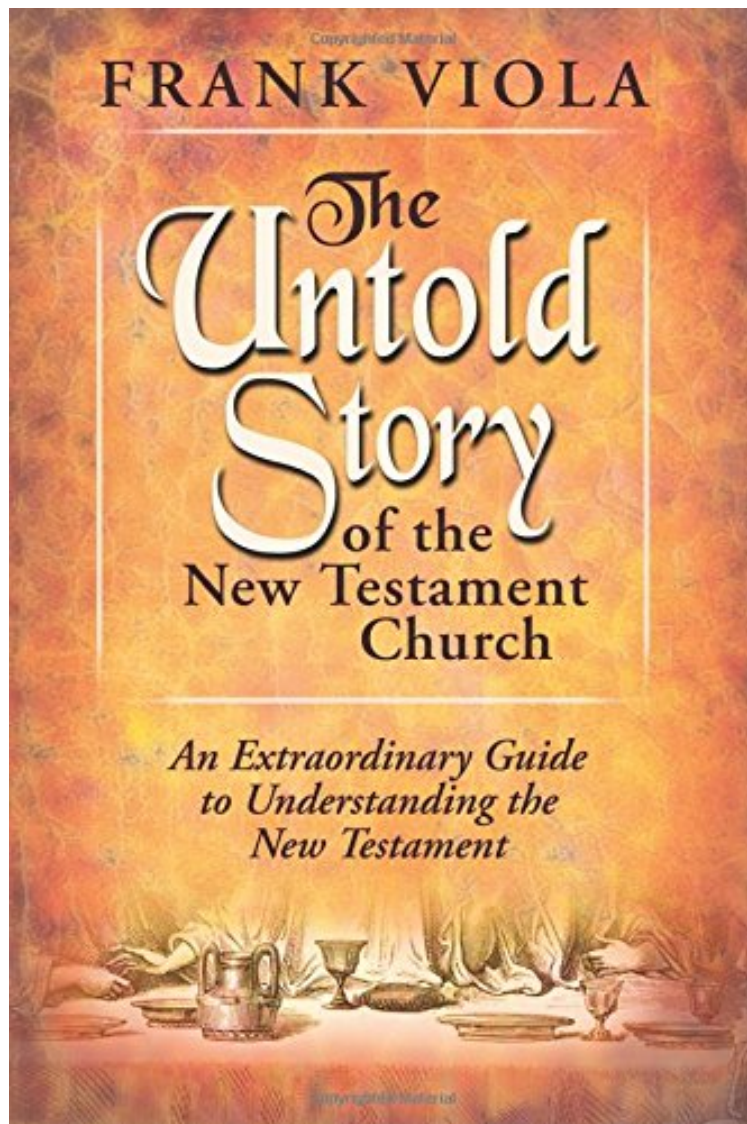


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A scholar of the New Testament Church and a forerunner of modern Church renewal, Frank Viola casts his gaze back at the birth pangs of first century Christianity in *The Untold Story of the New Testament Church*. Using a 'you-are-there' approach, this epic volume gives readers a first-hand account of how the witness of Christ's testimony impacted the world. In the era right after the Day of Pentecost, the power of Holy Spirit prompted a massive harvest of souls yet a great persecution surged against those preaching Good News to the lost. Now, get up-close with apostles Paul, Peter and John and learn of their personal struggles to fight for the faith amidst a backdrop of in-house strife and foreign tyranny. The New Testament is often hard to understand. A major reason is because it is not arranged in chronological order. Paul's letters, for example, are arranged by size rather than chronologically. This makes the New Testament a bit like a Chinese puzzle! For this reason, one famous Bible scholar said that reading the New Testament letters is like hearing one end of a phone conversation. The book you hold in your hands reconstructs the other end so that you can understand virtually every word! *The Untold Story of the New Testament Church* is a unique Bible handbook that weaves Acts and the Epistles together chronologically...creating one fluid story! This epic volume gives readers a first-hand account of the New Testament drama that is riveting and enlightening. It includes dates, maps and background information about the people, the cities and the events of the first-century Church using a "you-are-there" approach. Get up-close and personal with apostles Paul, Peter, James and John and learn of their personal struggles. Understand the circumstances behind each inspired letter they penned. Watch the chaotic swirl of first-century people and events fall into place before your very eyes. Discover what Paul's "thorn in the flesh" really was. Learn what happened to all the apostles after the book of Acts was finished. Be ushered into the living, breathing atmosphere of the first century and uncover the hidden riches found in God's Word!

In *The Untold Story of the New Testament Church*, Frank Viola has produced a useful and engaging account of the New Testament Church, helpfully setting people and events within their first-century cultural context. While not everyone will agree with every detail of the author's reconstruction or theological interpretation, for any such retelling unavoidably involves some interpretation, still this account helps contemporary believers more fully appreciate the remarkable dynamism of our earliest Christian forebears. --Howard A. Snyder, NT scholar, professor Asbury Seminary, Tyndale Seminary "This volume has provided much needed information that is now in one place for the first time! Read it as I did with a highlighter pen in hand!" ---Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr., author of *Where Shall We Go From Here?* From the Publisher Casting Doubt on the Historical Record of the Bible, the DaVinci Code and Gospel of Judas, Foment Confusion New book unveils a brand new way to approach the New Testament - a narrative chronology The Bible has always had its critics. With Biblical and historical illiteracy at an all-time high, people are gullible to swallow any lie, as long as it has a persuasive package. The Da Vinci Code (Daniel Brown) and recently discovered Gospel of Judas are but two examples. These foster doubt about the credibility of the canon and leave unwitting Christians wondering what is genuine and what is fictional. In *The Untold Story of the New Testament Church* (Destiny Image), Frank Viola expertly weaves the entire New Testament into a single synchronous story. He intersperses the story with often-fascinating history and background on each book of the New Testament. More important, he helps readers understand what is happening behind the scenes, from the rise of Emperor Nero to a clear explanation of Paul's travails including his "thorn in the flesh." This approach has never been done before. Noted scholar F.F. Bruce once said that reading the New Testament letters like hearing one end of a phone conversation. The *Untold Story* reconstructs the other side of that conversation creating one fluid story of the early church. To Viola and other Christian scholars, the Bible needs no fictionalized redrafting to add to its historic accuracy. It remains the most enticing literature ever written. Rather, findings like the Gospel of Judas pick up where earlier findings such as The Gospel of Thomas, Secret Book of John and the Gospel of Mary started. The present-day insinuation that Judas was a "hero" points to our own twistedness; our need for dark heroes. It minimizes true martyrdom and uncovers our penchant for perverting the truth. In *The Untold Story*, Viola re-sequences the books of the New Testament (in proper

order) and helps us see what he calls "The big picture." The birth of the early church, full of intrigue, action and conflict, is anything but dull. He disdains the modern proclivity toward a cut-and-paste approach to scripture which takes individual verses out of context. By doing so, he explains, anyone can justify any behavior. He says this practice of building "floatable doctrines" undermines truth just as it did in the first century A.D. "Without understanding the historical context of the New Testament," says Viola, "Christians have managed to build doctrines and invent practices that have fragmented the Body of Christ into thousands of denominations." Most of us have learned the story of Christianity in bits and pieces, all out of sequence. The Untold Story of the New Testament Church puts all of these bits and pieces together in understandable sequence. By so doing, we are given a picture of the early church that is accurate, revolutionary, and life-changing. It is also one that will help us to easily spot error and bogus revisionist theories that purport to tell us what really happened 2,000 years ago. **BOOK OVERVIEW** The Bible is true and accurate in every respect but it isn't necessarily laid out in chronological order. Frank Viola painstakingly lays out the books of the New Testament and adds historical and sociological background. In a day where we are looking for the authentic, we so readily fall for the fictional. What was going on behind the scenes when Paul was writing his letters? How and where did the apostles die? How did Emperor Nero's wicked influence accelerate the spread of Christianity? What really was Paul's thorn in the flesh? No matter how many times a person has read the New Testament, Viola provides a rendering that will fascinate and inform. More important, in an era where truth is unclear, The Untold Story illuminates as well as encourages. **About the Author** Frank Viola has helped thousands of people around the world to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and enter into a more vibrant and authentic experience of church. His mission is to help serious followers of Jesus know their Lord more deeply so they can experience real transformation and make a lasting impact. Viola has written many books on these themes, including *God's Favorite Place on Earth*, *From Eternity to Here*, and *Jesus Manifesto* (with Leonard Sweet). His blog, frankviola.org, is rated as one of the most popular in Christian circles today.