



## Marcus Borg

is internationally known in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar. Holder of the Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University until his

retirement in 2007, he is the author of sixteen books, including *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994), the single best-selling book by a contemporary Jesus scholar.

Described by The New York Times as "a leading figure among the new generation of Jesus scholars," he has made many TV appearances. A Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, he has been national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee, and a past president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars.

His last two books, *The Last Week* and *The First Christmas*, were co-authored with Crossan.



## John Dominic Crossan

is an internationally respected scholar, who has authored 23 books on the historical Jesus, the development of early Christianity, and the life and letters of Paul, as well as

appearing in numerous TV and radio interviews, public and video lectures and courses. His book, *The Birth of Christianity*, was a Publishers Weekly "best book of the year" in 1998. For ten years, he was the Co-Chair of the Jesus Seminar and, for six years, chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Born in Ireland, Crossan was educated in Ireland and the United States, before conducting post doctoral research in Rome and Jerusalem. He was an ordained priest until 1969 when he joined the faculty of DePaul University in Chicago until retirement in 1995.

## REVIEWS

### *The Last Week*

Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan  
"Borg and Crossan's *The Last Week* shows one of the most careful and insightful readings of the Bible I've ever come across."

Brian McLaren  
Author of *A New Kind of Christian*

"It is difficult to overestimate the importance of this volume"

Barbara Brown Taylor  
Author of *The Preaching Life*

### *The First Christmas*

Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan  
"Borg and Crossan have given us new lenses through which to view the light of the Gospel accounts of Jesus's birth."

Reverend John Bryson Chane  
Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C

"Finding in the Nativity Stories not only poetry and piety but also parable and politics, Borg and Crossan recover the challenge of Christmas for the first century and the twenty-first."

Amy-Jill Levine  
Author of *The Misunderstood Jew*

### *Meeting Jesus for the First Time*

Marcus J. Borg

"In every generation there is a handful of writers of whom it can be said, 'Read everything they write.' Marcus Borg is one of these today: a writer of rare lucidity, original scholarly insights, profound spirituality, and the universal capacity to connect it all to life in the present. He just might change your mind—or life."

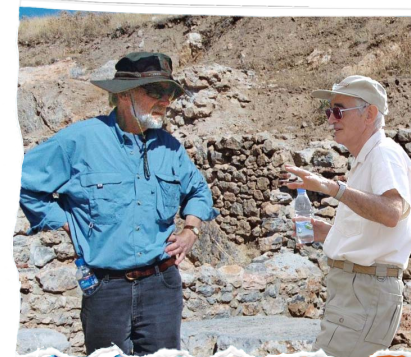
Walter Wink  
Author of *The Powers That Be*

### *The Birth of Christianity*

John Dominic Crossan

"Crossan's critical methods, his accessible style, and his insightful conjectures breathe fresh air into contemporary debates about Jesus and early Christianity."

Publishers Weekly



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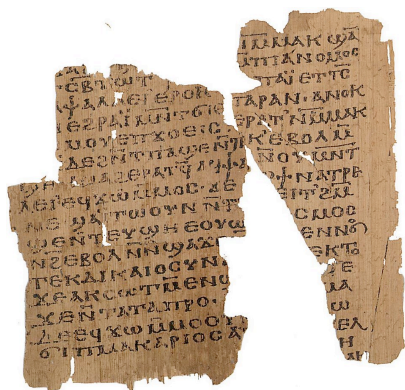
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# JESUS IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

For Christians in the 21st century, nothing can be more important than understanding how the Jesus of the 1st century relates to us now. This is not an academic question but one that affects every aspect of how we live our lives in faith.

We are fortunate to welcome two of the most renowned scholars in this field, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, who have a gift for transforming the results of historical research into a new and vibrant appreciation of what it means to follow Jesus today.

All are invited to share in this exciting opportunity to deepen our faith and renew our vision of Christ in the 21st century.



## Schedule

**Friday, September 12**  
Evening Lecture

7:30 PM	The Gospels, Then and Now
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Free – no advance registration required

**Saturday, September 13**  
Workshops

9:00 AM	The Kingdom and the Way The Message and Activity of Jesus
10:30 AM	Coffee
11:00 AM	Execution and Resurrection Good Friday and Easter
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Following Jesus Today Being Christian in a Time of Empire
3:00 PM	End of Program

Workshop registration \$30 (Student \$15)

**Sunday, September 14**  
Worship

8:15 AM	Worship Service Marcus Borg (Preacher)
9:30 AM	Worship Service Marcus Borg (Preacher) Dominic Crossan (Sunday School)
11:00 AM	Worship Service Marcus Borg (Preacher) Dominic Crossan (Sunday School)

All are invited to Sunday worship

## Workshop Registration

The fee of \$30 per person includes lunch. Students may register for a reduced fee of \$15.

I / We would like to register  
\_\_\_\_\_ adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ student(s)

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* Please provide the names of additional registrants for name tags:

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Please indicate if a vegetarian lunch is required:  
 Yes How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Checks payable to First United Methodist Church  
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**Childcare will be provided if requested before September 8. Please call the church office (630) 968-7120 to sign up for babysitting.**

Return form and payment by **September 8** to:

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Register online using any major credit card.

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