

# [PDF] The Underground Church: Reclaiming The Subversive Way Of Jesus

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#### Description:

**Review [STARRED REVIEW]** Meyers (*Why the Christian Right Is Wrong*) offers a number of subversive ideas in his latest, reminding readers that Jesus came to feed the hungry, wage nonviolence, and generally afflict the comfortable in his day. Today, the comfortable are seated in the pews of Christian churches, worshipping idols at twilight. Like many who use a traditional, prophetic voice, Meyers has a talent for putting theology on the ground and in the midst of life. Jesus

really does mean for us to feed people, as he did: hospitality is a cardinal Christian virtue. So is nonviolence, but it's so hard that most fail at a practice that demands discipline and sacrifice. Meyers calls for other practices running counter to the prevailing imperial culture, including low or no-interest moneylending and tithing, which may startle middle-class mainline Protestant churchgoers. Going back to basics is not a new idea, but Meyers writes with energy, intelligence, and conviction, adding to the choir calling for Christianity in a new key. (Feb.) (*Publishers Weekly*, December 21, 2011)

### **Review Praise for *The Underground Church***

"DANGER: The contents of this book are explosive and could turn the world upside down. About time!"

—**Bill Moyers**

"When was the last time you thought of going to church as dangerous? Once we challenged the status quo; now we mostly defend it. *The Underground Church* tells the story of how we forgot where we came from and why we must recover our subversive roots. Read this book if you dare. Become part of the movement if you are daring."

—**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

"Read this book. Written by a wordsmith, it is a passionate and challenging call to churches to be liberated from the cultural captivity of convention and into the 'underground church.'"

—**Marcus Borg**, canon theologian, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and author, *Speaking Christian*

"*The Underground Church* invites Christians to encounter a radical Jesus, to practice a subversive way of life, and to move beyond belief to love. This is no longer merely church—rather it is a movement that many are aching to join!"

—**Diana Butler Bass**, author, *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*

"As I read Robin Meyers's new book, I felt afresh how subversive the Christian way of life should be in relation to today's partisan ideologies and consumerist assumptions. He depicts a subversive, transformative, and hopeful identity for followers of Christ—one that I hope will be increasingly contagious."

—**Brian McLaren**, author, speaker, activist ([www.brianmclaren.net](http://www.brianmclaren.net))

"This beautifully written manifesto, grounded in the author's deep faith and faithful ministry, is manna for those of us who love what the church is called to be—but who have a lover's quarrel with the way it too often distorts the good news about love, justice, mercy, and care for 'the least of these.' May *The Underground Church* rise up and flower everywhere!"

—**Parker J. Palmer**

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