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# How to Talk About Jesus Without Looking Like an Idiot

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# UNDERCOVER CHRISTIAN

“IF WE’RE LUCKY, NOBODY WILL NOTICE WE’RE HERE”

COMING SOON TO A BROOM  
CUPBOARD NEAR YOU

STARRING TIM IDITY, SI LENT-WITNESS, LUKE THEOTERWAY,  
DEE NIAL AND IVOR CONFIDENCEISSUE











Sharing our faith ...

What are we afraid of?

**We can be afraid of ...**

Looking foolish

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Making God look bad

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Standing out from the crowd

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Looking foolish

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Standing out from the crowd

Being asked a question I can't answer



## Group Discussion

1. What are some of the fears that you have experienced when it comes sharing your faith?
2. Why do you think so many of us find evangelism intimidating or nerve-wracking?
3. And if you're a super-confident person who has *never* felt afraid, what is it that helps you be that way?







“I love being a Christian and a GP, there are so many wonderful opportunities for evangelism.”

~ Peter



# The Power of Questions



**Jesus: The Master Question-Asker**

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

Matthew 22:15-17

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Matthew 22:18-22

“The right answer to  
the wrong question is  
always unhelpful.”



## **Group Discussion**

Turn to the two or three people next to you and have a look together at Mark 10:17-22. That's the famous story of Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler. For ten minutes, discuss together how Jesus uses a question to turn this entire conversation around.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus replied.

“No one is good — except God alone.”

Mark 10:17-18



# Three Powerful Questions

What do you mean by that?

Why do you think that?

Have you ever wondered?



## Powerful Question ①

*“What do you mean by that?”*



## Powerful Question ②

“*Why do you think that?*”



## Powerful Question ③

“Have you ever wondered?”

Inside: Joe Klein on the challenge in Pakistan

# TIME



## What Happens if We Leave Afghanistan

BY ARYAN BAKER

Kabul, 18, had her nose and ears cut off last year as orders from the Taliban became the first obstacle to peace



Why does **justice** matter if we are just atoms and particles?



Why does **beauty and art** move us if our only purpose is survival and reproduction?



Why do we get **upset** about **greed**?





## Powerful Question ③

“Have you ever wondered?”

### Have You Ever Wondered?



What Is Love?



Have You Ever Wondered Why the Best Stories Are About Good and Evil?



Have You Ever Wondered Why We Long for Happiness?



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY HUMAN BEINGS ARE SO CURIOUS?

Why Are Human Beings So Curious?



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF JESUS ACTUALLY EXISTED?

Did Jesus Actually Exist?



Have You Ever Wondered Why We Long for Justice?



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# Three Powerful Questions

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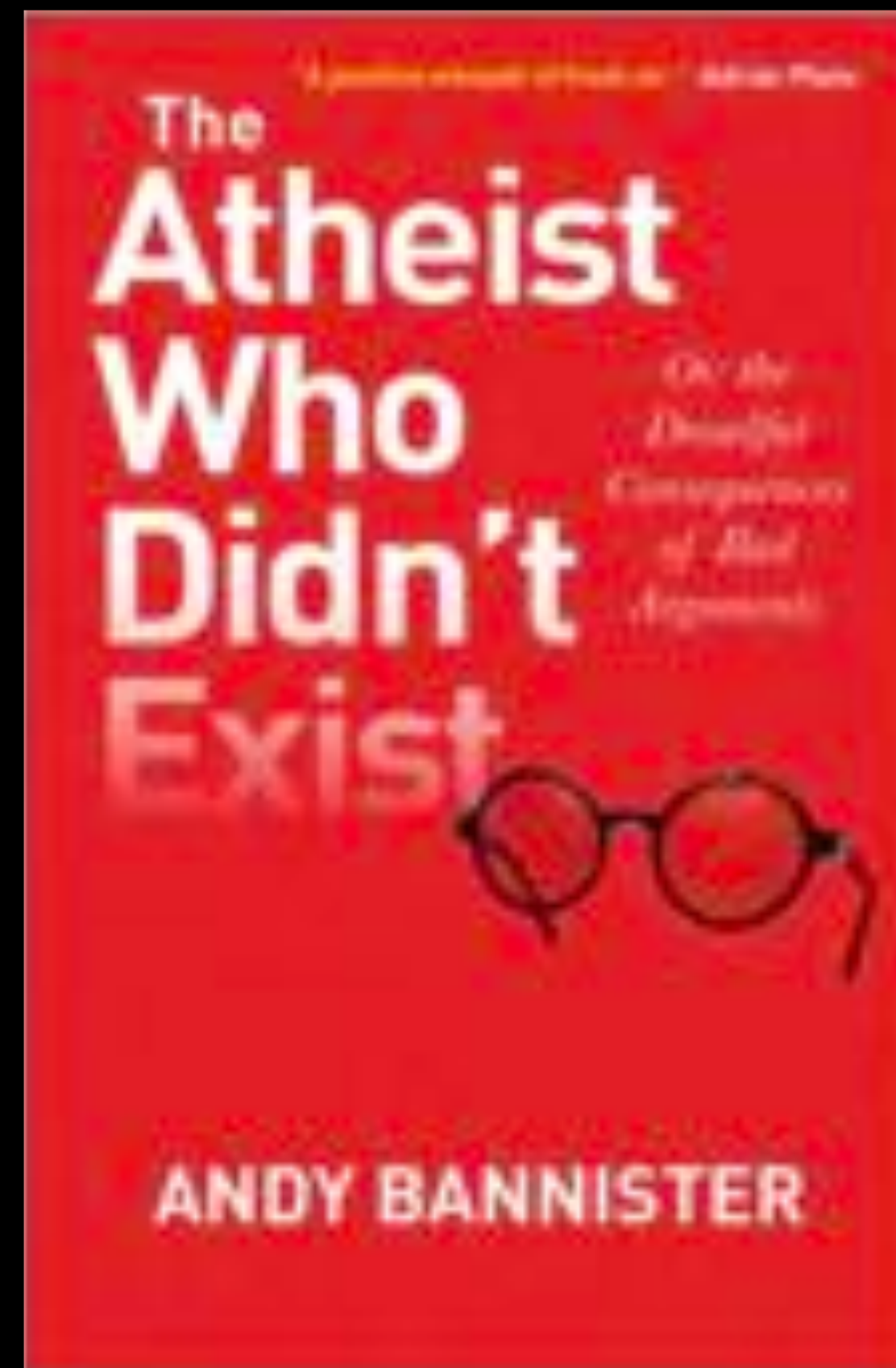
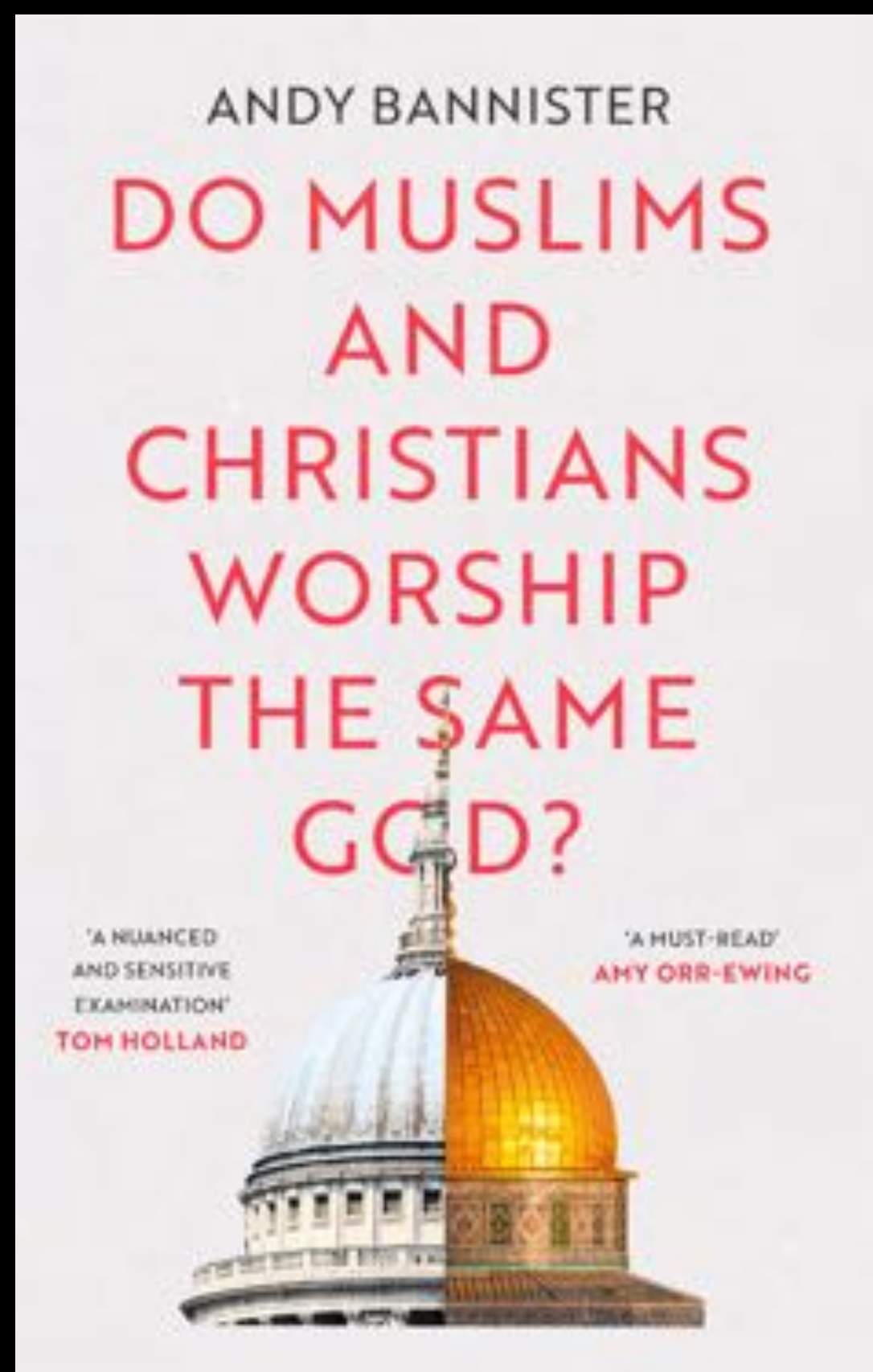
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Have you ever wondered?



Jesus said: “I have come that they  
might have life, and have it to the full.”

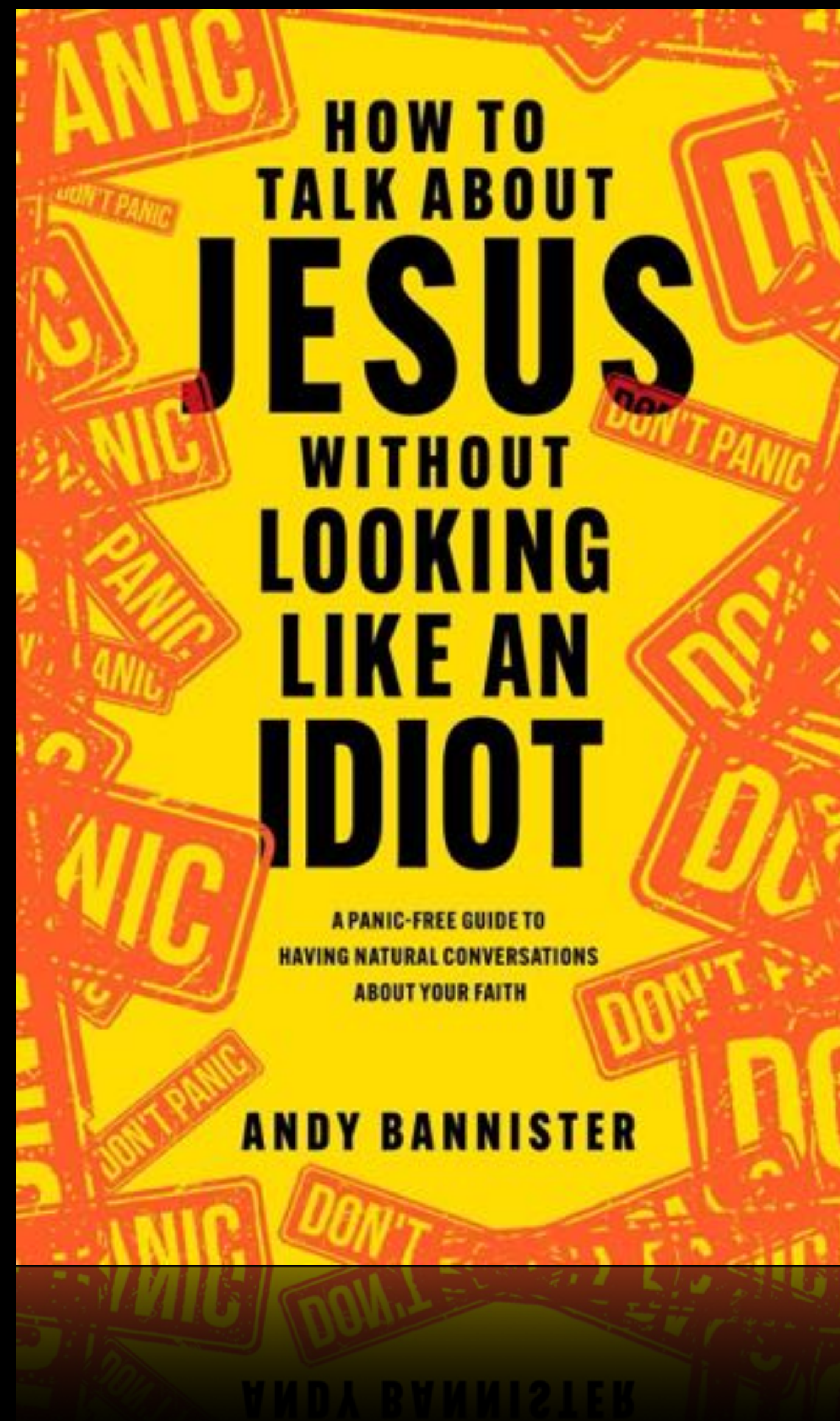
John 10:10



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