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Jesus' Words Still Ring True for the Church Today

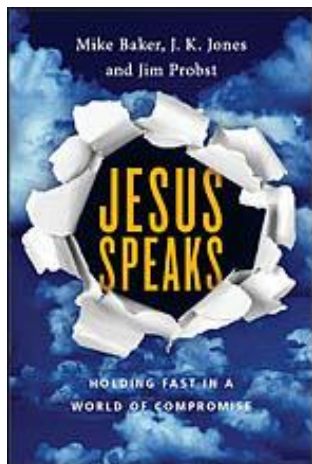
Coauthors Mike Baker, J. K. Jones, and Jim Probst wrote *Jesus Speaks* out of the distinct feeling that Jesus' words to the church in the first century are more relevant now than ever. Baker said, "If Jesus encouraged the church then to listen, how much more should we listen as he speaks?"

Using seven practical two-word challenges from Jesus, these pastors from Eastview Christian Church in Normal, Illinois provide a close-up look at what Jesus is saying to the church today.

1. Love First
2. No Fear
3. Live Holy
4. No Compromise
5. Wake Up
6. Hold Fast
7. Be Zealous

Jesus Speaks combines short devotional chapters with a seven-session small group guide, which forms a church-wide series when coupled with the companion seven-session DVD.

"We will encounter the resurrected Christ, he who has eyes like flames of fire, who holds seven stars in his right hand and who searches the minds and hearts of all humans," write Baker, Probst, and Jones. "His word comes to us like a two-edged sword, both encouraging and judging. Jesus extols those who hold fast in the face of religious and sexual temptations, but sternly warns those who follow false teachings. Though Jesus is speaking to seven ancient churches of Asia Minor, his words ring true today."



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Pastors Release *Jesus Speaks* Study Guide, Church Curriculum, and DVD Set



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