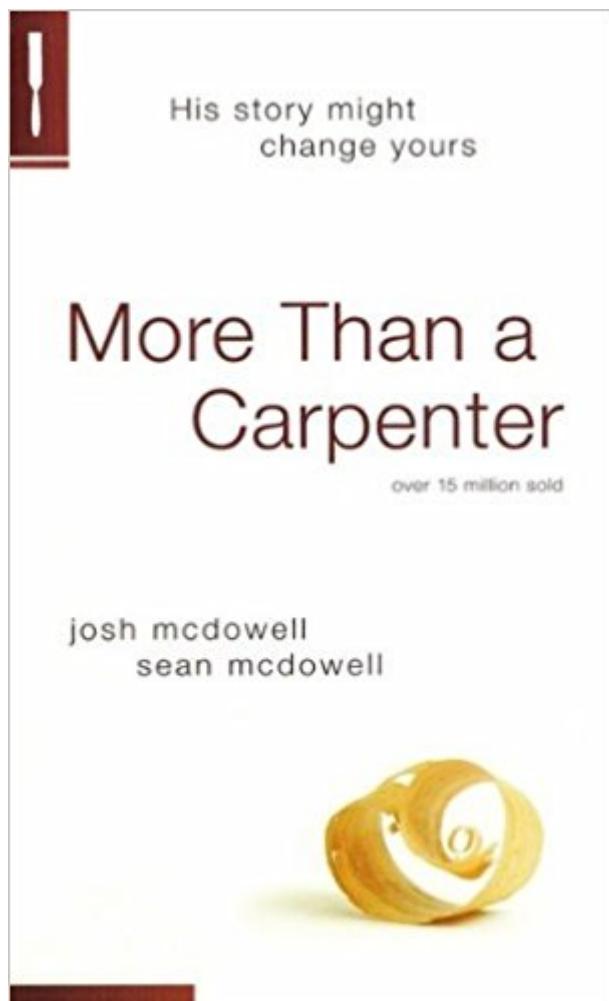


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# More Than A Carpenter



## **Synopsis**

The inspirational classic, More than a Carpenter, is now updated for a new generation of seekers with a fresh look, revised material, and a new chapter that addresses questions commonly raised today. Former skeptic Josh McDowell is now joined by his son Sean as they examine the evidence about Jesus. Is he really the Lord he claimed to be? How can we know for sure? More than a Carpenter offers arguments for faith from a skeptic turned believer. Since its original publication in 1977, this modern classic has sold over 15 million copies, been translated into dozens of languages, and introduced countless people to the real Jesus. Now with new content that addresses questions raised by today's popular atheist writers. Audio edition read by Sean McDowell.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Since its release, More Than a Carpenter has been challenging readers to ask the question, "Who is Jesus?" Author and renowned speaker Josh McDowell acknowledges that while the topic of God is widely accepted, the name of Jesus often causes irritation. "Why don't the names of Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius offend people? The reason is that these others didn't claim to be God, but Jesus did." By addressing questions about scientific and historical evidence, the validity of the Bible, and proofs of the resurrection, McDowell helps the reader come to an informed and intelligent decision about whether Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. This short, 128-page gem does not employ fancy theological words, forsaking the layman, but reads more like an intimate research document laying out the facts with veracious accuracy, from reliable sources ranging from secular

scientists to conservative seminarians. A skeptic himself for many years, McDowell always believed that Christians were "out of their minds" but now insists that "never has an individual been called upon to commit intellectual suicide in trusting Christ as Savior and Lord." McDowell adeptly articulates fundamental answers to poignant questions that cause the skeptic to consider whether Jesus was a liar causing countless martyrs to die in his wake, a lunatic deserving death, or actually the Lord of the universe. --Jill Heatherly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The story that could change your life. Skeptic Josh McDowell thought Christians were out of their minds. He ridiculed and insulted them, then decided to combat them with his own thorough research to disprove the claims of Jesus Christ. To his surprise, he discovered that the evidence suggested exactly the opposite—that Jesus, instead of being simply a first-century Hebrew carpenter, truly was the God he claimed to be. Since its original publication, *More Than a Carpenter* has sold over 20 million copies and changed countless lives. Now, in this revised and updated edition, Josh is joined by his son, Sean, as they tackle the questions that today's generation continues to ask: "Can I be spiritual without believing in God?" "How can I make sure that my life counts for something?" "Is it really possible to know anything for sure about God or Jesus?" Read the story. Weigh the facts. Experience his love. And then watch what happens.

I have been giving out "More Than a Carpenter" for 25 years. It was "the book" which turned me toward the Lord Jesus. It's written by a former atheist who wanted to prove his Christians friends wrong. He did the research, and proved to himself that they were right! That Jesus was The Lord!!! This book is for any "doubting Thomas" in your life that you feel God is drawing in. It's for logical people, who need convincing. THE BEST apologetic book there is. Buy lots of them, and wait for God to tell you someone needs it.

I heard someone testify that she became a believer in the living God (Christian) after house sitting for a friend who had that book on their coffee table. While bored; she picked it up and read it and was very upset that she had not read the book sooner in life and that no one had suggested she read it beforehand. Which as a Christian I'm confident God has a perfect schedule for why things happen the way they do. I've been a believer for 20 years and never read it but had fallen asleep in my faith, watered down the truth to appease our current times, making excuses for many things, including my own decisions and life choices. But I too was on a journey in which God was preparing

to wake me up with a shout!! I've never doubted that the bible is the inspired written word of God and I knew that was the gist of this book was to figure that out, but I still wanted to read it. And I am so glad I did. It really catapulted me forward in my faith to actually read and research more into my faith, what I believe, why I believe it; and what am I going to do about it. Like I said, God shouted; I heard and I am doing. But that said, because of this book, I presented it on to another who has found their experience of reading to be similar.

Still a classic of Christian apologetics. Very sound arguments for Christianity. The mass market paperbacks are kind of cheap. I wish you could still buy a nice hardcover to give to a friend who is earnestly seeking. I am a Christian and have been for almost 40 years. I still enjoy picking up this book to bolster my faith when I need a pick me up.

Would have given it 5 stars because I loved the research and attention to detail that went into the arguments in support of the historical Jesus and the Bible. The "What do you think" interruptions were unnecessary and distracting.

I'd read this probably 40 years ago while in undergraduate school. As a seminary student in the past, I'd always known that the bible and ministry of Jesus Christ were far more well documented than virtually any other ancient event(s) or texts that the world accepts without question. Rereading the new version was a good reminder. The rereading was particularly helpful as I recently ran into a hate filled, anti-Christian man in a bar a few weeks ago. It was easy to hand him the book and ask him to read it in considering the claims of Christ. I will follow up with prayer and friendship.

I decided to read this one after seeing a significant reference to it in the previous book I read, "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus." It's full of fascinating information and facts, but less of the authors actual journey and struggles than the previous book. I do recommend this one, but I would probably say read "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" first if you're looking for a more captivating story and the spirituality described and experienced by the author and his father. If that's not a huge factor for you, any order will do.

What can I say? More Than a Carpenter is a superb book - updated, well-written, and well-argued. Our culture skillfully puts Christians on the defensive, but this book provides the material to enable us to weather all attacks and return fire with decisive evidence that will convince all but the most

determined skeptics. Let those who have ears hear - the only truly good news in the world.

There are people in this world who can accept Christ with the full faith and trust of someone who innately knows that God and salvation exist. Then there are people who remain the eternal skeptic and desperately need to see evidence to even give a mere thought. "More than a Carpenter" does a superb job giving evidence where it is needed and showing us Christians of the more philosophical, apologetic persuasion how to give those arguments. Every Christian needs to read this book. Then they need to let their atheistic friends borrow it so they can get a glimpse of that evidence. Good job y'all!

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