the Gospel of Peace

*'The pages of this book represent the quest of a man intent on discerning the nature of structural evil in light of the biblical evidence. His experience of living for a time in Latin American and witnessing extensive social and political oppression appears to have moved him profoundly. The end result is a book that is a model of the attempt to integrate scholarship with faith.'*--Clinton E. Arnold, *Catalyst*  
*Ideal for individual or group use, this unique resource presents short pieces from some of the nation's most preeminent church leaders - women and men, Protestant and Catholic, mainline and evangelical - who address fundamental moral imperatives about homosexuality. Through personal testimony, factual clarification, and moral suasion, they invite the reader to open his or her heart to the Spirit, to Gospel values, and to full acceptance of gay and lesbian persons in the "family of God."*

*Christian discipleship depends not on what ideas we believe but rather on a fundamental question: In whom do we place our trust? In Mark's gospel, we find what this challenge entails when Jesus declares that the primary condition for discipleship is "to take up the cross and follow in my steps" (Mk 8:34). What does it mean to follow Jesus' way of the cross and to place our trust in God for our true security, instead of in nuclear weapons that can destroy all life on earth? How do we find hope and courage to stand for God's reign of love, justice, and nonviolence in a world threatened by nuclear weapons, environmental devastation, warfare, systemic inequality, and other perils? This new edition of *The Risk of the Cross* will inspire Christians seeking answers to these questions today, just as the first edition helped Christians a generation ago. At its core are five small-group sessions focusing on Jesus' call to discipleship in Mark's gospel-all linked to appendices containing information and inspiration to help faith communities embrace the way of gospel nonviolence and to take action to avert nuclear annihilation and create a disarmed world. Book jacket.*

*At a time when so many insist on countering violence with violence, this exploration of the life of Jesus and the (often misunderstood) teachings of Gandhi puts nonviolent action at the very heart of Christian salvation.*

*Fight Like Jesus*

*Engaging the Powers*

*Naming the Powers*

*A Field Guide to Christian Nonviolence*

*Strength to Love*

*Violence and Nonviolence in South Africa*

*Jesus' Third Way*

**"In this classic work, now thoroughly edited and with updated notes, Trocme explores the "politics of Jesus," especially the social implications of his proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the biblical Jubilee, and shows the ongoing relevance of his ethic of revolutionary nonviolence."--BOOK JACKET.**Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc.

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**Throughout Holy Week, two competing approaches to peacemaking collide. What if we've embraced the wrong one? At the start of Holy Week, tears streamed down Jesus' face as he cried out, "If only you knew the things that make for peace." From**

**that moment, until a week later when he triumphantly declared, “Peace be with you,” Jesus spent each day confronting injustice, calling out oppressors and contending for peace. But what if—despite all our familiarity with the events of Holy Week—we still don’t know how Jesus makes peace? And what if—despite clinging to the cross of Christ for our salvation—we’ve actually embraced a different approach to peacemaking? One that justifies killing enemies. One whose methods include nailing criminals to crosses. We desperately need to recover the radical vision of peacemaking that Jesus embodied throughout Holy Week. And we urgently need to be trained in his way of making peace. So, come. Let’s journey together day-by-day through Jesus’ final week and discover anew why he is called the Prince of Peace.**