



Antíoch

A CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



How did a tiny and obscure messianic movement from the edge of the Roman Empire dislodge classical paganism and become the dominant faith of Western civilization? This is the only question.

Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity*



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DYNAMICS OF A GOSPEL MOVEMENT



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An accurate portrait of Antioch in the New Testament times must depict a city filled with misery, danger, fear, despair, and hatred. A city where the average family lived a squalid life in filthy and cramped quarters, where at least half the children died at birth or during infancy, and where most of the children who lived lost at least one parent before reaching maturity.

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A city filled with hatred and fear rooted in intense ethnic antagonisms and made worse by a constant stream of strangers. A city so lacking in stable networks of attachments that petty incidents would prompt mob violence. A city where crime flourished. A city repeatedly smashed by cataclysmic catastrophes: where a resident could expect literally to be homeless from time to time, providing that he or she was among the survivors.

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Acts II:21 ^{mv}

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Acts II:26b ^{mv}

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Why Did it Happen at Antioch?

New Way of Thinking

Acts II:25-26a ^{mv}

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch.

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Acts II:26b ^{mv}

So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people.

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Acts 11:28b ^{mv}

(This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

New Way of Thinking

New Story

New Community

New Identity

New Lord

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Acts 11:29-30 ^{mv}

The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

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Acts 11:20b-21 ^{mv}

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Acts 11:21 ^{mv}

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New Way of Living

Radically Inclusive and Welcoming

Served the Poor and Needy

Zealous in Sharing Good News

Committed to Learning

Non-Retaliatory and Forgiving

Rejected the Idols of the Culture

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Our wants and longings and desires are at the core of our identity, the wellspring from which our actions and behavior flow...Jesus is a teacher who doesn't just inform our intellect but forms our very loves. He isn't content to simply deposit new ideas into your mind; he is after nothing less than your wants, your loves, your longings...Discipleship is a way to curate your heart, to be attentive to and intentional about what you love.

James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*

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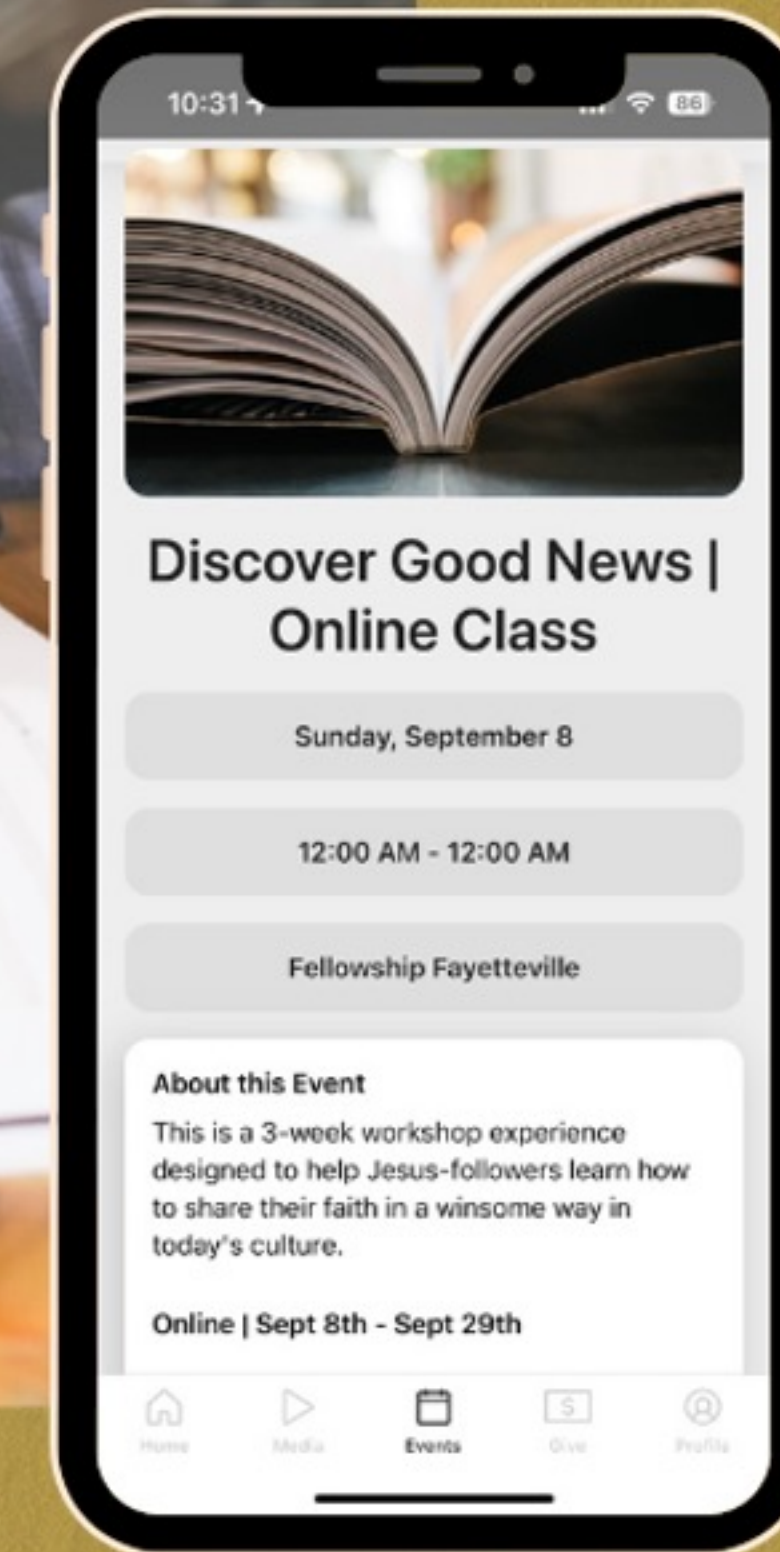
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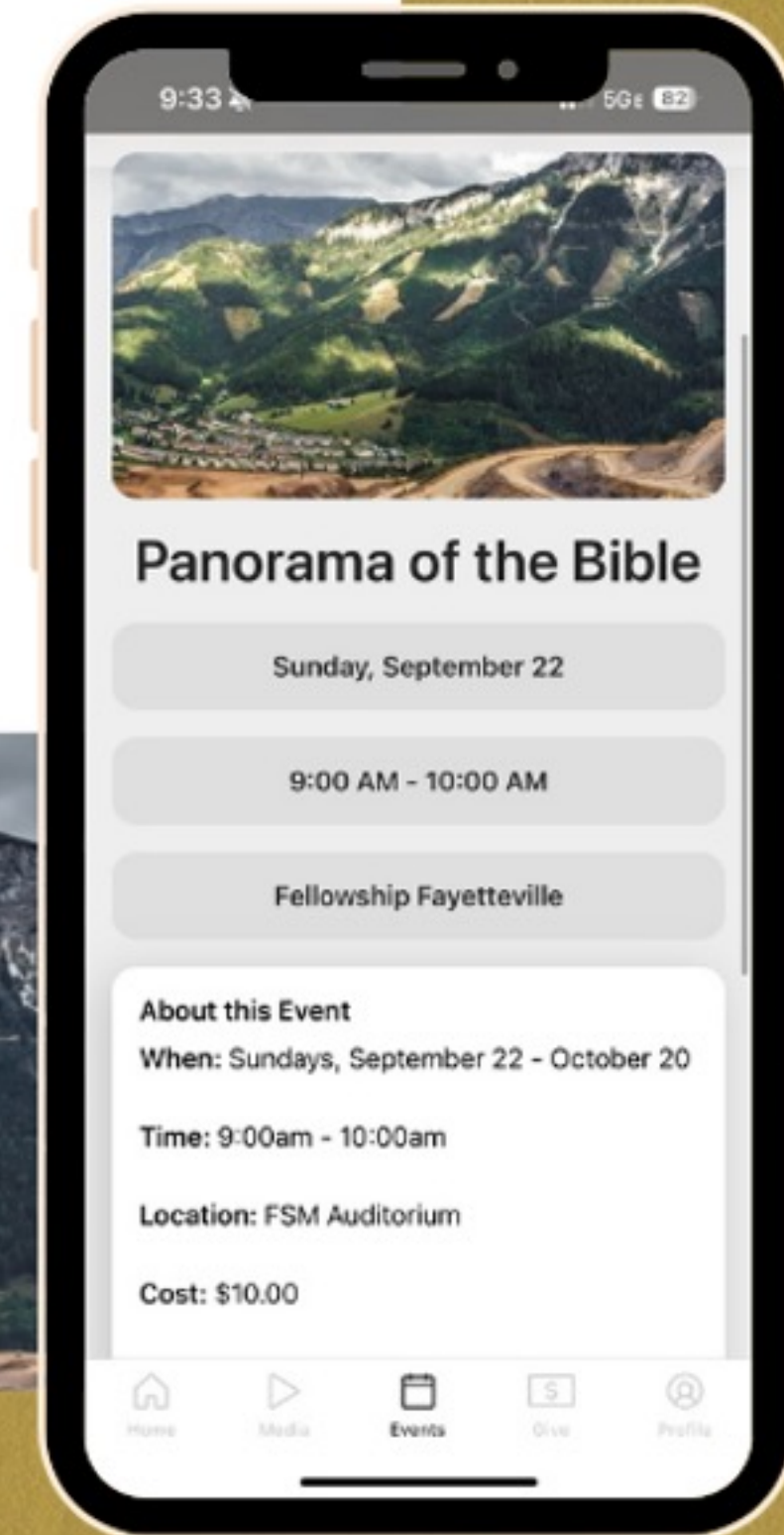
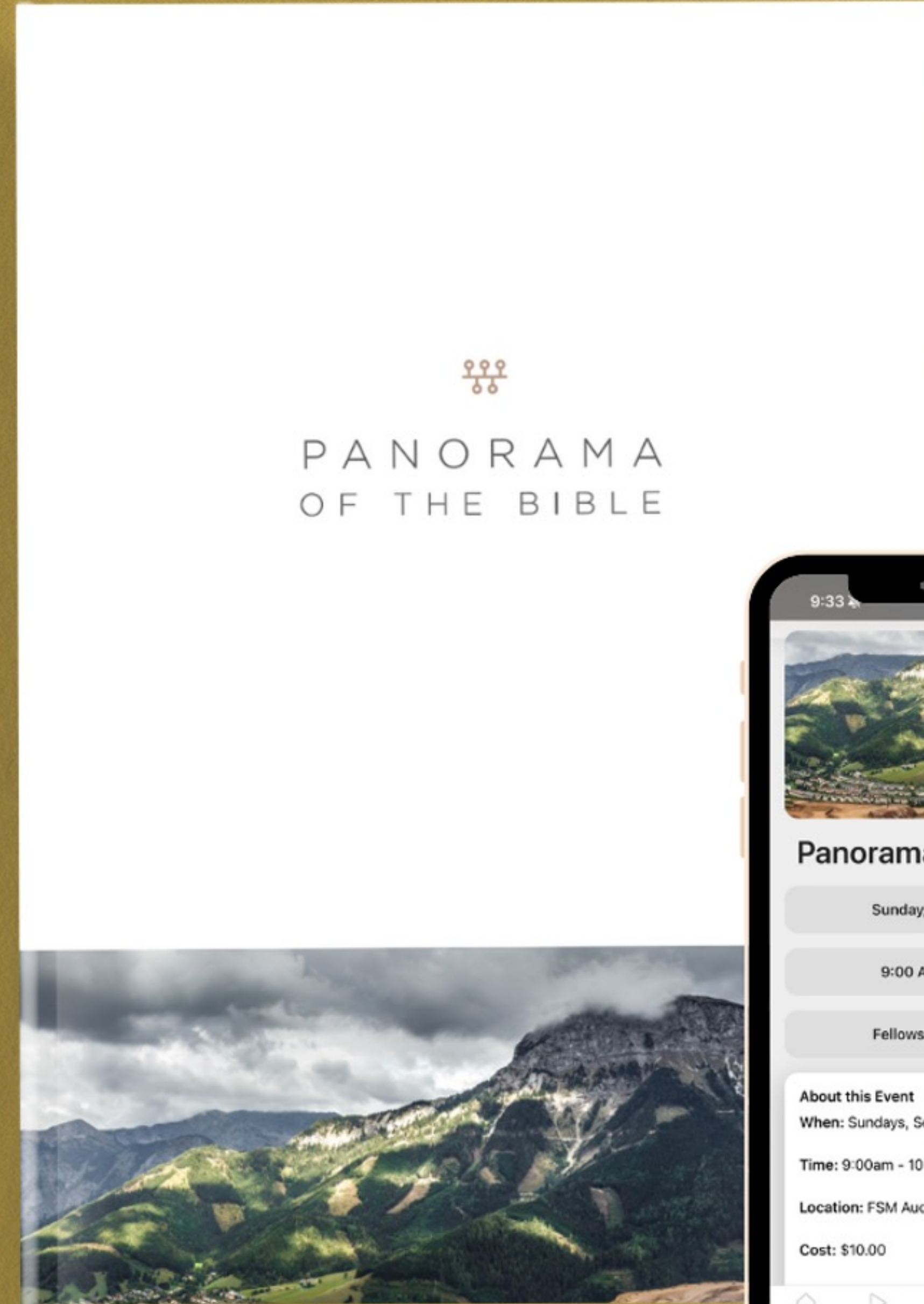
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