

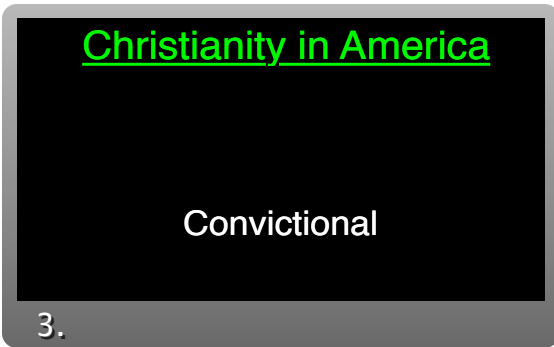
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Christianity in America

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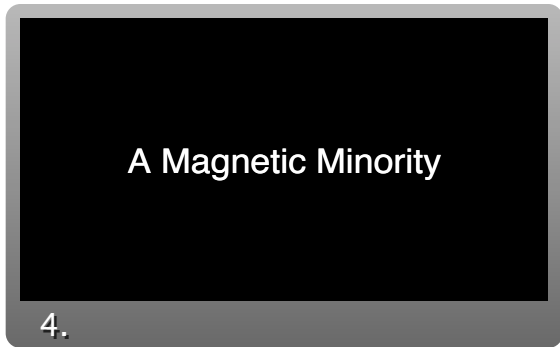
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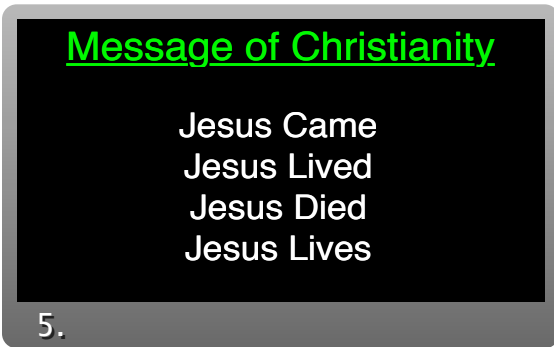
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A Magnetic Minority

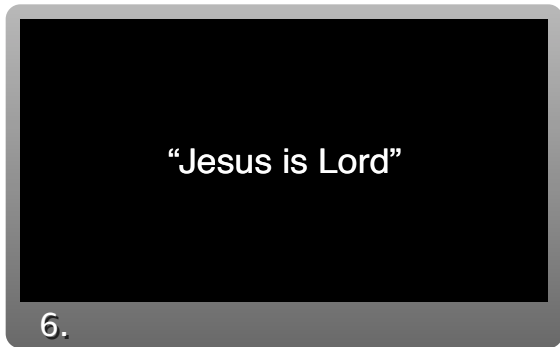
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Message of Christianity

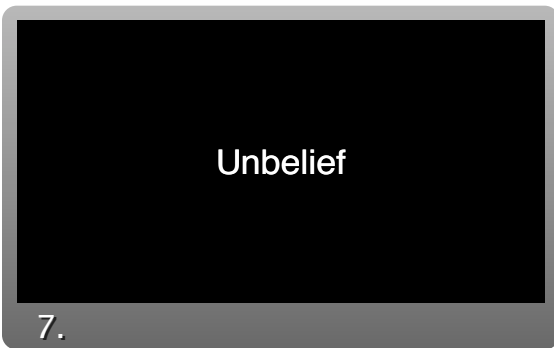
Jesus Came
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Jesus Lives

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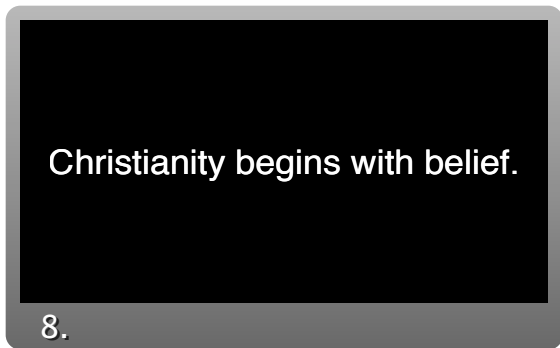
“Jesus is Lord”

6.



Unbelief

7.



Christianity begins with belief.

8.

They weren't busy warring against culture, they were busy winning their neighbor.

9.

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

Acts 4:1 NIV

10.

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

Acts 4:2 NIV

11.

They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

Acts 4:3 NIV

12.

But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

Acts 4:4 NIV

13.

They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Acts 4:7 NIV

14.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

Acts 4:8 NIV

15.

If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,

Acts 4:9 NIV

16.

then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Acts 4:10 NIV

17.

Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

Acts 4:11 NIV

18.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12 NIV

19.

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 NIV

20.

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

Acts 4:14 NIV

21.

So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

Acts 4:15 NIV

22.

“What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it.

Acts 4:16 NIV

23.

But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

Acts 4:17 NIV

24.

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:18 NIV

25.

But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:19-20 NIV

26.

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Acts 4:29 NIV

27.

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Acts 4:30 NIV

28.

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:31 NIV

29.

With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all

Acts 4:33 NIV

30.

"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Acts 5:28 NIV

31.

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

Acts 5:29-30 NIV

32.

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Acts 5:31 NIV

33.

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Acts 5:32-33 NIV

34.

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:40 NIV

35.

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Acts 5:41 NIV

36.

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 5:42 NIV

37.

"The spread of religious movements is not accomplished by dramatic events and persuasive preachers, but by ordinary followers who convert their equally anonymous friends, relatives and neighbors."

Rodney Stark

38.

Celsus scoffingly remarks...fullers and workers in wool and leather rustic and ignorant persons were the most zealous propagators of Christianity, and brought it first to women and children. Women and slaves introduced it into the home circle...

39.

Every Christian told his neighbor, the laborer to his co worker and the slave to his fellow slave, the servant to his master and mistress, the story of his conversion as a mariner tells the story of the rescue from shipwreck."

Philip Schaff

40.

We don't owe the gospel
to the culture, we owe the
gospel to our neighbor.

41.

Almost Christianity
offers political solutions
for spiritual problems.
Authentic Christianity
offers Jesus.

42.

Authentic Christianity doesn't
begin with an invitation
to behave, but with an
invitation to believe.

43.

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