

The Historical Jesus

Elective Course, The Theology Program

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Course Description

A course surveying from an evangelical Christian perspective the issues and major views in contemporary scholarship as well as popular culture in the field of historical Jesus studies.

Course Schedule

This course will meet Tuesday nights, 7:30—9:00 p.m. Eastern time, for ten straight weeks, beginning on September 15, 2009, and finishing on November 17, 2009.

Assigned and Recommended Readings

Students will want to study carefully the assigned pages from the instructor's course handout, *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, available free from The Theology Program for those formally enrolled in the course. Students will also be assigned readings accessible free online. Inclusion of these readings in the curriculum does not imply endorsement of the views those readings express. See the detailed schedule below for a list of all these readings.

Students are encouraged but not required to read one or more introductory books on the subject of the Gospels and the historical Jesus. Any of the following would be a very good choice:

Barnett, Paul W. *Finding the Historical Christ*. After Jesus, Volume 3. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.

Bauckham, Richard A. *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses: The Gospels as Eyewitness Testimonies*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008.

Blomberg, Craig L. *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey*. 2nd ed. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2009.

Bock, Darrell L. *Jesus according to Scripture: Restoring the Portrait from the Gospels*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.

Eddy, Paul R., and Gregory A. Boyd. *The Jesus Legend: A Case for the Historical Reliability of the Synoptic Jesus Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.

Honors Reading: Any of the books listed above or elsewhere in this syllabus, or in the lecture outlines handout, are acceptable for those doing honors reading. In general, online articles are not acceptable for honors reading.

Course Assignments

1. Complete all assigned readings as listed in the schedule that follows below.
2. Quizzes: There will be three quizzes, one following the third class, one following the sixth class, and one following the last class. Once the student looks at the quiz, he or she must take the quiz. In other words, you cannot look at the quiz and then study the terms.

Class Schedule

Date	Topic
9/15	The Quests for the Historical Jesus: Methods, Theories, and the Make-Your-Own-Jesus Game
9/22	Pharisees and Sadducees and Herodians, Oh My! The World in Which Jesus Lived
9/29	Matthew, Mark, and Luke: The Sources All the Scholars Use
10/5	The Gospel of John: Why the Fourth Gospel Is Getting Renewed Respect
10/12	Jesus According to Non-Christians: What Pagans, Jews, and Gnostics Thought about Jesus
10/19	Will the Real Jesus of Nazareth Please Stand Up? Skeptics, Mystics, and the Core Historical Facts about Jesus
10/26	Was Jesus Liberal or Conservative? Reexamining the Teachings of Jesus
11/3	Who Does He Think He Is? Jesus' Messianic and Divine Claims
11/10	Why Did Jesus Die? History, Theology, and the Cross
11/17	Where No Prophet Has Gone Before: The Resurrection and the Historical Jesus

Class Lecture and Discussion Format

In each class session, the instructor will lecture for approximately one hour, after which will be a discussion/Q&A period of about half an hour. Priority will be given in this discussion period to those individuals who are formally enrolled in the course. Please keep in mind that many of the issues discussed in this course are controversial. We welcome and encourage those with viewpoints differing from the instructor to ask questions or make comments, but to do so in a way that is not contentious or inflammatory.

Readings List

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The Quests for the Historical Jesus: Methods, Theories, and the Make-Your-Own-Jesus Game

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 3-4.

Craig, William Lane. "Rediscovering the Historical Jesus: The Evidence for Jesus." *Faith and Mission* 15 (1998): 16-26.

<http://www.leaderu.com/offices/billcraig/docs/rediscover2.html>.

Recommended Reading:

Bock, Darrell L. *Studying the Historical Jesus: A Guide to Sources and Methods*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2002.

Boyd, Gregory A. *Cynic Sage or Son of God? Recovering the Real Jesus in an Age of Revisionist Replies*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books—A BridgePoint Book, 1995. The biblical scholars offering the most sophisticated defenses today of the theory that Jesus was merely a great religious teacher are John Dominic Crossan and Burton L. Mack. Boyd examines their positions and arguments in detail and shows their deep flaws.

Evans, Craig A. *Fabricating Jesus: How Modern Scholars Distort the Gospels*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2006.

Pate, C. Marvin, and Sheryl L. Pate. *Crucified in the Media: Finding the Real Jesus amidst Today's Headlines*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2005.

Witherington, Ben, III. *The Jesus Quest: The Third Search for the Jew of Nazareth*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Michael Bird, "Shouldn't Evangelicals Participate in the 'Third Quest for the Historical Jesus'?" *Themelios* 29.2 (Spring 2004): 5-14.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/quest_bird.pdf.

Boyd, Gregory A. "The Jesus Seminar and the Reliability of the Gospels."

<http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/new-testament/are-the-gospels-reliable/>.

Boyd, Gregory A. "Naturalism and the Historical Jesus."

<http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/new-testament/the-jesus-seminar/>.

Bruce, F. F. "History and the Gospel." *Faith & Thought* 93.3 (1964): 121-45.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/ft/history-and-the-gospel_bruce.pdf.

Burer, Michael H. "A Survey of Historical Jesus Studies: From Reimarus to Wright."

<http://bible.org/article/survey-historical-jesus-studies-reimarus-wright>.

Craig, William Lane. "Rediscovering the Historical Jesus: Presuppositions and Pretensions of the Jesus Seminar." *Faith and Mission* 15 (1998): 3-15.

<http://www.leaderu.com/offices/billcraig/docs/rediscover1.html>.

Kirby, Peter. "Historical Jesus Theories." Provides an overview of various theories (mostly skeptical and liberal). <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/theories.html>.

Pahl, Michael. "Is Jesus Lost? Evangelicals and the Search for the Historical Jesus." *Themelios* 31.2 (Jan 2006): 6-19. <http://michaelpahl.googlepages.com/PahlMW--IsJesusLost-EvangelicalsandtheSearchfortheHistoricalJesusThem2006.pdf>.

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Pharisees and Sadducees and Herodians, Oh My! The World in Which Jesus Lived

Required Reading:

Scott, J. Julius, Jr. "Pharisees" and "Sadducees." In *Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. Walter A. Elwell. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.
<http://www.biblestudytools.com/Dictionaries/BakersEvangelicalDictionary/bed.cgi>.
<http://www.biblestudytools.com/Dictionaries/BakersEvangelicalDictionary/bed.cgi?number=T621>.

Recommended Reading:

- Barrett, C. K., ed. *The New Testament Background: Writings from Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire that Illuminate Christian Origins*. Rev. and expanded ed. London: SPCK, 1987; New York: HarperCollins, 1989.
- Bell, Albert A., Jr. *Exploring the New Testament World: An Illustrated Guide to the World of Jesus and the First Christians*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1998.
- Bock, Darrell L., and Gregory J. Herrick, eds. *Jesus in Context: Background Readings for Gospel Study*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005.
- Bruce, F. F. *New Testament History*. New York: Doubleday, 1971; Anchor Books, 1972; Doubleday-Galilee, 1980. The first 150 pages or so are a classic exposition of the historical and cultural context of Jesus' life.
- Evans, Craig A. *Ancient Texts for New Testament Studies: A Guide to the Background Literature*. Peabody, MA; Hendrickson, 2005.
- Helyer, Larry R. *Exploring Jewish Literature of the Second Temple Period: A Guide for New Testament Students*. Christian Classics Bible Studies. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2002.
- House, H. Wayne. *Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament*. 2nd ed. ZondervanCharts. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.
- Scott, J. Julius. *Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2000.
- Boyd, Gregory A. "Is There Archaeological Support for the Reliability of the Gospels?" <http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/is-there-archeological-support-for-the-reliability-of-the-gospels/>.
- Bruce, F. F. "Qumran and the New Testament." *Faith and Thought* 90.2 (1958): 92-102. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/ft/qumran-nt_bruce.pdf.

- Bruce, F. F. "Jesus and the Gospels in the Light of the Scrolls." In *The Scrolls and Christianity*, ed. Matthew Black, 70-82. SPCK Theological Collections 11. London: SPCK, 1969. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/ffb/light-of-the-scrolls_bruce.pdf.
- Bruce, F. F. "Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee and Peraea." *The Annual of Leeds University Oriental Society* 5 (1963/65): 6-23. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/herod_bruce.pdf.
- Carson, D. A. "The Jewish Leaders in Matthew's Gospel: A Reappraisal." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 25/2 (June 1982): 161-74. http://www.etsjets.org/files/JETS-PDFs/25/25-2/25-2-pp161-174_JETS.pdf.
- Evans, Craig A. "Mark's Incipit and the Priene Calendar Inscription: From Jewish Gospel to Greco-Roman Gospel." *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 1 (2000): 67-81. <http://www.craigaevas.com/Priene%20art.pdf>. Technical article arguing that Mark shaped his Gospel to contrast Jesus with Caesar.

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Matthew, Mark, and Luke: The Sources All the Scholars Use

Required Reading:

- Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 5-14.
- Bruce, F. F. *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* 5th ed. Chapter IV, "The Gospels." <http://www.worldinvisible.com/library/ffbruce/ntdocrli/ntdocc04.htm>. Read Part I, "The Synoptic Gospels." Older but still classic work.

Recommended Reading:

- Black, David Alan, and David Beck, eds. *Rethinking the Synoptic Problem*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
- Burridge, Richard A. *What Are the Gospels? A Comparison with Graeco-Roman Biography*. SNTSMS 70. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992. 2nd ed., Grand Rapids: Eerdmans; Dearborn, MI: Dove Booksellers, 2004.
- McKnight, Scot. *Interpreting the Synoptic Gospels*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988.
- Stein, Robert H. *Studying the Synoptic Gospels: Origin and Interpretation*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001. First ed., *The Synoptic Problem: An Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987. An evangelical treatment that argues for the view held by most scholars that Mark was first and Matthew and Luke both borrowed from Mark.
- Bauckham, Richard A. "For Whom Were the Gospels Written?" *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 55 (1999): 865-82. A summary of the argument of chapter 1 in Richard Bauckham, ed., *The Gospels for all Christians: Rethinking the Gospel Audiences* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1997). Challenges the conventional scholarly assumption that each of the Gospels was written for a distinct Christian community. <http://personal1.stthomas.edu/dtlandry/bauckham.htm>.
- Boyd, Gregory A. "How Details in the Gospels Support Their Historicity." Focuses especially on Mark and its inclusion of potentially embarrassing details.

<http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/how-details-in-the-gospels-support-their-historicity/>.

Boyd, Gregory A. “How Reliable Were the Early Church’s Oral Traditions?” Discusses oral traditions and eyewitness testimony and their relevance to the Gospels.

<http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/how-reliable-was-the-early-churchs-oral-traditions/>.

Goodacre, Mark. “Ten Reasons to Question Q.” <http://www.markgoodacre.org/Q/ten.htm>.

Goodacre, Mark. “Fallacies at the Heart of Q.” <http://www.markgoodacre.org/Q/fallacy.htm>.

Osborne, Grant R. “Historical Criticism and the Evangelical.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 42:2 (March 1999): 193-210.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_criticism_osborne.html. Discusses Gospel criticism (source, form, redaction), harmonization, and whether the Gospels intend to give us the exact words of Jesus.

Scott, J. W. “Matthew’s Intention to Write History.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 47 (1985): 68-81. http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/Ted_Hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/WTJ-NT/Scott-MatthewHistory-WTJ.htm.

Tilling, Chris. “Jesus and the Eyewitnesses.” A series of blog posts summarizing and discussing Bauckham’s *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*, with several responses from Bauckham.

<http://www.christilling.de/blog/2006/11/jesus-and-eyewitnesses-outline-of.html>.

Wallace, Daniel B. “Luke: Introduction, Argument, and Outline.”

<http://bible.org/seriespage/luke-introduction-outline-and-argument>.

Wallace, Daniel B. “Mark: Introduction, Argument, and Outline.”

<http://bible.org/seriespage/mark-introduction-argument-and-outline>.

Wallace, Daniel B. “Matthew: Introduction, Argument, and Outline.”

<http://bible.org/seriespage/matthew-introduction-argument-and-outline>.

Wallace, Daniel B. “The Synoptic Problem.” Introduction to the problem, defending the two-source hypothesis (Mark written first; Matthew and Luke both used Q).

<http://bible.org/article/synoptic-problem>.

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The Gospel of John:

Why the Fourth Gospel Is Getting Renewed Respect

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 15-18.

Blomberg, Craig L. “The Historical Reliability of John.”

<http://www.4truth.net/site/apps/nl/content3.asp?c=hiKXLbPNLrF&b=784441&ct=981291>.

Recommended Reading:

Blomberg, Craig L. *The Historical Reliability of John’s Gospel: Issues and Commentary*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Burge, Gary M. *Interpreting the Gospel of John*. Guides to New Testament Exegesis 5. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992.

Hamilton, James Merrill, Jr. “Did Jesus Really Raise Lazarus from the Dead? A Test Case for Harmonization between the Synoptics and the Fourth Gospel.” <http://bible.org/article/did-jesus-really-raise-lazarus-dead>.

Harris, W. Hall, III. “Major Differences between John and the Synoptic Gospels.” <http://bible.org/seriespage/major-differences-between-john-and-synoptic-gospels>.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *Encountering John: The Gospel in Historical, Literary, and Theological Perspective*. Encountering Biblical Studies. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

Wallace, Daniel B. “The Gospel of John: Introduction, Argument, Outline.” <http://www.bible.org/docs/soapbox/jnotl.htm>.

Wenham, David. “A Historical View of John’s Gospel.” *Themelios* 23.2 (February 1998): 5-21. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_historical_dwenham.html.

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Jesus According to Non-Christians: What Pagans, Jews, and Gnostics Thought about Jesus

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 19-21.

Boyd, Gregory A. “Corroborating Historical Evidence of the New Testament.” What such ancient writers as Pliny, Tacitus, and Josephus tell us about Jesus. <http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/corroborating-historical-evidence-of-the-new-testament/>.

Boyd, Gregory A. “Finding an Alternative Jesus.” Discusses Secret Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Peter, the Gospel of Thomas, and Q, with special attention to Burton Mack’s Q speculations, and concludes with the reliability of Acts. <http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/finding-an-alternative-jesus/>.

Recommended Reading:

Bruce, F. F. *Jesus and Christian Origins outside the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974.

Habermas, Gary R. *The Historical Jesus: Ancient Evidence for the Life of Christ*. Joplin, MO: College Press, 1996. Rev. ed. of *The Verdict of History: Conclusive Evidence for the Life of Jesus*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1988.

Mason, Steven. *Josephus and the New Testament*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1992.

Van Voorst, Robert E. *Jesus outside the New Testament: An Introduction to the Ancient Evidence*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Bruce, F. F. “The Gospels and Some Recent Discoveries.” *Faith & Thought* 92.3 (1962): 149-67. Deals primarily with apocryphal gospel discoveries, especially from the Nag Hammadi texts. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/ft/recent-discoveries_bruce.pdf.

Neale, D. "Was Jesus a *Mesith*? Public Response to Jesus and His Ministry." *Tyndale Bulletin* 44.1 (1993): 89-101.

http://98.131.162.170/tynbul/library/TynBull_1993_44_1_05_Neal_JesusMesith.pdf.

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Will the Real Jesus of Nazareth Please Stand Up? Skeptics, Mystics, and the Core Historical Facts about Jesus

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 22-24.

Bruce, F. F. "Paul and the Historical Jesus." *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 56 (1974): 317-35.

http://www.theologicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/bjrl/historical_bruce.pdf.

Recommended Reading:

Eddy, Paul R., and Gregory A. Boyd. *The Jesus Legend: A Case for the Historical Reliability of the Synoptic Jesus Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.

Harris, Murray J. *Three Crucial Questions about Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994.

Twelftree, Graham H. *Jesus the Miracle Worker: A Historical & Theological Study*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Bruce, F. F. "Jesus and Paul." *TSF Bulletin* 46 (Autumn 1966): 21-26.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/jesus-and-paul_bruce.pdf.

Evans, Craig A. "Jesus and the 'Cave of Robbers': Toward a Jewish Context for the Temple Action." *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 3 (1993): 93-110.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/temple_evans.pdf.

Stein, Robert H. "The 'Criteria' for Authenticity," in *Gospel Perspectives*, Vol. 1, *Studies of History and Tradition in the Four Gospels*, ed. R. T. France and David Wenham, 225-63. Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1980.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/gp1_authenticity_stein.pdf.

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Was Jesus Liberal or Conservative? Reexamining the Teachings of Jesus

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 25-26.

Habermas, Gary R. "Jesus and the Inspiration of Scripture." *Areopagus Journal* (Jan. 2002).

http://www.garyhabermas.com/articles/areopagus_jesusinspirationscripture/areopagus_jesusinspirationscripture.htm. Shows that Jesus held to the full inspiration of Scripture.

Recommended Reading:

- Blomberg, Craig L. *Interpreting the Parables*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1990.
- Sider, J. W. *Interpreting the Parables: A Hermeneutical Guide to Their Meaning*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
- Stein, Robert H. *The Method and Message of Jesus' Teachings*. Rev. ed. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994.
- Fredriksen, Paula. "Did Jesus oppose the purity laws?" *Bible Review* 11/3 (1995): 18-25, 42-47. Interesting article by a Jewish scholar specializing in historical Jesus research. http://www.bu.edu/religion/faculty/bios/fredriksen/purity_laws.pdf.
- Keck, Leander E. "The Second Coming of the Liberal Jesus?" *Christian Century* (August 24-31, 1994): 784-87. Non-evangelical, mainline scholar critiques the liberal Jesus theories of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. <http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=31>.
- Wenham, David. "How Jesus Understood the Last Supper: a Parable in Action." *Themelios* 20.2 (1995): 11-16. http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_supper_dwenham.html.

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**Who Does He Think He Is?
Jesus' Messianic and Divine Claims**

Required Reading:

- Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 27-29.
- Bowman, Robert M., Jr. "FAQ on the Trinity, 2: Why didn't Jesus claim to be God?" <http://www.religiousresearcher.org/blog/?p=44>.
- Boyd, Gregory A. "Is Jesus Unique?" Critiques the view that Jesus was a psychosomatic healer (Borg, Vermes, Freyne), that the stories about him are comparable to those of Hellenistic "divine men" (e.g., Alexander the Great) or miracle workers (Apollonius of Tyana) or the mystery religions (so Burton Mack) or magicians (so Morton Smith) or Jewish miracle workers (so Vermes again). <http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/is-jesus-unique/>.

Recommended Reading:

- Bowman, Robert M., Jr., and J. Ed Komoszewski. *Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007.
- Gathercole, Simon J. *The Preexistent Son: Recovering the Christologies of Matthew, Mark, and Luke*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006.
- Witherington, Ben, III. *The Christology of Jesus*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1990.

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Why Did Jesus Die?

History, Theology, and the Cross

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, p. 30.

Sandnes, Karl Olav. "The Death of Jesus for Human Sins: the Historical Basis for a Theological Concept." *Themelios* 20.1 (1994): 20-23.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_jesus_sandnes.html.

Recommended Reading:

Brown, Raymond E. *The Death of the Messiah: From Gethsemane to Grave. A Commentary on the Passion Narratives in the Four Gospels*. 2 Vols. Anchor Bible Reference Library. New York: Doubleday, 1993.

Evans, Craig A., and N. T. Wright. *Jesus, the Final Days: What Really Happened*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Berg, Laurna. "The Illegalities of Jesus' Religious and Civil Trials." *Bibliotheca Sacra* (July 2004).

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_Passion_The_Illegalities_of_Jesus_Religious_and_Civil_Trials.pdf.

Charlesworth, J. H. "Jesus and Jehohanan: An Archaeological Note on Crucifixion." *Expository Times* (Feb. 1973).

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/jesus/crucifixion.html>.

Hoehner, Harold W. "Why Did Pilate Hand Jesus Over to Antipas?" Ernst Bammel, ed., In *The Trial of Jesus. Cambridge Studies in honour of C.F.D. Moule*, ed. Ernst Bammel, 84-90. *Studies in Biblical Theology, Second Series* 13. London: SCM Press, 1970.

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/antipas_hoehner.pdf.

Humphreys, Colin J., and W.G. Waddington. "The Jewish Calendar, a Lunar Eclipse and the Date of Christ's Crucifixion." *Tyndale Bulletin* 43.2 (1992): 331-51.

http://98.131.162.170/tynbul/library/TynBull_1992_43_2_06_Humphreys_DateChristsCrucifixion.pdf.

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Where No Prophet Has Gone Before: The Resurrection and the Historical Jesus

Required Reading:

Bowman, Robert M., Jr. *Historical Jesus: Outlines and Notes*, pp. 31-36.

Habermas, Gary R. "Resurrection Research from 1975 to the Present: What Are Critical Scholars Saying?" *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 3.2 (2005): 135-53.

http://www.garyhabermas.com/articles/J_Study_Historical_Jesus_3-2_2005/J_Study_Historical_Jesus_3-2_2005.htm.

Recommended Reading:

- Copan, Paul, ed. *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? A Debate between William Lane Craig and John Dominic Crossan*. Moderated by William F. Buckley, Jr. With responses from Robert J. Miller, Craig L. Blomberg, Marcus Borg, and Ben Witherington III. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. Perhaps the most interesting published debate on the resurrection of Jesus.
- Craig, William Lane. *Assessing the New Testament Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus*, Studies in the Bible and Early Christianity 16. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen, 1989.
- Habermas, Gary R., and Antony G. N. Flew. *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? The Resurrection Debate*. Edited by Terry L. Miethe. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987.
- Boyd, Gregory A. "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?"
<http://www.gregboyd.org/essays/apologetics/did-jesus-rise-from-the-dead/>.
- Craig, William Lane. "The Guard at the Tomb." *New Testament Studies* 30 (1984): 273-81.
<http://www.leaderu.com/offices/billcraig/docs/guard.html>.
- Craig, William Lane. "The Historicity of the Empty Tomb of Jesus." *New Testament Studies* 31 (1985): 39-67. <http://www.leaderu.com/offices/billcraig/docs/tomb2.html>.
- Evans, Craig A. "Jewish Burial Traditions and the Resurrection of Jesus." *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 3 (2005): 233-48.
http://www.craigaevas.com/Burial_Traditions.pdf.
- Habermas, Gary R. "The Case for Christ's Resurrection." In *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian World View*, ed. Francis J. Beckwith, William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland, 180-198. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004. Online:
http://www.garyhabermas.com/books/inbook_to-everyone-an-answer/habermas_case-for-xp-res.htm.
- Habermas, Gary R. "Dale Allison's Resurrection Skepticism: A Critique." *Philosophia Christi* 10 (2008): 303-313. Online:
http://www.garyhabermas.com/articles/phil_christi/habermas_phil_christi_dale_allisons_res_skept.htm.