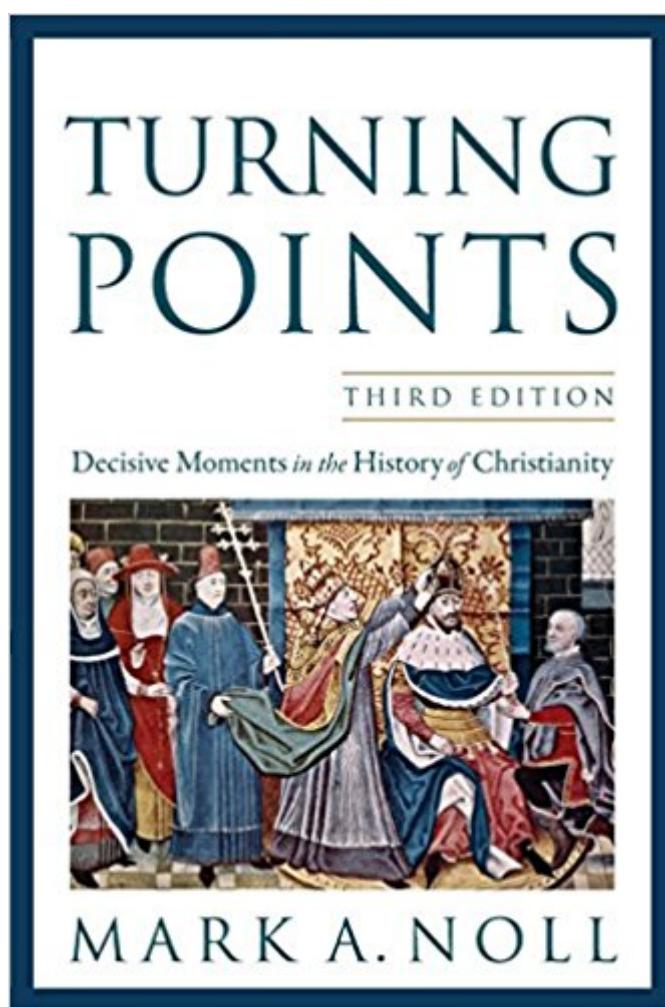


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# Turning Points: Decisive Moments In The History Of Christianity



## **Synopsis**

In this popular introduction to church history, now in its third edition, Mark Noll isolates key events that provide a framework for understanding the history of Christianity. The book presents Christianity as a worldwide phenomenon rather than just a Western experience. Now organized around fourteen key moments in church history, this well-received text provides contemporary Christians with a fuller understanding of God as he has revealed his purpose through the centuries. This new edition includes a new preface; updates throughout the book; revised "further readings" for each chapter; and two new chapters, including one spotlighting Vatican II and Lausanne as turning points of the recent past. Students in academic settings and church adult education contexts will benefit from this one-semester survey of Christian history.

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This new edition of Mark Noll's classic introduction to church history isolates fourteen key moments that provide a framework for understanding the history of Christianity. This version includes a new preface, updates throughout the book, revised further readings for each chapter, and two new chapters. Study questions are included. Praise for previous editions "This highly recommended work provides a thoughtful yet comprehensive framework for the history of Christianity." --George Westerlund, Library Journal "Noll's treatment of the material is evenhanded, engaging, and illuminating. This will be a useful text for readers seeking a historical framework within which to understand their Christian faith." --Publishers Weekly "An informative and inspiring survey of the

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For those of us who have never lost our love of church history - this is a book you will not want to put down. Both scholarly and at the same time plain speaking I found this book an absolute delight, full of historic insights and always thoroughly informative. As one proceeds from one turning point to another, one is made fully aware of the often painful journey that the Christian Church has endured across the centuries. A fascinating read, I commend 'Turning Points' without reservation.

This book really helped in pulling together loose ends as I was researching material for an overview of Church History for a church class. Some other books were so overwhelming with information that it was difficult to sort out what would be most important to present in the short time we had. Noll is very readable, presents the facts in a concise and fairly unbiased manner and keeps it all very interesting!

Good information. This book was a requirement for a class but I found the information interesting. The only thing I would have liked was an index in the back.

Received in a timely manner. This book is for my class and is very informative.

While reducing the whole of church history to a series of key events is difficult, Noll manages to give us the highlight reel. If you were to read one key book on church history, this might be the one chosen. With his customary flair for making the difficult legible, Noll creates a layman's guide to the major plays that shaped the church as we understand it today.

Received the book in timely manner and was pleased with its appearance!!! The book was perfect for my church history class that it was intended for, and was an interesting book.

We are doing a Bible Study on history of Christianity using this book as a guide. It is interesting and gives just enough detail.

It is a fascinating and insightful history book that explores the long-term ramifications of various events in Christian history. A good resource for understanding the church today, along with its heresies. Invaluable to a biblical historian.

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