

Josh McDowell

Quotes

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Desire, Dad, Truth Is, Self, Views, Light, Resurrection, Pain, Teaching, Life
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I am not a Christian because God changed my life; I am a Christian because of my convictions about who Jesus Christ is.

~Josh McDowell

After I set out to refute Christianity intellectually and couldn't, I came to the conclusion the Bible was true and Jesus Christ was God's Son.

~Josh McDowell

True love is spelled G-I-V-E. It is not based on what you can get, but rooted in what you can give to the other person.

~Josh McDowell

Prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart.

~Josh McDowell

One who claimed what Jesus claimed about himself couldn't be a good moral man or a prophet. That option isn't open to us, and Jesus never intended it to be.

~Josh McDowell

Forgiveness is the oil of relationships.

~Josh McDowell

No matter how devastating our struggles, disappointments, and troubles are, they are only temporary.

~Josh McDowell

The Christian faith is faith in Christ. Its value or worth is not in the one believing but in the One believed - not in the one trusting, but in the One trusted.

~Josh McDowell

Paul the apostle recounted that Jesus appeared to more than 500 of

His followers at one time, the majority of whom were still alive and who could confirm what Paul wrote.

~Josh McDowell

For centuries many of the world's distinguished philosophers have assaulted Christianity as being irrational, superstitious and absurd.

~Josh McDowell

Love can wait to give; it is lust that can't wait to get.

~Josh McDowell

Rules without relationship leads to rebellion.

~Josh McDowell

We do not develop habits of genuine love automatically. We learn by watching effective role models - most specifically by observing how our parents express love for each other day in and day out.

~Josh McDowell

The first thing that stuck in the minds of the disciples was not the empty tomb, but rather the empty grave clothes - undisturbed in form and position.

~Josh McDowell

Because the New Testament provides the primary historical source for information on the resurrection, many critics during the 19th century attacked the reliability of these biblical documents.

~Josh McDowell

Leaders of the world's religions said, 'What do you think about what I teach?' Jesus said, 'Who do you say I am?'(Luke 9:20)

~Josh McDowell

While the resurrection promises us a new and perfect life in the future,

God loves us too much to leave us alone to contend with the pain, guilt and loneliness of our present life.

~Josh McDowell

If they had connived a scheme, and Christ had not been raised from the dead, where would have been the hardest place on the face of the earth to convince anyone? In Jerusalem.

~Josh McDowell

Here's the simplest answer: Within weeks, the disciples proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that He had been bodily raised from the dead and appeared to them.

~Josh McDowell

Belief is knowing what you believe. Conviction is knowing why you believe it.

~Josh McDowell

I once had a lot of hatred, mainly toward my father, an alcoholic.

~Josh McDowell

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.

~Josh McDowell

Every kid needs to say, 'I want what my mom and dad have.'

~Josh McDowell

I would say 90 percent of Christians do not have a worldview, in other words a view of the world, based on the Scripture and a relationship with God.

~Josh McDowell

Now, whenever you read any historical document, you always evaluate it in light of the historical context.

~Josh McDowell

Christ appeared alive on several occasions after the cataclysmic events of that first Easter.

~Josh McDowell

Where I once constantly lost my temper, I found myself arriving at a crisis and experiencing peace.

~Josh McDowell

Jesus claimed He had the power to raise himself from the dead and His followers would be raised from the dead. That's a unique claim in the literature of religion.

~Josh McDowell

On that Sunday morning the first thing that impressed the people who approached the tomb was the unusual position of the one and a half to two ton stone that had been lodged in front of the doorway.

~Josh McDowell

If there were more than one path to salvation then it would totally negate Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, his life, his teachings.

~Josh McDowell

My greatest asset now is my focus.

~Josh McDowell

This is the age of the new tolerance and it is producing a bumper crop of anti-Christian and anti-American sentiment.

~Josh McDowell

If one discards the Bible as being unreliable, then he must discard

almost all literature of antiquity.

~Josh McDowell

Few people seem to realize that the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone to a worldview that provides the perspective to all of life.

~Josh McDowell

The downfall of the church will not come from a lack of apologetic teaching; it will come from disintegration of the families in the church.

~Josh McDowell

Both Jewish and Roman sources and traditions admit an empty tomb.

~Josh McDowell

I've never had anyone define purity. You probably can't define purity. Purity is to live according to original design.

~Josh McDowell

As a reward for their efforts, however, those early Christians were beaten, stoned to death, thrown to the lions, tortured and crucified. Every conceivable method was used to stop them from talking.

~Josh McDowell

You better arm yourselves to answer your children's and grandchildren's questions... no matter what the question is... without being judgmental.

~Josh McDowell

It is more rewarding to resolve a conflict than to dissolve a relationship.

~Josh McDowell

My heart and mind were created to work in harmony together. Never has an individual been called upon to commit intellectual suicide in trusting Christ as Savior and Lord.

~Josh McDowell

If someone tries to tell you you are the greatest generation in the history of America, don't believe them. You aren't. You have the capability to be, but you aren't.

~Josh McDowell

Parents are heroes already - all they have to do is start acting like it.

~Josh McDowell

Tolerance is the worst roar of all, including tolerance for homosexuals, feminists, and religions that don't follow Christ.

~Josh McDowell

We've had a major shift in what truth is and where it comes from. We've gone from being God-centered to self-centered, from being objective to being subjective and from being internal to external.

~Josh McDowell

The New Testament witnesses were fully aware of the background against which the resurrection took place.

~Josh McDowell

Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort have created a biblically sound course that will not only motivate Christians; it will equip them to fulfill the Great Commission.

~Josh McDowell

Where I once believed people were there to be used, I started thinking of other people first.

~Josh McDowell

Stephen L. Carter coined the phrase 'the culture of disbelief' to describe the prevailing hostility in Western culture toward public expressions of

faith.

~Josh McDowell

Most Christians when asked what is the essence of the Christian faith will say it is all in the rules to be acceptable by God. That is anti-Christian, but they don't know that.

~Josh McDowell

I thought Christians were walking idiots.

~Josh McDowell

Well how can a holy, just, righteous God allow sin into His presence?

~Josh McDowell

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

~Josh McDowell

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