

# Case for Christ Vocabulary

*Words are in order as they appear in the movie.*

## Section 1

**Cop beat** – (slang) a reporting term that means news about cops (police officers)

**Golden boy** – (slang) sarcastic term for a man who is honored and looked up to by others

## Section 2

**Legal briefs** – legal documents that discuss a case, why the case is important, the facts surrounding the case, why someone might win the case

**Local rags** – (slang) local stories, news

**Sucking up** – (slang) saying nice things to people just to get something from them, like a job

**Discharge at a hospital** – a release from the hospital

**Scuffle** – physical fight

**Gangbanger** – (slang) member of a gang

**Put him away** – (idiom) put him in jail

## Section 3

**To charm a source** = (idiom) to be nice to the person so that you can get information from them

**Bible-thumper** = (slang, an insult) a person who always reads and talks about the Bible; a Bible fanatic

**Cult** = a group of people who believe a set of false teachings because they are influenced by a powerful leader or group. They stay in the group because of the pressure by the leader or the group.

**Hit piece** = (slang) an attack on someone or something through media

**Catch-22** = (idiom) no matter what you decide, both choices are going to lead to something bad

**To debunk** = to prove false

**Go for the jugular** = (idiom) to attack a person or situation in the most vulnerable area (the jugular is part of the throat)

**It's a house of cards** = (idiom) If you take the most important card out of a house made of cards, the entire house will fall. So, if you address the main issue in a case, then you will win the entire case.

**Lunatic** = crazy person

**Martyr** = a person who dies for their faith

**Religious zealot** – someone who is passionate about his faith

**Biased source** – a source of evidence that favors one side or the other

**Shrimpy** = (slang) short

**Hoax** – a fake story

## Section 4

**To dodge calls** – to not answer phone calls because you don't want to talk to someone

**PD** – Police Department

**Holster** – a holder for a gun that is wrapped around a person's waist

## Section 5

**Wayward** – following the wrong path

**To sit this one out** – (idiom) to not be a part of something or get involved

**To cut to the chase** – (idiom) to discuss my main point quickly

**Inept** – not competent, lacking good judgment

**To let the chips fall** – to accept a situation as it is

**Sherpa guide** = a man or woman who professionally guides people up steep mountains, like the Himalaya's

**Suspect** (adj) = fake, not credible or believable

## Section 6

**To walk on eggshells** – (idiom) to feel like we have to say things perfectly so that we don't offend another person who is easily offended

**To slip up** – to say something that you were supposed to keep hidden

**Informant** – someone who spies or gives information for someone else

**Gang task force** – a police department that focuses on crime among gangs

**Handler** – a person who directs another person; in this case, the handler gives direction to the informant

**Open and shut case** – (idiom) the case has an obvious solution, the problem is easy to solve

**Snitch** – someone who tattles on someone else

**Stoolie** – an informant

**The right ballpark** – (idiom) to have an understanding about a situation that is close to the truth

**Mandate** – an authoritative instruction, command, assignment, or purpose

**Brainwashed** – to be convinced of something through the deception, force, or strong coercion of others to the point that a person is no longer able to discern the truth

**Euphemism** – a word that is used indirectly to represent in an offensive way the word that is normally used for the same thing

## Section 7

**To corroborate** – to strengthen and support with other evidence, make more certain, confirm

**Felony** – a very serious crime that by law results in a higher level of punishment

**Discretion** – freedom to judge by your own power, authority, or will

–to make up an answer to a final charge in a courtroom just to make the process easier

**To cop a plea / To plea out** – (slang) to declare yourself guilty in a courtroom just to get a lesser punishment

**To pan out** – to turn out, to happen in a certain way

**Graf** – (journalism) paragraph

**Delusional** – a psychiatric condition where a person believes things that aren't real

**To have a screw loose** – (slang) to have something slightly wrong with a person's mind that keeps them from thinking correctly

**Mass psychosis** – a large group of people who've gone crazy

**Academic street cred** – (slang) strong academic background and experience in a field of work

**Agnostic** – does not believe or disbelieve in God, perhaps doesn't know if there is a God

**Skeptic** – someone who believes that something is likely false

**Zombie** – (literal) a walking dead person; (slang) a person who isn't thinking for themselves; a person who is exhausted because of lack of sleep

**Hallucination** – a vision that a person sees but is not real

**Hypnotist** – a person who helps another person to fall asleep with a series of exercises to relax or trick the mind

**Profound** – deeply felt or intense, far-reaching

**Mesmerized** – hypnotized; fascinated with a feeling of awe

## Section 8

**Spleen** – an organ located to the left side of the stomach that stores blood, destroys old cells, produces white blood cells that fight infection, and filters the blood.

**Weapon barrel** – a straight tube where the weapon shoots a bullet, spear, canon, etc.

To play a person – to trick a person into believing something that isn't true

**Retraction** – to withdraw a statement or belief

**Press** – (journalism) a machine used to print an article; news media

**To swoon** – to faint

**To concede** – to admit or acknowledge

**Phenomenon** – a mysterious event that cannot be explained by science

**Rubbish** – garbage, nonsense

**To lash** – to whip or strike with a long strap

**To scourge** – to whip to the point of torture

**To pummel** – to hit with a heavy blow repeatedly

**Savagely** – like something a wild animal would do

**Braided** – twisted in a way that the pieces overlap

**Sinew** – tendon (tissue that connects muscle with bone)

**To collapse** – to fall to ground because of physical weakness or a weak structure

**To spike** – to drive a nail into something

**Agonizing** – extremely painful for a long time

**Asphyxiation** – suffocation, the inability to breathe due to lack of oxygen

**To inhale** – to breath in

**To shove** – to push forcefully

**Inevitably** – unavoidably, with certainty that something will happen

**To attest** – to confirm as true

**Final nail in the coffin** – (idiom) the most important point to discredit (prove false) a theory

**Pericardial effusion** – a medical term for fluid in the sac around the heart (the pericardium)

**Impartial** – not preferring one opinion or view over another (vs. **partial** – to prefer one opinion or view over another)

**Stellar** – relating to stars, outstanding, ranking high above others

**To inflict** – to strike; to cause something harmful to a person, group, or area

## Section 9

**To kick up** – (idiom) to increase in power or speed

**Cosmos** – universe

**Leap of faith** – (idiom) to have faith without great certainty or without having all the answers

**Banished** – to be cast out of a society, community, or placed and forbidden to reenter

**A lick of time** – (slang) a very short amount of time

**To put up or shut up** – (slang) to prove something or stop talking about it

**Where the chili meets the cheese** – (slang) the most important or true conclusion

**To hinge on** – to depend on as a cornerstone (the main point)

## Section 10

**To hang with someone (through a conversation)** – to stay focused on what the person is saying and let them finish their point to understand the full situation

**To freak out** – to get extremely angry, upset, or anxious and lose control

**A con** – a lie

**To fathom** – to lie

**Protocol** – official process or steps to follow

**To pitch** – (slang) to propose an idea to someone

**Odyssey** – a long journey of discovery, experiences, and/or adventure

**Skepticism** – disbelief and doubt

**Credibility** – trustworthiness relating to telling the truth, believability