

THE UNSETTLING SOLUTION FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING

Undeserveable

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Scripture: John 1:14; Matthew 9:11-13; Luke 16:16; 23:32-33, 35, 39-43

Introduction

[I know I'm naïve to wonder this.]

I don't know why **everybody** wouldn't **want** Christianity to be true.

[Maybe not the version they grew up with or were exposed to, or maybe not what we've made it, but Jesus' irresistible version.]

[There's a big difference between...]

I don't **believe** it's true.

I don't **want** it to be true.

[Blaise Pascal was a 17th-century French mathematician, physicist, and philosopher. He wrote this...]

“People almost invariably arrive at their **beliefs** not on the basis of **proof**, but on the basis of what they **find attractive**.”

—Blaise Pascal, *L'Art de persuader*

[People were attracted to Jesus, and early Christianity was attractive. What makes the original version so attractive is summarized in a word—a word that makes me want it to be true. Perhaps it's a word that was never part of the equation for you.]

Grace

What we crave **most** when our guilt is **exposed**.

What we're hesitant to **extend** when confronted with the guilt of **others**.