

Jesus Changes Everything
Jesus Changed History: From Creation to Eternity ([Genesis 1:1](#))

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J. Warner Wallace is a cold-case homicide detective, popular national speaker and best-selling author. His professional investigative work has received national recognition; his cases have been featured more than any other detective on NBC's Dateline, and his work has also appeared on CourtTV and Fox News. He continues to consult on cold-case investigations. J. Warner was a conscientious and vocal atheist until the age of thirty-five, when he took a serious and expansive look at the evidence for the Christian Worldview and determined that Christianity was demonstrably true. After becoming a Christ follower in 1996, Jim continued to take an evidential approach to truth as he examined the Christian worldview.

He also appears on television as an investigative consultant and had a role in God's Not Dead 2, making the case for the historicity of Jesus. J. Warner was awarded numerous awards for his continuing work on cold-case homicides. His latest book is "Person of Interest", "Why Jesus still matters in a world that rejects the Bible."

J. Warner Wallace asks a very good question: "Why, then, did *Jesus* have more impact on the world than anyone else?"

Jesus was born in a tiny, irrelevant town in the Roman Empire and raised in another small village. He had to walk from one place to the next, and as an adult he never traveled more than two hundred miles from the town where he was born.

He had none of the resources people use today to make an impact: no social media platform, no podcast audience, no clever videos, and no website. He didn't even have the resources people used in the first century to make an impact: he never held a political office, never ruled a nation, never led an army, and never authored a book.

His family was insignificant. The locals suspected he was an illegitimate son, his mother was a poor peasant woman, and his father couldn't afford much.

Jesus didn't receive an expensive education, never married, never had children, never owned a home of his own, and didn't possess much more than the clothes on his back.

As an adult, his own brother was suspicious of his ministry, a work that ended after just three short years.

Public opinion turned against him, most of his followers abandoned him, one disciple betrayed him, and another denied him. He was rejected by the religious, hunted by the powerful, mocked and unjustly persecuted by his enemies. He suffered an unfair trial, was publicly humiliated, brutally beaten, and unduly executed in the most horrific way. Even then, the few followers who remained had to *borrow a grave* to bury him.

Yet *this* is the man who changed history, inaugurated the Common Era and forever transformed the most important and revered aspects of human culture. How is it possible that a single man—a man like *Jesus*—could have this impact?

Who are the top 10 most influential people in history? It may depend on which list you look at, but in the general population over world history these names keep showing up; Alexander the Great, Isaac Newton, Napoleon, Guatama Buddah, Abraham Lincoln, Aristotle, Galileo, Muhammed, Albert Einstein and Jesus.

Look at who has the most books written about them in the course of history, again it is Jesus. If you look at the book that is the most copied, purchased and most translated there are none that are even close to the life of Jesus found in the New Testament.

The Library of Congress has over 51 million books and millions of other articles. Over 532 miles of bookshelves. All have been digitized. A computer analysis indicates that there are over twice as many books on the life of Jesus than any other historical individual.

The life of Jesus found in the New Testament has been translated into over 1,500 languages worldwide. "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Jesus." Romans 10:17.

So why is Jesus considered the most influential person in history? Because Jesus changes everything. Jesus has been setting people free from a life of selfishness, sickness, and self-destruction.

1) Inaugurated the Common Era (How we order our lives)

Genesis 1:1; 1:27 *"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."* Genesis 2:1-4 *"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens."*

The calendar is one of the most used and referred to instruments throughout the world. In our house, the most often repeated question is, "Is it on the calendar?"

2) Education

Christians have always been concerned with the mind. See Jesus's words in Matthew 22:37, *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

Literacy in Ireland came as a result of St Patrick's ministry there using the Bible as a text. Nearly all of the first universities in England and America were started by Christians.

It's ironic that society tries to make Christians look ignorant and uneducated when Christians have done more to inspire education in the modern world than any other group.

The faith Jesus taught was not one of blind leaps in the dark or mind-emptying meditation. Jesus' words captivate the senses, the soul, and the mind.

3) Science

We often take modern science for granted, but did you know it was developed by Christians? For much of history people saw the world as spirits, demons, and small "g" gods influencing the forces of nature.

Even the physicist Paul Davies as a non-believer can see how the origin of science is rooted in Christian beliefs. He says, *All the early scientists such as Newton were religious in one way or another. They saw their science as a means of uncovering traces of God's handiwork in the universe."*

Francis Bacon, Galileo, Newton, Copernicus, Kepler, Pascal—all these men were inspired by their faith to do science. The reality is, when we think about all the great achievements of science such as modern medicine and technology, society owes all of these things ultimately to Jesus.

4) Individual Lives - (1) J. Warner Wallace, (2) Lee Stroble, (3) Masood Heidari, (4) me

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