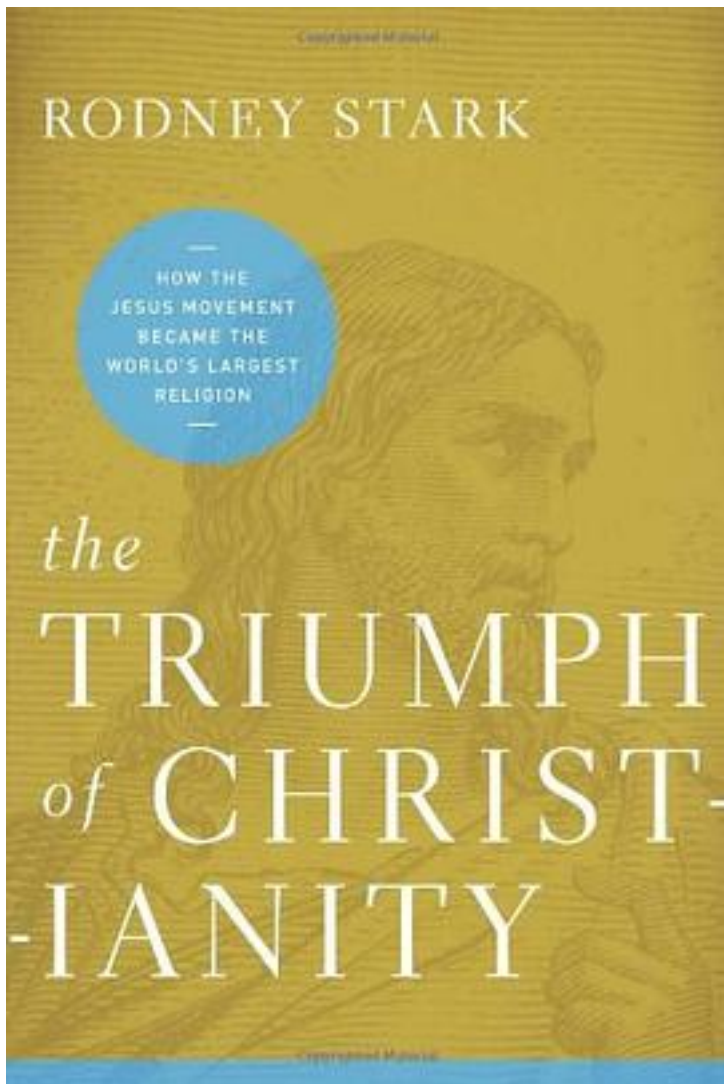


# The Triumph of Christianity



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More than 40 percent of the people on earth today are Christians, and their number is growing more rapidly than that of any other major faith. In *The Triumph of Christianity*, acclaimed religious and social historian Rodney Stark explains how an obscure Jewish sect became the largest, most thriving religion in the world. In Stark's groundbreaking book *The Rise of Christianity*, he examined the early success of Christianity and how it conquered Rome. Now, in this much-anticipated volume, Stark tells a far more extensive story, beginning with the religious and social situation prior to the birth of Jesus and continuing to the present. As it moves through six historical eras, *The Triumph of Christianity* gets right to Christianity's most pivotal and controversial moments—often turning them on their heads: Christmas Eve surveys the religious situation within which Christianity began. *Christianizing the Empire* looks at Jesus's life and the formative days of the movement he inspired, explaining why Christianity was a reprieve from the miseries of daily life for so many. *Consolidating Christian Europe* argues that Constantine's conversion did the church a great deal of harm, examines the gradual demise of paganism, and clarifies the motives behind the Crusades. *Medieval Currents* sheds new light on the misleadingly named "Dark Ages" and the essential role that faith played in the scientific revolution. *Christianity Divided* examines two Roman Catholic "Churches"—the Church of Piety and the Church of Power—as they respond to the challenges of heresy, Luther's Reformation, and the Spanish Inquisition. *New Worlds and Christian Growth* considers the development of religious pluralism in the United States and the continuing vigor of Christianity worldwide, disproving the popular notion that religion must disappear to make room for modernity. With his signature knack for making the boldest and most original scholarship accessible to all readers, Stark presents the real story behind the tragedies and triumphs that have shaped the trajectory of the Christian faith and, indeed, much of global history. For scholars and armchair historians alike, this is a brisk and thought-provoking journey through events we think we know—and need to reconsider.

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从一个社会学家的视角来看基督教史，非常有意思，将基督教众人数的扩大归因于社会关系网络的联结，纵横交织地描绘了基督教兴起前、中、后的社会历史宗教背景，澄清了相当多人们对于基督教的误解，非常厉害的一本书！

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超赞的一本书！  
澄清了许多对基督教的误解，这些误解在学术界许多已经被澄清，但是在大众认知中仍然存在：比如根本不存在“黑暗的中世纪”  
欧洲在中世纪的时候其实相当开明进步，西班牙宗教法庭其实是一个自律并且正义的机构，审判水平比当时的世俗法庭高。“十字军东征”不是基督教对穆斯林世界的野蛮攻击和殖民，之前伊斯兰教对东方基督徒已经进行了长达450年的迫害。

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