



It may sound strange to say, but I feel sorry for Jesus, sorry for the way we've dumbed down, domesticated, regimented, or even ruined what he started.

~ Brian McLaren

How do you defeat a movement that defines defeat as victory? ... Constantine.

~ James Carroll

In a way, the story of Constantine is the second-greatest story ever told, at least concerning what we think of as Western civilization. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the conversion of Constantine may have been the most implication-laden event in Western history.

~ James Carroll

The day Constantine the Great converted to Christianity was one of incredible importance in the history of the Christian faith.

~ Daniel Best

When the power of the empire became joined to the ideology of the Church, the empire was immediately recast and reenergized, and the Church became an entity so different from what had preceded it as to be almost unrecognizable.

~ James Carroll

Jesus called his followers not to conform to the nominal church, but rather to be a truly Christian community distinct in its life and practice from the religious establishment.

~ John Stott

The overwhelming evidence suggests that the followers of Jesus were pacifists for the first three centuries. Many early church leaders and documents underscore the unwavering commitment to non-violence.

~ Charles Kimball

As the early Christians knew, the rejection of war is not an optional ethical issue. Rather, it is the clearest indication of the church's calling to be a community free from nationalist and other forms of domination.

~ Richard Deats

Persecution never did, never could, give any lasting wound to genuine Christianity. But the greatest blow ever struck at the root of genuine Christianity was struck in the fourth century by Constantine the Great when he called himself a Christian.

~ John Wesley

With the conversion of Constantine, the Roman Empire would never be the same again. And neither would the Christian faith.

~ Susan Bannister

Christian faith can seem to triumph over every evil except Christian triumphalism.

~ James Carroll

Tell me, how can a Christian defend Scripturally retaliation, rebellion, war, striking, slaying, torturing, stealing, robbing and plundering and burning cities, and conquering countries?

~ Menno Simons

In the midst of violence, war, and the use of military force, Christians are called to offer peaceful and non-violent alternatives.

~ Brethren In Christ 1992 General Conference

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

~ Jesus