



ENCOUNTERS WITH
Seven Life Changing Moments from the Gospel of John
JESUS

John 20:24-29 – “²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe...”

John 20:24-29 – “²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

“Jesus’ Encounter with Thomas” (John 20:24-29)

1. The Source of Belief
2. The Validity in Doubt
3. The Simplicity of Worship

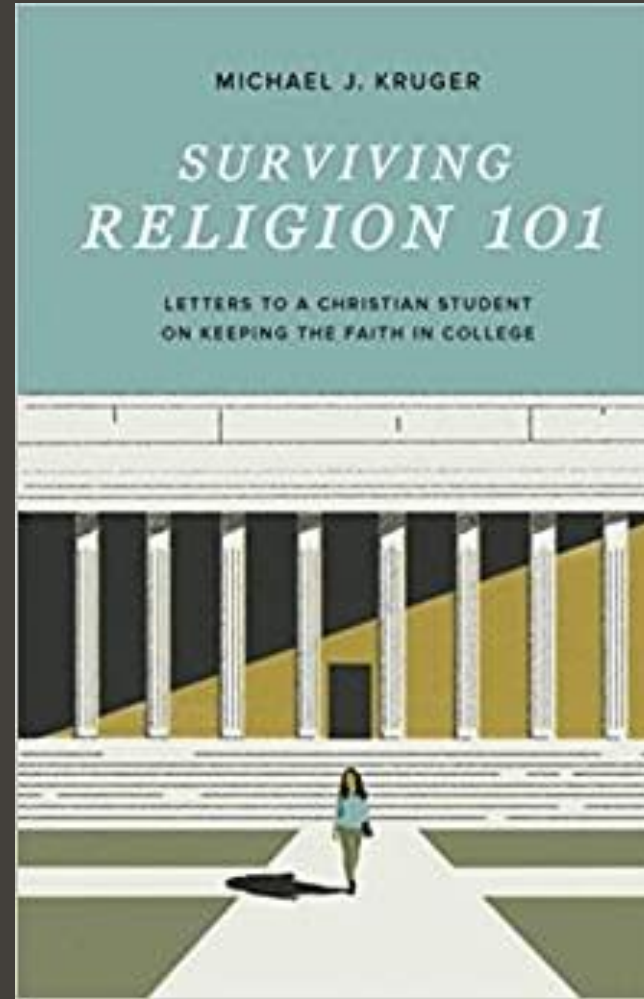
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“A person’s worldview is not so much determined by the facts as it is controlling what a person accepts as fact in the first place.”

- by Michael J. Kruger



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"I do not seek to understand in order to believe; I believe in order to understand. For I also believe that unless I believe, I shall not understand."

- Anselm

2. The Validity in Doubt

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- a. Simple Faith is Legitimate Faith
- b. The Only Reasonable Response is Worship