



The Christians

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2020

Madman or God?

No prophet ever spoke as he did. 'I am the Way. I am the Truth. I am the Life,' Jesus said. What sane person could talk like this? Nevertheless, over the the last two thousand years the members of His extraordinary movement have radically changed the course of human life and civilization. They are known to history as "the Christians." Through the grace conferred upon them by their Founder, they have created the most compassionate, most just, most technologically advanced, and most affluent society the world has ever known. The illustrations in this calendar are drawn from our book series, *The Christians*, the twelve amazing volumes, published by SEARCH, that record their astonishing story.

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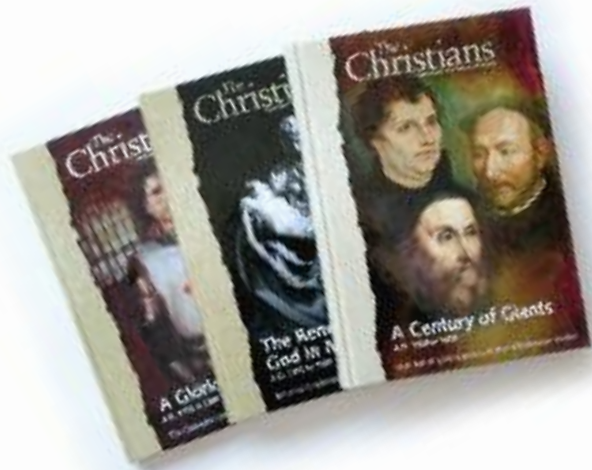
ages. The narrative unfolds in a compelling language, more characteristic of magazines than formal histories. The emphasis is always on the Christians who made the events happen, often heroically, sometimes to their historic discredit. (The series is not a "whitewash." Where the Christians erred, we say so.) The writers and editors are nearly all seasoned journalists and practicing Christians, identified in the front matter of each volume, as are others associated with the production, and of course the indispensable academic historians who consulted closely on the text throughout.



While the goal of this series is to make Christians highly knowledgeable of their history, and sufficiently perceptive to refute erroneous accounts of it, the books should not be approached as a course of studies, but simply as a captivating story. For history is addictive, and becomes most powerful when it is absorbed, not merely through memorization, but born out of the lure of the intriguing people it describes. The publisher of the books is SEARCH, the Society to Explore and Record Christian History, a nonprofit entity chartered in both the state of Virginia and the Canadian province of Alberta. Its directors and offi-

cers are shown in the front matter of Volumes 6 through 12. The volumes may be seen on the web at Books.theChristians.com. SEARCH is not connected, legally or effectually, with any Christian denomination or church related institution. However, we gratefully acknowledge the 20th Century Christian writer C. S. Lewis as the inspiration for this whole endeavor. We can only pray that he approves of what we have done.

Ted Byfield, General Editor *The Christians: Their First Two Thousand Years*





THE EVENT THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Only when the resurrected Jesus addresses her by name does Mary Magdalene recognize the man she had assumed to be a gardener as the resurrected Jesus. "Mary," he says softly. "Rabboni!" she replies ecstatically in Aramaic, meaning "my teacher," probably the term by which his disciples affectionately knew him.

(Illustration is from page 33 of *The Veil is Torn*.)

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DECEMBER 2019



Most evangelical Christians know almost nothing about Church history. That is both a pity and a scandal. The Christians is a very accessible first step for believers to take as we reclaim the glorious heritage we share with brothers and sisters who have lived faithful lives, have done great deeds, and have contended for the truth throughout the past two Millennia. — Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship

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THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem was besieged by the Roman army in 70 A.D. when the empire's entire garrison there was slain. After months of wily defense by the Jews Roman General Titus had one last weapon: hunger. His troops erected a five-mile-long siege dike surrounding the city. Trapped behind the walls Jerusalem's surviving defenders were forced to throw the corpses of friends and family off the wall to rot outside below. Soon the city fell and was demolished.

The date of the Roman attack is significant to biblical history. Though the destruction wiped out the entire sacrificial basis of the ancient Jewish faith, it is nowhere mentioned in the Gospels or Epistles, making it altogether probable that they had been written before 70 A.D. This lends great credibility of the New Testament.

(Illustration is from page 268 of *The Veil is Torn*.)

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JANUARY 2020



Put simply, The Veil Is Torn is a masterpiece. It's easy to read, not one of those scholarly compendiums that puts you to sleep after a few paragraphs. It's lushly illustrated with color photos and artwork. And it's full of interesting sidebars.

— Ernest Herndon, McComb Enterprise Journal

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THE HEROISM OF PERPETUA

On March 7 in the year 203, the birthday of the emperor's youngest son Geta Caesar, the young mother Perpetua was led through the dank underground tunnels, singing a psalm. Then she and her maid Felicitas were stripped and propelled naked into the arena before a jeering crowd. The crowd was horrified when they saw a delicate young woman fresh from childbirth ordered put to death. Perpetua bared her throat willingly, but her gladiator was so distraught that his first thrust missed her neck and drove into her shoulder. After shrieking in pain she "then took the trembling hand of the young gladiator and guided it to her own throat." Perpetua was one of tens of thousands of Christians executed as Rome tried to destroy Christianity.

(Illustration is from page 190 of *A Pinch of Incense*.)

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FEBRUARY 2020



Volume Two of the Christian History Project, A Pinch of Incense, should be on the 'must read' list of every believer.
— Bible Network News, Christian news site for the Canadian Bible Society

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16	17 Washington's Birthday	18	19	20	21	22
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PRAETORIAN VICTOR

It must have seemed to the Emperor Maximian that the Christians had infested each and every corner of his household and empire. Here one of his best men, Praetorian Victor, a loyal and dedicated servant of the empire, declares unyielding faith in (as they saw him) that scoundrel the Christ. No amount of argument, threat or enticement sways the man, and in the end Maximian orders Victor's execution.

(Illustration is from page 108 of *By This Sign.*)

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MARCH 2020

These books are fantastic! They are big, coffee table type books, but very well written. I have an M.Div. I've read a lot of Christian history. This series is by far the most engaging and informative I've read. I'm surprised how little publicity they've received. Try them. You will love them. — John Murphy, Lansing MI Amazon Reviewer of Volume 3: By This Sign

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ATHANASIUS AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST MANHUNT

The fugitive Athanasius, champion of traditional Christianity, is pursued up the Nile by imperial soldiers. His way of duping them without lying became a famous incident in history.

Athanasius is regarded as the savior of the Nicene Creed, still spoken by Christians of almost every denomination today. While the doctrines in the creed had been approved by the Council of Nicaea in 325, a widespread rebellion against it gained the support of the emperor and almost every Eastern bishop. The search for Athanasius set off one of the biggest manhunts in the ancient world but he was never caught. Soon the whole church returned to the Nicene Creed.

(Illustration is from page 58 of *Darkness Descends*.)

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APRIL 2020



These volumes are the most inspirational books I've ever read, though I've attended Bible College and seminary. Between the pictures and the stories, what happened comes alive for me as never before.

—John Wardy Birmingham, AL Mountain Top Church

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MUSLIM RAIDS INTO CHRISTIAN BYZANTIUM

In 651, an Arab army rampaged through the cities of Asia Minor and returned to Syria with five thousand Christian slaves. Over the next century Muslim forces would go on to conquer the Christian lands of Armenia, Egypt, Cypress, Turkey, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Spain, Portugal and Southern France. But it took the Muslims another 700 years to capture Constantinople, the Byzantine capital, which finally fell in 1253. This gave western Europe time to become strong enough to successfully resist massive Muslim attacks on Vienna which followed in the 16th and 17th centuries.

(Illustration is from page 258 of *The Sword of Islam.*)

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The Sword of Islam A.D. 565 to 740 is an excellent, well-written source on the founding of Islam and the following century of conquest. It captures the events of the period explicitly, but is fair in doing so. What emerges very clearly is that at its roots, Islam is not a peaceful religion. I would recommend it as a very helpful background to Christians wanting to understand Islam.

—Ann Greenham, Instructor of Religion and Islamic Studies at Southeastern College of Wake Forest, NC

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ICELAND'S DEMOCRATIC CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

Gathered at the Althing parliament in the year 1000, Icelanders debate whether to abandon the Norse gods in favor of the cross of Christ. Iceland would become the only country to embrace Christianity as the result of a democratic vote of its people.

(Illustration is from page 109 of *The Quest for the City*.)

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JUNE 2020



The books have been widely praised in Evangelical periodicals and circles, and for good reason. Well researched, filled with wonderful illustrations and photography... The writing is excellent, the stories are engaging and well told, and many lesser-known martyrs and historical characters are brought out of the shadows of time.

— Carl Olson *The National Catholic Register*

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FREDERIC BARBAROSSA'S FLIGHT TO GERMANY

Having succeeded in occupying Rome and appointing his own pope, and with his Norman Sicilian rivals subdued, Barbarossa now stood at the pinnacle of power in Europe. But suddenly everything changed. A malady broke out in his army, killing many of his senior officers, and he found himself forced to flee with his wife to the safety of Germany. In this painting, commissioned by this series, a lone couple make their way on foot through the mountains, possessing little more than the clothes they wear. This swift plunge from worldly triumph to the desperation of a fugitive wrought a profound alteration in Barbarossa's character. To whom could he attribute such a swift downfall? As a religious man he reached the only possible conclusion.

(Illustration is from page 108 of *A Glorious Disaster*.)

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JULY 2020

Not only are these books historically sound, they are so well illustrated. They look beautiful on a coffee table, to offer to people who come to the house. — Mary Gleeson, Philadelphia Teacher, Computer Technologist, Roman Catholic

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS RETURNING TO SPAIN IN CHAINS

Clapped in chains following his brutal behavior in Hispaniola, Columbus chose to continue wearing them on the voyage home to Spain (as portrayed in this 19th century painting by Delleani Lorenzo) to make a point. Isabella exonerated him but realizing that his administrative capabilities were meager, revoked his vice-regency.

(Illustration is from page 207 of *The Renaissance: God in Man.*)

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AUGUST 2020



The Christians illuminates long dead history to the reader; we almost feel hot breath and see the flashing eyes of the Borgias, Rasputin, the Inquisitors and a host of other villains and heroes who have claimed the cross as their sword through the centuries. The series introduces you to people you didn't meet in public school, and probably didn't hear about in Sunday school either... This series will be read, re-read and loved for decades. —Review by Jane Harris-Zsovan The Christian Herald

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FOR YEARS CHRISTIAN BOYS WERE SEIZED TO SERVE IN THE TURKISH ARMY

As the Protestant and Catholic Reformations divided Christian Europe, the Muslim Turkish armies struck from the East. Hungary was lost, and Vienna narrowly saved when Protestants briefly joined Catholics in its defence. For tens of thousands of Christian families in Eastern Europe, however, Turkish rule spelled four centuries of misery. As shown in this illustration, their sons were routinely seized to serve in the Turkish army and many of their most attractive daughters in Turkish harems.

(Illustration is from page 60 of *A Century of Giants.*)

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SEPTEMBER 2020



*I find these books to be extremely interesting and informative. They will be a valuable resource for parents who are looking for a way to learn the history of the faith and to pass it on to their children. —Don Wildmon
Founder and Chairman American Family Association*

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HOW THE MAYFLOWER'S FORCED LANDING BROUGHT DEMOCRACY TO AMERICA

Most New World colonies were established under royal charters granted to their founding companies, but not Plymouth. Their ship the Mayflower was blown off course and landed them on territory for which they had no charter. Therefore in 1620 the surviving males of the Plymouth colony declared themselves 'freemen' and drafted their own governing document, the Mayflower Compact. The Massachusetts Bay Colony then included in its colonial charter a governance including 18 freemen which later greatly expanded to accommodate the tens of thousands of new immigrants now arriving from England.

(Illustration is from page 100 of *We The People*.)

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OCTOBER 2020



But my jaw drops when I look at the beautiful volumes produced by the Christian History Project and SEARCH... This is solid history told the way history should be written, with sound and fury signifying something vital about the drama God has produced. The writing is lively and the characters are vivid.

—Dr. Marvin Olasky World Magazine Editor

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RECURRING MARTYRDOMS FAIL TO HALT CHRISTIANITY'S MISSIONS TO EAST ASIA

The successes enjoyed by missionaries in Japan, begun by Francis Xavier in the midsixteenth century, came to an abrupt halt in 1597 when twenty-six Catholics were crucified in Nagasaki—depicted here in an early seventeenth-century painting by Tazio de Varallo. In China thousands of Catholic and Protestant missionaries met similar fates when the Boxer rebellion broke out in 1899. Their work was not in vain. Hundreds of millions of South-East Asians are now Christian.

(Illustration is from page 204 of *Unto the Ends of the Earth.*)

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... a very valuable tool in evangelism and nurture as the post-Christian 21st century unfolds. ... And just as people are brought to Christ by the witness of Christians they meet and know, so too people may be brought to Christ by the witness of Christians of past days whose story is faithfully presented to them. The new Christian has come into a family, and [these books] will do what a family album does ... tell the family's story. —Dr. James I. Packer Professor of Theology, Regent College

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GREAT CHRISTIANS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

London's Westminster Abbey immortalizes three exemplary Christians in stone: Martin Luther King Jr., an American Baptist minister and civil rights activist for African-Americans assassinated in Memphis Tennessee in 1968; Oscar Romero, a Catholic archbishop who protested the torture and death of 50 priests in San Salvador and was himself fatally shot while celebrating mass in 1980; and Dietrich von Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor during WWII who spoke out strongly against Hitler's euthanasia program and persecution of the Jews and was executed by hanging in 1945.

(Illustration is from page 161 of *The High Tide and the Turn.*)

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Because of their accuracy, denominational balance, readability and magnificent imagery, these books will have a profound and positive effect on Christianity all over the world during the 21st century. But I believe they will eventually find their widest readership in those parts of Asia where Christianity is now on the ascendant. — George T. Kurian, President, American Encyclopaedia Association and General Editor of Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization

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THE APOSTLE TO THE SKEPTICS

Selecting one image alone from the 12th volume is well nigh impossible. The book covers so many tumultuous events – from two world wars and major ‘godless’ government revolutions to the massive crowds of Christian revivalism now present in many denominations all over the world. In the end we chose a lesser known image of C.S. Lewis. His wartime Christian radio broadcasts defined a description of the faith, which he named “Mere Christianity” that was acceptable to Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox. His work began what many see as the basis of an eventual Christian reunion. Mere Christianity alone has sold more than 200 million copies and converted skeptics all over the world.

(Photograph is from page 398 of *The High Tide and the Turn.*)

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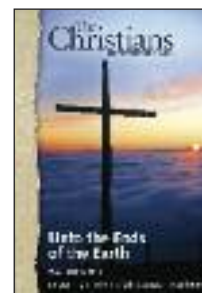
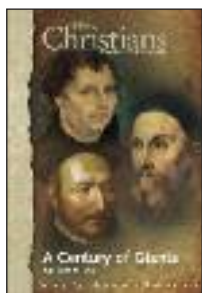
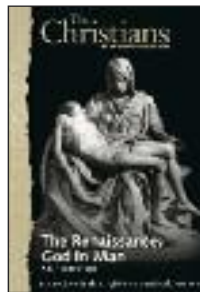
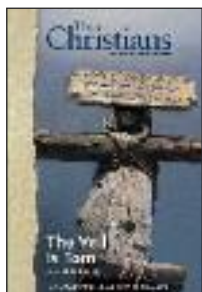
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G.K. Chesterton once remarked that the English-speaking world needed a new kind of historian, writers who could be described as 'morning stars of the Christian reunion.' Ted Byfield has assembled just such a group of writers, and their history of Christianity promises to do much to promote understanding between Protestant and Catholic readers. —Fr. Ian Boyd, President, G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, Seton Hall University

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