

# Easter Series

The Case for Easter



# Introduction

- Lee Strobel is best known for his renowned book *The Case for Christ*.
- We will watch a series of brief videos based on Strobel's book *The Case for Easter*.



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- These are a series of brief videos about the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus.
- In this video, he lays the foundation, beginning with some of the big-picture questions that have been asked about the person of Jesus for the last 2,000 years.







# Video Reflection

- What are some of the “messianic credentials” he presents as evidence of Jesus being God? Why is it important that we believe in Jesus’ deity?
- The first “E” is for “Execution.” Why is it important for our faith to hold true to the mode and details of Jesus’ death?



# Crucifixion

- The Crucifixion of Jesus is a spiritual, historical and transformational event.
- Colossians 2:13–15; Hebrews 1:1–3
- Ephesians 1:7-14



# Crucifixion

- The Crucifixion is a spiritual event.
- When Jesus was nailed to the Cross, so was our sin (Colossians 2:14).
- God who “upholds the universe by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3) supernaturally came to earth and dwelt among us.



# Crucifixion

- The Crucifixion is an historical event.
- Few scholars deny the existence of Jesus.
- Many have tried to explain away the benchmark events of His life, including His death.



# Crucifixion

- The Crucifixion is a transformational event.
- Ephesians 1:7–14 details the significance that Christ's death has on our lives.
- The transformation from Jesus' blood leads to an eternal inheritance (2 Corinthians 3:18).



# Conclusion

- The death of Jesus is a benchmark in God's plan to reconcile creation and "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).
- The advancement of the Gospel is the method by which the mission of reconciliation takes place in the world today (2 Corinthians 5:18–20).

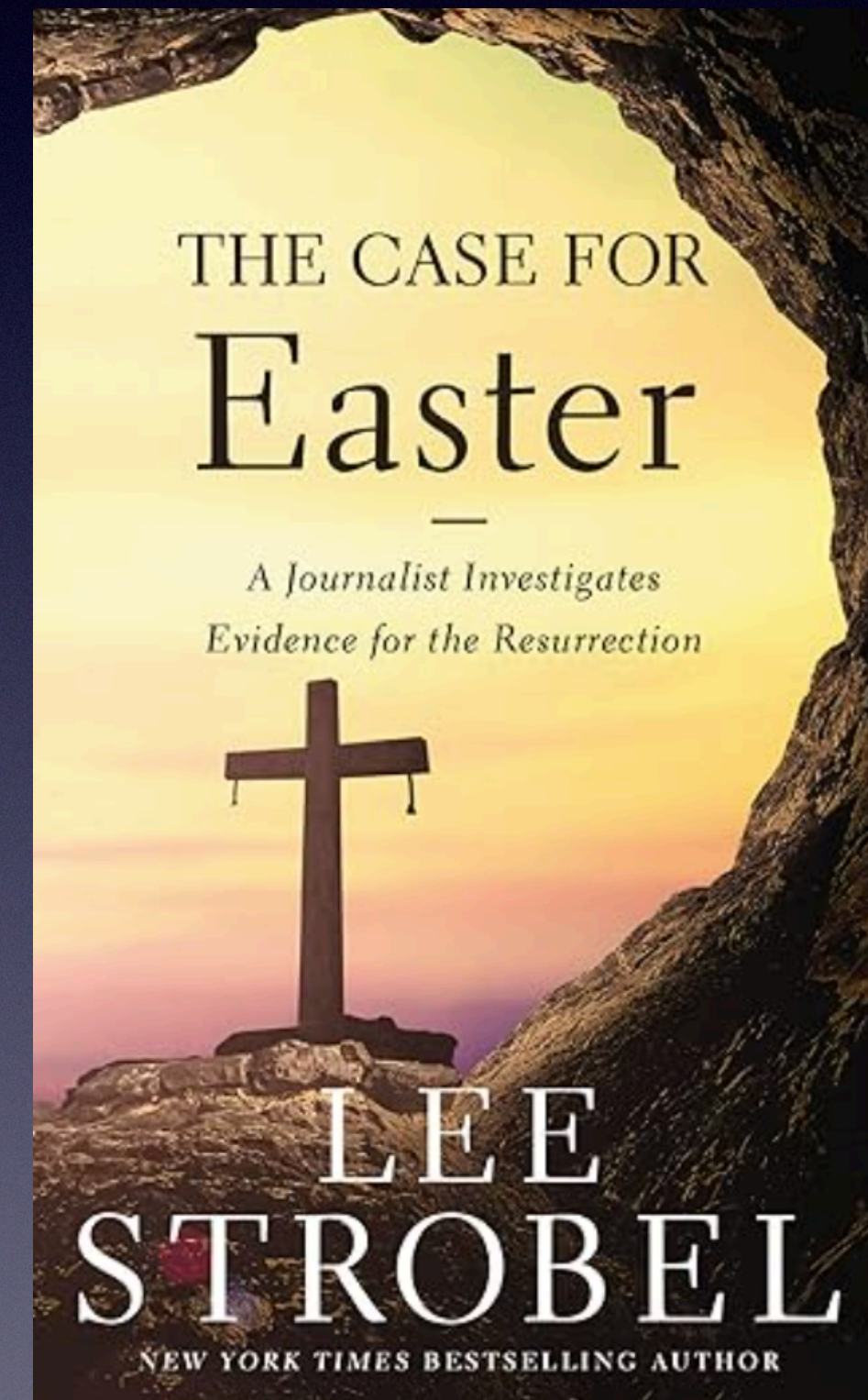
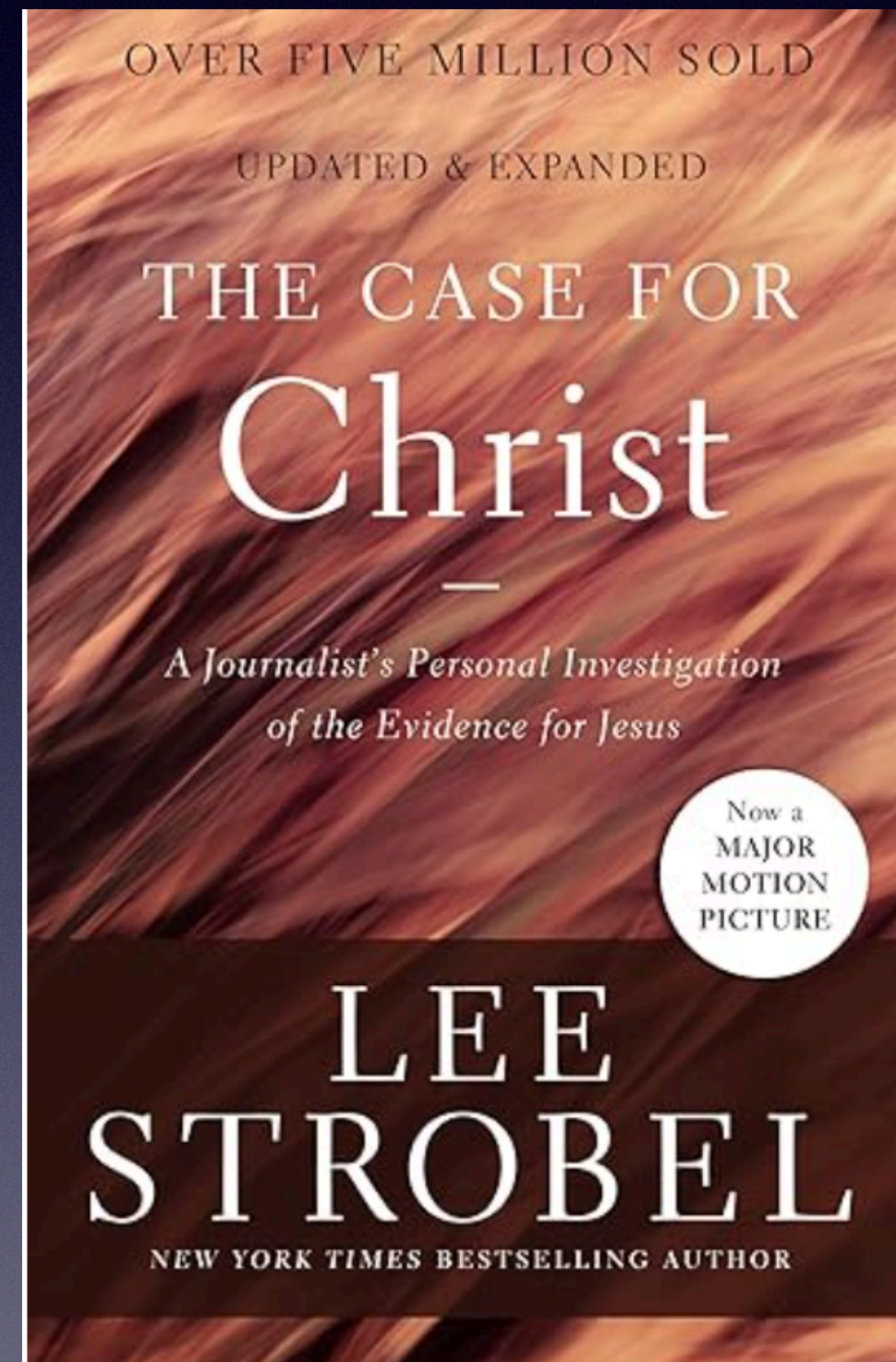


# Conclusion

- God took an event that was horrific on the surface and used it for transformational good.
- His grand plan for redemption is greater than any evil that has ever taken place, and the Cross is the turning point in His plan, opening the pathway for the sinner to be transformed into saint.



# Resources

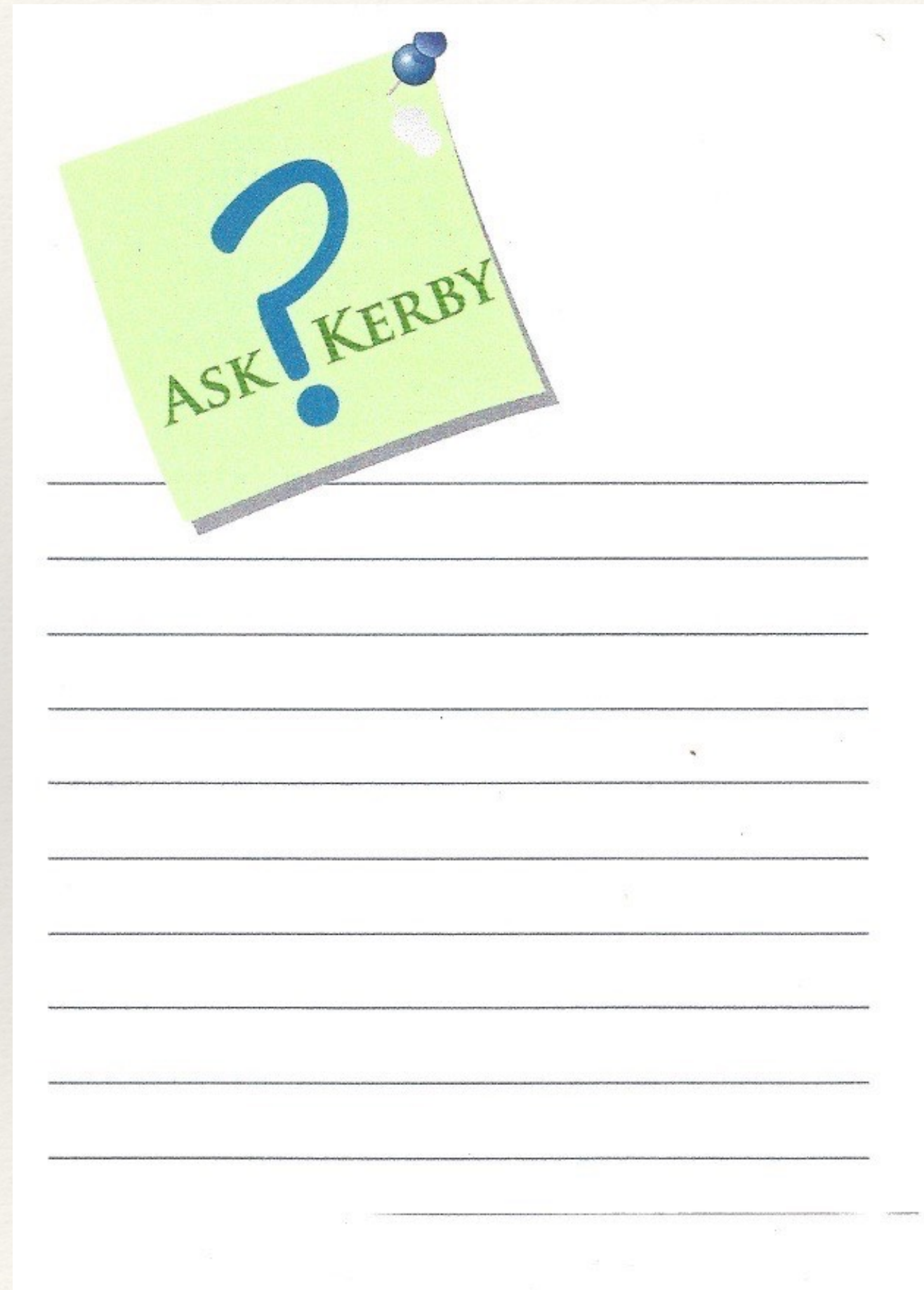




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What is Ramadan?



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# Reason for Ramadan

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- Ramadan occurs during the ninth lunar month.
- It is one of the holiest periods in the Muslim faith.
- It is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.
- The practice of fasting began in AD 610, the year when the prophet Muhammad supposedly received the first verse of the Quran from the angel Gabriel.



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# Motivation for Ramadan

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- Fear of Allah - Muslims live under fear of Allah believing he is ready to punish them harshly if they disobey him.
- Forgiveness of Sins - devout Muslims who are sincere and honest with themselves know they are sinful and want to do good works to merit favor before Allah.
- Favor with Allah - many Muslims want Allah to do something for them and hope fasting will influence Allah.



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# Witnessing During Ramadan

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- Seminary conducted survey of 600 former Muslims who had become Christians.
  - God's love was the most significant factor in their conversion.
  - Eternal security was a second significant factor.
- Key verse: Ephesians 2:8-9.



# Resources

