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JESUS THE CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY is a continuing series of lectures and discussions sponsored by Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte. It offers the community access to the best of contemporary Jesus scholars and Christian theologians, in the hope of stimulating an exchange of ideas and perspectives about the meaning of Jesus' life.

These scholars reach beneath Christian creed and dogma to the real person who inspired them: Jesus of Nazareth. Each visiting scholar brings a different viewpoint, a new approach. They help us see Jesus as a person directly involved in and concerned about the world and its people, in how we treat each other politically, economically, socially, and in how we understand ourselves.

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“Jesus for Seekers”



Dr. Roger Haight

OCTOBER 7-9, 2011

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“Jesus For Seekers”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00pm-8:00pm

Sanctuary of Myers Park Baptist Church
This event is free and open to the public.

LECTURE: “Jesus for Seekers”

*Reception and book signing will immediately follow.
Books available for purchase.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30am

Continental breakfast served

9:00am-12:30pm

Heaton Hall in Myers Park Baptist Church
Limited Enrollment, \$45 pre-registration required

THREE-PART SEMINAR:

PART 1: “Jesus as Leader to be Followed”

PART 2: “Entering Imaginatively into the Sphere of Jesus”

PART 3: “Finding Meaning in Jesus’ Death, Resurrection, and Mission”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:45am-10:45am

Heaton Hall in Myers Park Baptist Church
This event is free and open to the public.

ADULT FORUM: “Finding God in All Things: Gratitude”

11:00am-12:00pm

Sanctuary of Myers Park Baptist Church
All are welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND SERMON:

“The Seeker in All of Us”

THIS YEAR’S SPEAKER:



Dr. Roger Haight

October 2011

In 2011, Myers Park Baptist Church will welcome Fr. Roger Haight, SJ, a scholar-in-residence at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, as our guest lecturer for our Jesus the Christ in the 21st Century Lecture Series. Haight will speak on “Jesus for Seekers.”

Dr. Haight’s recent books include *The Future of Christology* (2005), which placed third on The Catholic Press Association’s list of the best books in theology that year, and a three-volume work titled *Christian Community in History* (2004-2008). He is currently working on a theological interpretation of the *Spiritual Exercises* of Ignatius Loyola. His 1999 book, *Jesus Symbol of God*, which won the 1999 top prize in theology from the U.S. Catholic Press Association, ultimately led the Vatican’s education office to bar Haight from teaching at the Jesuit-run Weston School of Theology, in part in response to Haight’s attempts to separate Christology from Greek philosophical concepts, specifically in relation to the formulation of the mystery of the Trinity, the interpretation of Christ’s divinity and the role of Jesus in salvation.

Professor Haight received the B.A. (1960) and the M.A. in Philosophy (1961) from Berchmans College, Cebu City, Philippines; the S.T.B. from Woodstock College, Maryland (1967); the M.A. in Theology (1969) and the Ph.D. in Theology (1973) from the University of Chicago; and the S.T.L. from the Jesuit School of Theology at Chicago (1981). He taught successively at four Jesuit graduate schools of theology in Manila, Chicago, Toronto, and Cambridge, MA. He has also been a visiting professor in Lima, Nairobi, Paris, and in the Indian city of Pune.

Dr. Haight’s community service at Union has included participating in the Resource Team for Ministry and Spirituality, and he is the liaison for the yearly Graduates’ Retreat. His current area of research has moved into the area of practical theology and a theological understanding of spirituality.

LOOKING AHEAD:



Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault

October 2012

Myers Park Baptist Church will welcome the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault as its 2012 guest lecturer. Episcopal priest, writer, internationally known retreat leader and self-proclaimed hermit, she is the founder of The Contemplative Society, a non-profit organization that champions a deepening of contemplative prayer based on the Christian Wisdom tradition.

The Contemplative Society offers a path for spiritual growth and transformation rooted in prayer, silence and mindful work - the 1500-year-old wisdom of the Benedictine contemplative heritage. In her role as principal teacher and advisor, Cynthia passionately promotes the practice of centering prayer and has worked closely with Thomas Keating, Bruno Barnhart and Richard Rohr, as well as many other contemplative teachers and masters within Christianity, Sufism and other spiritual traditions.

Rev. Bourgeault extends her teaching and beliefs to all areas of life, perhaps the most powerful being liberation from the ego and its ceaseless drive to have us see less than our highest potential as conscious expressions of the divine. She passionately promotes liberation from all relative distinctions, especially of gender. Rev. Bourgeault states that the final step in women’s liberation is the freedom from the basic identification of being a woman. She contends the greatest truth is our non-dual being, which exists beyond polarities, distinctions and identities. She would have us seek our wholeness and completeness as things we already possess, merely waiting for stilled minds to discover and accept them.

Rev. Bourgeault is the author of seven books: *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*, *The Wisdom Jesus*, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*, *Mystical Hope*, *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*, *Chanting the Psalms* and *Love is Stronger Than Death*. She has also authored or contributed to numerous articles and courses on the Christian spiritual life. She is the founder of The Aspen Institute, a past fellow of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, MN, and an oblate of New Camaldoli Monastery in Big Sur, California. Her time is divided between solitude on Eagle Island, Maine and a demanding schedule traveling globally to teach and spread the recovery of the Christian contemplative path.

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Dr. Roger Haight

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\$45 per person includes continental breakfast.

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