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His themes are, ahem, resurrected by businessmen who seek to enumerate the most common problems in business. (Kim Phillips-Fein *The American Prospect*)

Barton is a pioneer in public relations...by making Jesus the founder of modern business. (Richard N. Ostling *Philadelphia Tribune*)

From the Publisher

When it was originally published in 1925, the book topped the nonfiction bestseller list. Its lessons for the modern businessman are even more compelling today.

From the Back Cover

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