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THE IMPOSSIBLE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

You Can't Obey the
Sermon on the Mount—
And That's Good News

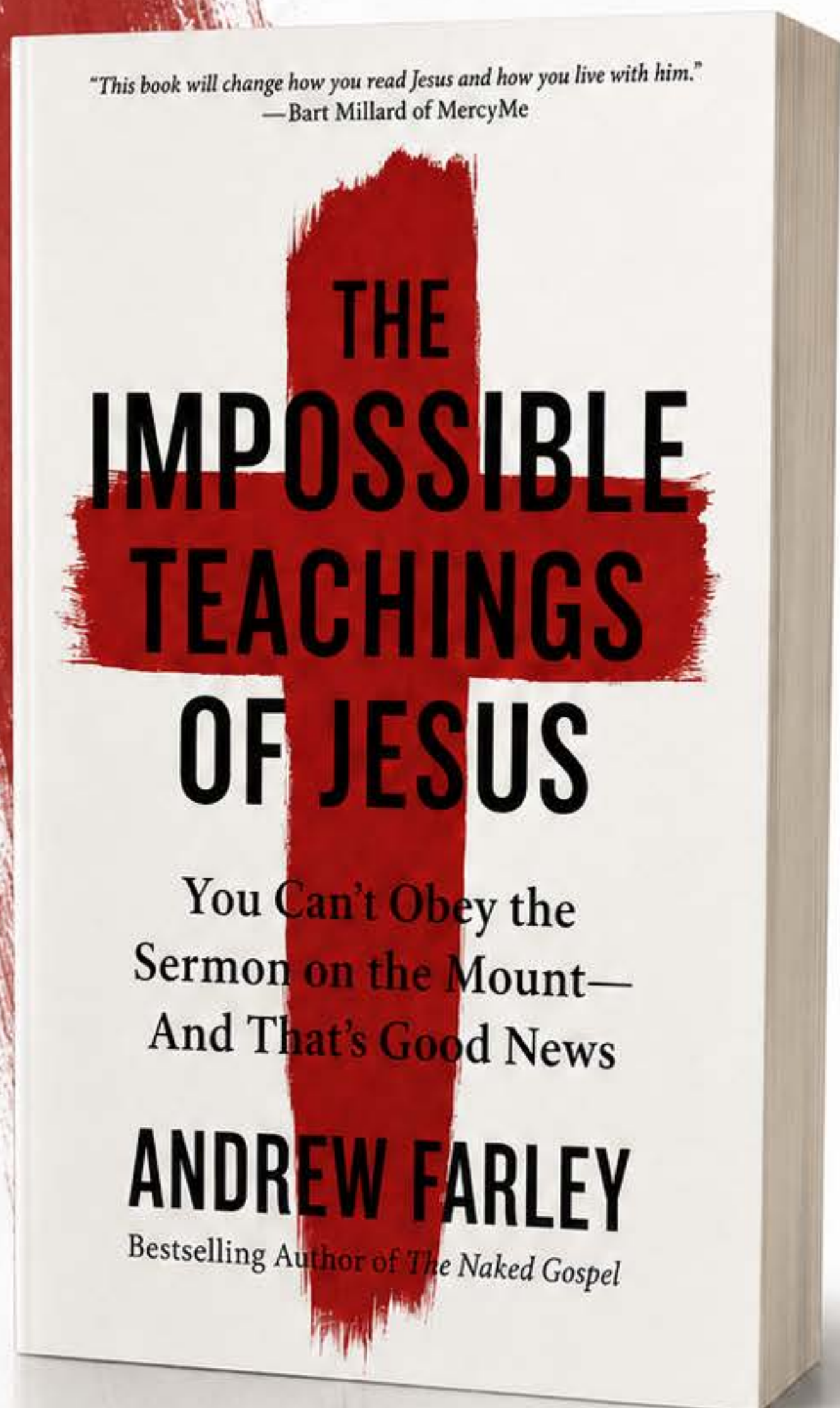
Andrew Farley

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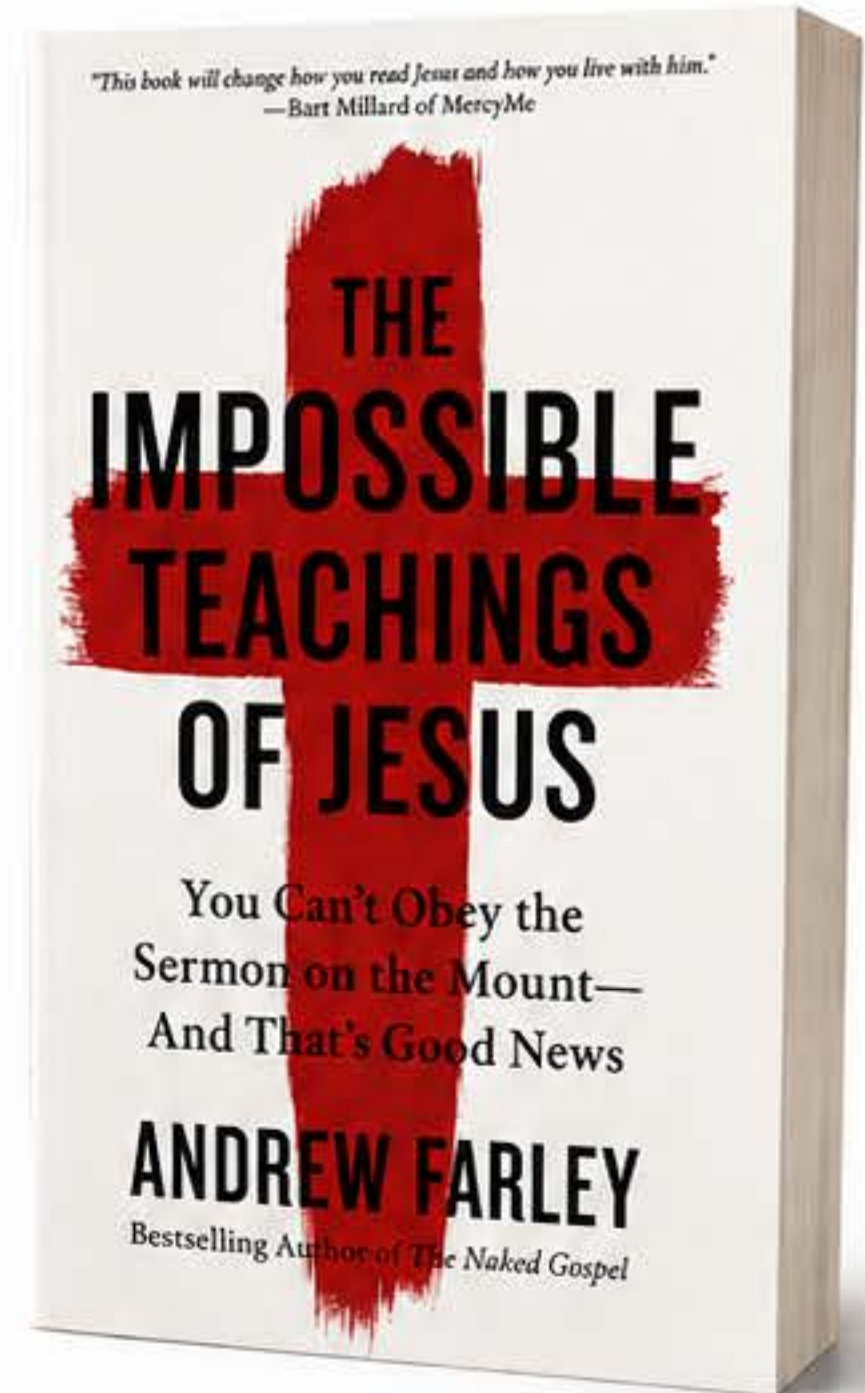
ABOUT THE BOOK

You can't obey the Sermon on the Mount—and that's good news.

In *The Impossible Teachings of Jesus*, Andrew Farley takes a fresh look at Matthew 5–7 and asks a question that changes everything: What if Jesus was not giving us a higher set of rules to master, but exposing just how impossible the true standard really is?

Jesus didn't lower the bar. He raised it beyond human reach. Anger becomes murder of the heart. Lust becomes adultery within. Loving your neighbor expands to loving your enemy. And "try your best" becomes "be perfect."

Farley shows how the Sermon on the Mount leads us beyond self-improvement, religious performance, and endless scorekeeping to something far better: the finished work of Christ and a completely new way of living.



+ WHAT READERS WILL DISCOVER

- > Why some of Jesus' most famous teachings seem impossible to obey
- > What "be perfect," "turn the other cheek," and "pluck out your eye" are really doing in the sermon
- > Why trying harder can never produce the righteousness God requires
- > How the Law exposes our need rather than becoming our path to spiritual maturity
- > What changes when you stop measuring yourself and start resting in what Christ has done
- > How grace produces a radically different kind of life than religious pressure ever could

It's not about trying harder.

It holds up a mirror, not a motivational speech.

Grace is the only answer.

+ WHO THIS BOOK IS FOR

- > Christians who have secretly wondered whether they're doing enough
- > People exhausted by trying to become the person they think God expects
- > Pastors, teachers, and Bible students who want to understand Jesus' hardest sayings in context
- > Seekers who find Jesus fascinating but wonder why some of His teachings seem so extreme

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrew Farley, Ph.D., is a bestselling author, pastor, and Bible teacher known for challenging religious assumptions and helping people discover the radical simplicity of God's grace. His books—including *The Naked Gospel*, *God Without Religion*, and *Twisted Scripture*—have helped readers around the world rethink what they've been taught about forgiveness, identity, the Law, and life in Christ.

He hosts a national live call-in program on SiriusXM, where listeners bring their toughest questions about God, Scripture, sin, salvation, and the Christian life.

Before entering full-time ministry, Andrew earned a Ph.D. in linguistics and served as a university professor. That background shapes his approach to Scripture: look carefully at the words, question assumptions, follow the context, and don't be afraid of where the text leads.



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SELECTED BOOKS

- † *The Naked Gospel*
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- † *Heaven Is Now*
- † *Relaxing with God*
- † *Twisted Scripture*
- † *The Perfect You*
- † *Gospel Zero*

BOOK DETAILS

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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Why the Sermon on the Mount feels impossible
- Was Jesus giving a new rulebook or exposing our need for grace?
- The difference between religious striving and gospel transformation
- How grace produces real freedom and real change

