

JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD



Calgary, Alberta

September 11-12, 2009



RE-IMAGINE THE WORLD GOD'S EMPIRE & THE 21ST CENTURY

BERNARD BRANDON SCOTT & ARTHUR J. DEWEY

Lecture

9/11 & the Empire of God

Art Dewey and Brandon Scott will sketch out the Abrahamic religions' flirtation and seduction by empire and discuss how that is affecting the current religious and political situation.

◆ **Friday evening, 7:30-9 P.M.**



Bernard Brandon Scott (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University) is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK. He is the author of several books, including *Hear Then the Parable* (1989) and *Re-Imagine the World* (2002), and editor of the Jesus Seminar Guides series.



Arthur J. Dewey (Th.D., Harvard University) is Professor of Theology, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio and co-founder of the Healing Deadly Memories Program, a unique project that conducts workshops on how to deal with the question of anti-Semitism in the New Testament.

Workshops

Jesus' World, the Roman Empire

Pax Romana is a dominant myth in the West. But for whom did Rome mean peace? And what did it bode for the others? What was life like in the Roman Empire? How did its economy work? What were its fundamental values? What was the underside of the Roman propaganda machine?

◆ **Saturday, 9:30-10:30 A.M.**

Jesus' Challenge to Empire

Jesus' preaching of the Empire (Kingdom) of God is a frontal assault on Rome's empire. That assault has often been spiritualized, but its raw reality is attested in the crucifixion. We will use the parables of Jesus to explore his disconcerting strategy.

◆ **Saturday, 11:00 A.M.-Noon**

Paul's Subversion of Empire

Philippians 2:6-12 and Rom 1:1-7 are evidence that Paul is not singing the standard imperial tune. Phil 2:6-12 is an early Christian hymn that borrows imperial imagery to subvert the Empire, while Rom 1:1-7 is nothing less than coded treason.

◆ **Saturday, 1:30-2:30 P.M.**

Re-Imagining our World

In this closing session the fellows will lead an open forum: What strategies of hope and survival can we learn from our tradition? How can we maintain a critical stance towards the complexity of our world? And how might we reconsider religion in a non-imperial fashion?

◆ **Saturday, 3-4 P.M.**

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