

Jesus Seminar



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Birmingham, Alabama

April 17–18, 2015

Jesus in the First & Twenty-first Centuries

Joseph A. Bessler & Arthur J. Dewey

How do the economic, social and political assumptions of the first century throw light on the historical Jesus?

What happens when we set his wisdom over against those assumptions? Art Dewey and Joe Bessler explain how scholars determine Jesus' authentic words and deeds. They explore how he came to be understood as divine, and how that, in turn, influenced Christian teaching and the formation of dogma. Could the wisdom of the historical Jesus give us survival tools in this increasingly irreligious age?

How to Live in an Empire: Then and Now

The Wisdom of the Pre-mythic Jesus

Jesus among the Platonists

Jesus and Democratic Discourse

Where does this conversation lead us?

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All Sessions

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Friday Evening, 7:30–9 p.m.	\$20
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