

Celebrating Cutting Edge Christianity

“Christians were the first – and now perhaps we can say it happened a century earlier than we thought – to make the crucial transition from writing on a scroll to writing on a codex – that is, what we now call a book.”

(Carsten Peter Thiede)

Slow down and read that again. Meditate on its implications for us today. The Christian message was at first passed down by oral tradition – from the telling of one to the hearing of another. Then the message was recorded on scrolls, but finding a particular passage from a scroll was incredibly hard – you know, all that unrolling, hunting, and re-rolling the scroll. For the Christians the message was far too important to be held back by a problem with the format or presentation. So, committed to getting the message out, Christians began to cut the scrolls into pages, bind them together at one edge, and cover them with a decorative protective cover.

WHY?

So that the world might more easily know the Gospel. How far are you willing to go to get the message out? What kind of creativity are you willing to embrace? What change are you willing to pioneer because you so that more may know of, and come to love your Christ? In Luke 15, the shepherd searched for the sheep until; the homemaker poked and prodded under every piece of furniture until the coin was found; and the father of the Prodigal Son, stood at the gate looking for his son, until he came home.

***The more we are like Jesus,
We will go, search, strive, try, and create
Until the last lost one is reached.***