

Book Review

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Title: Person Of Interest

Author: J. Warner Wallace

Genre: Spiritual, Apologetics

Price: \$14.45 (Amazon)

Pages: 326 – Paperback (the book is larger than most – 7 5/8 x 9 ¼)

Review:

Amazon summarizes the book this way:

Can the truth about Jesus be uncovered--even without a body or a crime scene? Join cold-case detective and bestselling author J. Warner Wallace as he investigates Jesus using an innovative and unique approach he employs to solve real missing person murder cases.

In *Person of Interest*, Wallace carefully sifts through the evidence from history alone, *without relying on the New Testament*. You'll understand like never before how Jesus, the most significant person in history, changed the world.

Wallace, a semi-retired cold case homicide detective is known for writing the popular apologetics book "Cold-Case for Christianity." He was asked to look at the case for Christ as a no-body missing case. Additionally, he attempts to look at what can be known about Jesus without the New Testament (Note: Old Testament references and prophecies are explored). It is written in popular, dialogue style (like Cold-Case for Christianity) and is easy reading. He explains his approach while also telling about his own journey from atheism to faith. He explores what can be known of Jesus before, during, and after His time on earth. There are many what appear to be hand-drawn illustrations as well as charts to illustrate his approach and findings, and why they are significant. He traces Jesus through many genres of literature and art, as well as cultures and religions (Ex: most religions respect Him in some way or incorporate some of His teaching). There are over 50 pages at the end of the book of "case notes" (footnotes) that can be use to verify his findings and do additional research.

I doubt the book will be taken seriously by a hardened atheist (however it may give a person some ideas about approaches and sources outside of the New Testament to use when talking to an atheist). They will likely protest that some of the evidence is contrived or misinterpreted. I believe it will be enjoyable reading for a believer who likes this style of writing, mystery stories, and apologetics that isn't not too technical.