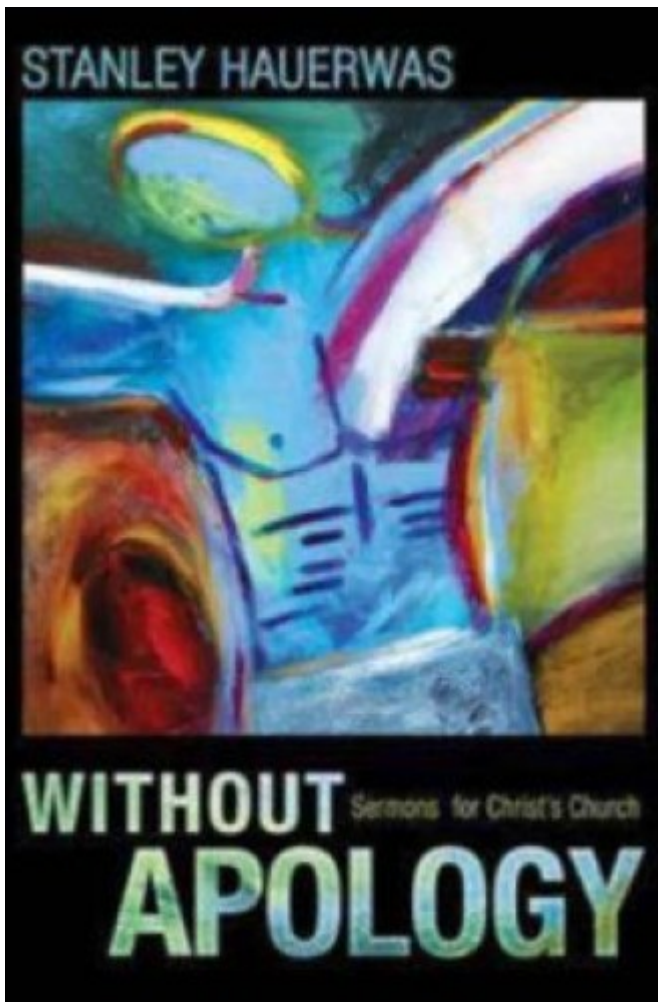


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Does it preach? That's the question sometimes asked of theology by people who believe it should be an ecclesial, rather than just an academic, discipline. Hauerwas, a layman, answers that question affirmatively in this collection of sermons, most of

which were preached in Episcopal churches, including the one where he is a member. "I find preaching to be theologically the most fertile work that I do," Hauerwas says in the introduction. "As far as I'm concerned I can discern no difference in the work I do as an academic theologian and when I am writing a sermon." An appendix includes "An Open Letter to Christians Beginning College," an essay that should be given to every college-bound high school graduate.